

# MEDIA RELEASE

## THE PORT OF CAPE TOWN CONCLUDES A BUMPER CRUISE SEASON

*[Cape Town, 10 May 2023]* Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) Port of Cape Town (PoCT) has ended a bumper cruise season with the sailing of the cruise liner, Seven Seas Voyager on 6 May 2023.

The collaborative efforts between TNPA and industry partners have been rewarded by an increase in cruise liner vessel calls in comparison to previous years, which had previously been affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The recent cruise season has brought optimism for a thriving tourism sector within Cape Town and the Western Region.

The 2022-2023 cruise season was a notable one for the Cape Town Cruise Terminal, with a total of 75 vessel visits and 41 turnaround visits. The Port welcomed five vessels on their maiden voyages, offering 145 000 passengers with an opportunity to explore the beautiful City of Cape Town.

The magnificent Queen Mary 2 Ocean Liner graced South African waters once again, this iconic cruise liner was welcomed as the highlight of the season and is considered the seventh-largest cruise ship in the world.

The Port of Cape Town is not only a hub of maritime trade, it is also an important driver for the thriving cruise industry.

“The ongoing collaboration with stakeholders has contributed to the success of the 2022-2023 cruise season. TNPA looks forward to continuing to foster and strengthen these relationships for the benefit of the sector, the City’s economy and to promote Cape Town and the Western Cape as a destination of choice for cruise passengers”, said Captain Alex Miya, Harbour Master at the Port of Cape Town.

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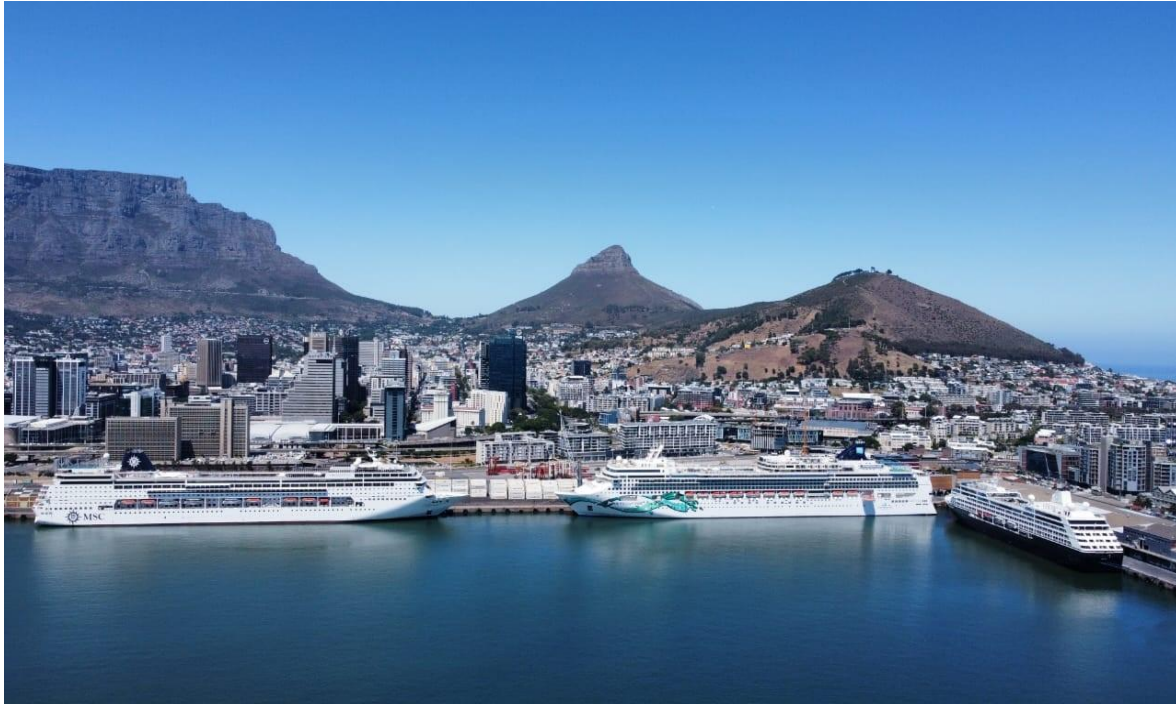
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## Photo Gallery



*The Queen Mary 2 docked in the Port of Cape Town*



*Three cruise vessels berthed in the Port of Cape Town during 2022-23 cruise season*