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**MSC Preziosa brings almost 4,000 tourists**

Today we welcomed almost 4,000 cruise passengers to Trinidad as the MSC Preziosa made its fourth call on the port of Port-of-Spain. Many of the passengers, who came from Europe, Guadeloupe, Martinique and other countries, entered the Cruise Ship Complex dancing to the hot soca songs played by the DJ. "Preziosa" Captain, Corrado Iaconis also came off the ship to relax for a few minutes in the Cruise Ship Complex. Four French students from St George's College, Barataria, provided translation services as about 712 of the 3,595 visitors went on pre-booked tours to popular places of interest, while there were an estimated 500 privately arranged tours. Last year, Trinidad won the bid to be the port of change for the MSC's crew, in this region and consequently, last night 25 rooms were booked for the incoming crew at Radisson Hotel on Wrightson Road and an additional 25 rooms will be booked at Regent Star Hotel, Piarco, for the off-duty crew members, who are due to fly out tomorrow.

We have entered into the thick of things of the 2019 cruise ship season and we will be hosting 11 more vessels in the coming weeks, including Carnival Monday. Let's get ready to welcome them with our warm Trinidadian hospitality

We have attached some photos from today's visit.

Caption 1: Cruise passengers being entertained by pan man, Robert Tobitt, at the Cruise Ship Complex

Caption 2: "Pan focus" – Tourists focus on pan man Robit Tobitt at the Cruise Ship Complex.

Caption 3: "Thumbs up" – We enjoyed our visit to Trinidad. That what these visitors seem to be saying as they were about to return to the MSC Preziosa after visiting Port-of-Spain today.

Caption 4: Passengers of the MSC Preziosa visiting the booth of craft vendor Bertram Baptiste at the Cruise Ship Complex.

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