

Maiden voyage Vasco da Gama makes the Port of Mossel Bay its second port of call in South African shores

[Mossel Bay, 06 November 2023] Cruise liner Vasco da Gama has made the Port of Mossel Bay its second port of call in South African shores as Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) remains ready to dock 175 vessel calls in its commercial seaports this cruise season.

During the past year's cruise season, the Port of Mossel Bay welcomed a record-breaking number of 14 cruise vessel calls that made a significant contribution to the R1.2 billion cruise tourism revenue generated by the Western Cape. This season, the port looks forward to hosting approximately twenty-five (25) cruise vessels weather dependent.

"The increase in cruise vessel calls will cement the Port of Mossel Bay as a strategic cruise tourism enabler in the region whilst simultaneously promoting the Garden Route District as an attractive cruise tourism destination of choice," said TNPA Port Manager for the Port of Mossel Bay, Dr. Dineo Mazibuko highlighted.

The success of cruise tourism relies on the coordination of various stakeholders to deliver a memorable and safe experience for passengers while contributing to the local economy and tourism sector. Port Management is able to achieve this through collaboration with the Iconic Mossel Bay, Mossel Bay Municipality and all relevant stakeholders.

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