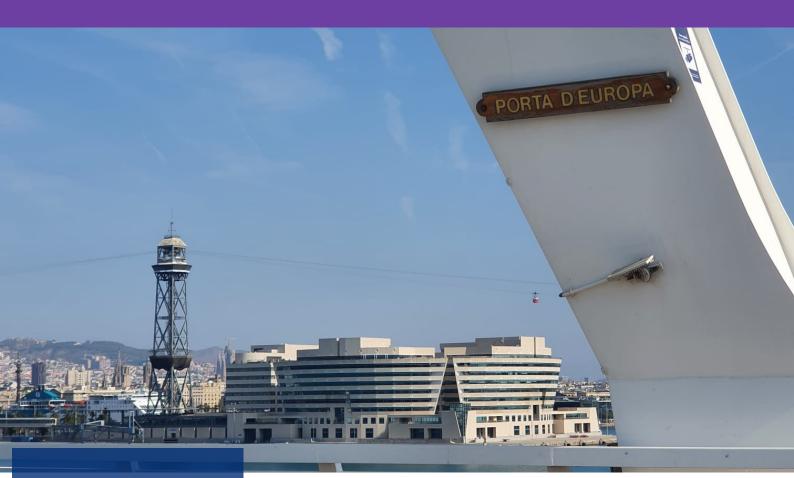
## **BARCELONA CRUISE PORT**

## Monthly newsletter



## HOW BARCELONA IS BOUNCING BACK AFTER THE PANDEMIC

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2020 was the year that changed everything, and no one was prepared for what was to come. As a new initiative at Barcelona Cruise Port and with the objective to reconnect with our colleagues all over the world, we have decided to launch our monthly newsletter to stay in touch with those we work with in the cruise industry.

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After record breaking statistics in 2019 with over 2 million guests going through the terminals, at **Barcelona Cruise Port** we had to close our doors, like many other cruise ports and wait for the pandemic storm to blow over.

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activity we were thrilled to see all five of our terminals occupied over the course of one weekend in September. It would seem that this traffic will continue into October as calendars expect at least one ship at our terminals every day.

Although ship occupancies are limited due to COVID 19 protocol, provisional passenger statistics are estimating an end to the 2021 season at almost 200.000 passengers in all of Barcelona.

Threse figures may seem minute compared to previous years, but with the recent news of the world's largest cruise ship to date - Royal Caribbean's Wonder of the Seas arriving next year, the future of the cruise industry in Barcelona looks bright.

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Now just one month after resuming In addition to the new member of RCCL's Oasis Class fleet, we are looking forward to hosting Virgin Voyages as their homeport during their European itinerary in 2022.

> Over the last couple of years, we has hosted different simulations and testing manoeuvres alongside Barcelona pilots, the Harbour Master, and Port Authority in order to verify the mechanical details of the operations at our South Terminal.

Virgin Voyage's Scarlet Lady is the biggest ship to have docked at the World Trade Centre's Terminal South in the history of the Port of Barcelona, with a length overall (LOA) of 277 meters.

As the first feature of our Newsletter we hope you've enjoyed catching up on our current affairs and look forward to updating you next month!

"After 2 years of hard work with the Virgin Voyages management team & all subdivisions of the Port Authority, we are confident Virgin Voyages will have a successful season with us as of May 2022.