

## Cruise Resumption FAQs | Port Saint John

### **Are cruise ships coming back to Port Saint John?**

Yes! Cruise ships are anticipated to return to Canadian waters and the City of Saint John this Spring. With an emphasis on health and safety, we're in full planning and preparedness mode with cruise lines, all levels of government, and regional partners to welcome the sector back after a two-season pause.

### **When are cruise ships allowed back into Canada?**

As of November 1, 2021, cruise ships are permitted back to operate in Canadian waters and operators must fully comply with public health requirements.

### **How many cruise ships will visit Saint John in 2022?**

We have 69 scheduled cruise ship visits for 2022, representing 13 cruise line brands. 87% of visits are scheduled for September and October, the traditionally busy cruise tourism season for our region.

### **Can we expect to see the same number of cruise passengers on the streets of Saint John during a cruise day?**

While we anticipate we will see a return to fuller ships as time goes by, over the 2022 season, we should expect reduced passenger counts on each ship as overall capacities rebuild and stabilize globally.

### **What is the Port doing to keep our community safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic?**

The health and safety of Port staff, community members, local business stakeholders, and guests are top priority as we welcome cruise back. In working with regional and national partners along with subject matter experts, all Canadian cruise ports have adopted a consistent set of national procedures and protocols related to public health, safety, and illness prevention in our terminals.

### **What kind of protocols are cruise guests required to adhere to before, during, and after their trip to Saint John?**

**All travelers visiting Canada by sea are required to be fully vaccinated.** Other national cruise industry protocol requirements are coming soon. Cruise lines have implemented a wide range of strong protocols aimed at addressing and mitigating COVID-19 onboard and in the community they visit. As part of the industry's enhanced health measures, cruise lines administer nearly 10 million COVID-19 tests per week- 21x the rate of testing in the United States. You can learn more about the industry's unified efforts by visiting [CLIA's facts and resources page](#).

### **Has cruising resumed elsewhere?**

Since July 2020, over 5 million passengers have cruised to various destinations around the world. As of February 2022, over 85 countries are currently open for cruise tourism and that number is growing each week. You can learn more about the industry's restart statistics by visiting [CLIA's Cruise Industry 2022 Outlook Report press release](#).

### **How can I get updates about cruise in Saint John?**

We encourage you to sign up for our [community newsletter](#), follow us on social, and check out our cruise landing page for the most up-to-date information regarding cruise resumption in our community. If you are a business owner and would like to receive SMS text notifications about day-of cruise ship schedule changes, please text "Cruise" to 833-222-1191 or join our [Cruise Stakeholder Facebook group](#).

### **What impact does cruise tourism have on the local economy?**

Cruise tourism provides a meaningful impact on the New Brunswick economy each year including \$68M in total economic impact and 398 annualized full and part time jobs. Cruise passengers visit our local restaurants, shops, and attractions in Saint John and throughout Southern New Brunswick on a cruise ship day. There are many local businesses, service providers and suppliers who benefit when a cruise ship visits Saint John.