

Media Release

29 October 2014

Cairns is Cruising in November

The Port of Cairns will see a spectacular display of cruise ships next month with *Rhapsody of the Seas* the first to berth at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal on Saturday (November 1), bringing with it some 2000 passengers keen to explore our region.

It will be followed by the *Silver Discoverer*, which makes its maiden voyage to Cairns on Monday. Built in 2005 in Queensland, the ship carries almost 100 passengers and crew who will step ashore in our city for the first time. Upon arrival, the ship will be presented with a plaque by Ports North to commemorate its maiden voyage.

On Wednesday and Friday Ports North's Cruise Liner Terminal will also welcome *National Geographic Orion* and *Oceanic Discoverer*, respectively.

The month is rounded off with a visit from *Crystal Symphony* which makes a welcome return to the Port of Cairns on Saturday, 29 November.

The cruise ship industry is vitally important to Cairns and Queensland contributing significant funds to the local economy and supporting employment. The **Cairns Shipping Development Project**, aimed at improving access to the Port of Cairns, will ensure Cairns is well positioned to capitalize on the booming global cruise industry and remains a premier cruise destination in Queensland.


Further information on cruise shipping and the Cairns Shipping Development Project is available at www.portsnorth.com.au

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Port of Cairns welcomes “*RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS*”

	Vessel Information Built: 1997 Category: 4-stars GT: 78941 tonnes Shipyard: Chateaux de l'Atlantique Length: 297 m Beam: 32.2 m Draught: 7.60 m Total output: 50400 kW Speed: 22 knots Stabilisers: Yes Passenger decks: 11 Passengers: 2,435 Crew: 777 Tender (150 seats): Yes Hospital: Yes Agent: Inchcape Shipping
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The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal will welcome the Cruise Ship *RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS* on Saturday November 2014. The ship is scheduled to dock in the Port of Cairns at 10.00 and depart on Sunday at 1700.

Rhapsody of the Seas is a regular visitor to Cairns, since her first visit in December 2010.

It delivers an unforgettable cruise experience including spas, glass-canopied solarium adults-only pool, rock climbing, casino, entertainment including shows and live music. The ship also features eight bars and lounges.

Ports North will be sending off the visitors in style with a tropical fruit tasting and live music from the Barbary Coasters before the ship departs.

Port of Cairns welcomes “*SILVER DISCOVERER*”



Vessel Information

Built:	2005
GT:	1,838 tonnes
Shipyard:	NQEA
Length:	63 m
Beam:	13 m
Passenger decks:	4
Passengers:	72
Crew:	25
Agent:	Inchcape Ph: 40515211

The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal will welcome the Cruise Ship *SILVER DISCOVERER* on her maiden visit to Cairns on Monday, 3 November 2014. With approximately 97 passengers and crew on board, the ship is scheduled to dock 7.30am and depart at 16.30.

Port of Cairns welcomes *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*



Vessel Information

Built:	2003
Category:	4+star
GT:	4,050
Length:	102.7 m
Beam:	14 m
Passenger capacity:	125
Crew:	75
Shipping Agent	Intercruise Ph: 02 95500047

The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal will welcome the Cruise Ship *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION* to Cairns on Wednesday 5 November 2014 with approximately 165 passengers and crew on board. The ship is scheduled to dock in the Port of Cairns at 0800 and depart later that day at 1700.

Port of Cairns welcomes *OCEANIC DISCOVERER*



Vessel Information

Launched:	2005
GT:	1,838
Length:	63 m
Beam:	13 m
Speed:	14 knots
Passenger capacity:	72
Crew:	20
Shipping Agent	Coral Princess Ph 40409910

The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal will welcome the Cruise Ship *OCEANIC DISCOVERER* On Friday November 7, with approximately 70 passengers and crew on board. The ship will dock in the Port of Cairns at 0800 and will stay overnight, departing on Saturday at 11.00.

The *OCEANIC DISCOVERER* is an expedition cruise ship operating in Australia and Oceania. She is owned by Coral Princess Cruises and was launched in 2005.

Port of Cairns welcomes *CRYSTAL SYMPHONY*



Vessel Information

Built:	1995
GT:	51,044 tonnes
Shipyard:	Masa-Yards, Finland
Length:	237.10m
Beam:	30.2m
Draft:	7.6m
Passenger decks:	8
Passenger capacity:	1010
Crew:	545
Shipping Agent:	Inchcape Ph: 40515211

The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal will welcome the Cruise Ship *CRYSTAL SYMPHONY* on Saturday 29 November 2014 with approximately 1490 passengers and crew on board. The ship is scheduled to dock in the Port of Cairns at 0700 and depart later that day at 1700.