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Port Authority Announces Inaugural Visit from Odyssey of the Seas, Changes to Cruise Ship Schedules on St. Croix and Crown Bay in St. Thomas

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**Odyssey of the Seas arrives at Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale, FL on June 10, 2021.
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Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's Odyssey of the Seas will make its inaugural call to St. Thomas on Wednesday, December 29, the V.I. Port Authority has announced. The 16-deck ship is 1,138 feet long and has a capacity to accommodate 5,510 guests and 1,663 crew.

The ship is arriving in St. Thomas at a little above half capacity, according to the release. The Odyssey will berth in Crown Bay for her first call to the territory. A dock-side Plaque and Keys ceremony will be held to welcome Captain Per Kristoffersen who hails from Norway, his crew,

and visitors to the U.S. Virgin Islands at 2 p.m.

Odyssey of the Seas skipped docking on two islands this week [after 55 passengers and crew tested positive for Covid-19](#), the cruise line company has said. The cruise departed for an 8-day trip on Dec. 18.

VIPA also announced Thursday that it has received notice of changes to the cruise ship schedule for the Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility in Frederiksted on St. Croix and the Austin “Babe” Monsanto Marine Terminal in Crown Bay, St. Thomas.

The Celebrity Equinox has changed its itinerary and canceled its scheduled call to the Abramson Facility on December 25, 2021. The ship will berth instead at the Monsanto Marine Terminal on December 25. The cruise schedules have been updated and are posted on VIPA’s website: <https://www.viport.com/schedules-seaports>.

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