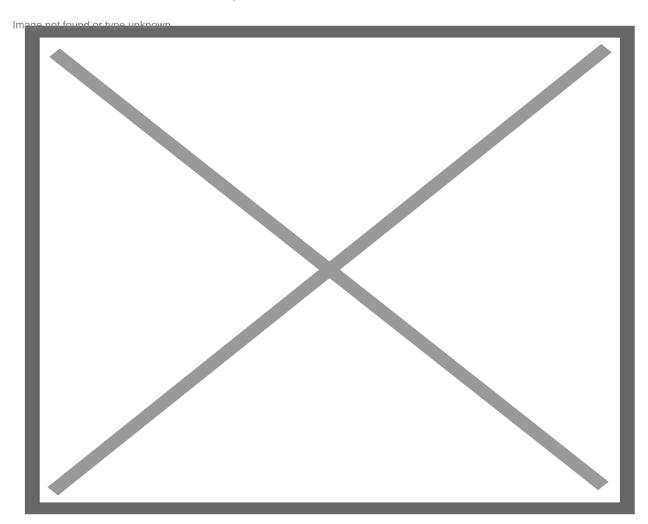
Surfing Competitions Set to Bring 600 Visitors to Barbados

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BARBADOS -- Director of Surf Promotions Barbados, Luis Venezia, has said the league is expected to bring 600 tourists to the island.

The league includes the World Surf League's Junior Pro, Thomo QS 1000, and the Live Like Zander Junior Pro, and it takes place from Nov. 7-10.

"We will probably have over 600 arrivals between these events because with the competitors parents come and coaches, photographers, press and various other people as well. It's probably about 250 competitors alone," Mr. Venezia said.

"Where the value to Barbados comes is that we have a live webcast that goes out and then that continues to replay throughout the year so every time someone watches, it just continues to promote Barbados not only during the event but throughout the entire year," he added.

The bulk of the surfers will fly in from the U.S., along with other competitors from France, Venezuela, Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica and Chile.

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