

Media release

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Vessel Information

Built: 1995
GT: 77,499
Builder: Fincantieri
Length: 261m
Beam: 32m
Draft: 8.10 m
Decks: 15
Passenger capacity: 2010
Crew: 924
Shipping Agent: Inchcape

Port of Cairns welcomes Sun Princess

Ports North will roll out the welcome mat for the third of the Princess Cruises Sun Class vessels on Sunday, October 23, when *Sun Princess* arrives for her maiden visit at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal.

The 261m long and 77,000 tonne *Sun Princess* will arrive at 0715hrs and depart later that day at 1900hrs carrying approximately 2645 passengers and crew.

Princess Cruises Australian-based ships (*Sun Princess*, *Sea Princess* and *Dawn Princess*) are now docking at the Port of Cairns on a regular basis. The Princess Cruise vessels have for the first time been able to come directly to Cairns following extensive mapping to prove the super liners could safely traverse the shipping channel. Previously the vessels had to anchor offshore at Yorkeys Knob.

“These developments have already seen a real boost to cruise ship visits to the Port of Cairns this year, and in 2017 we will build on this to 60 visits - a record-breaking number,” Ports North Chairman Russell Beer said.

To commemorate the *Sun Princess* maiden visit, a traditional plaque presentation between Ports North and the Ship’s Captain will take place on board the vessel on Sunday.

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