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Enchanted Princess Cruise Ship to Make Inaugural Call to USVI Saturday

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After a delayed debut season, Enchanted Princess — Princess Cruises' newest ship — will make its inaugural call to the U.S. Virgin Islands on Saturday, the West Indian Company (WICO) has announced. The ship will berth at the WICO dock from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A small welcome ceremony will be held on the WICO dock at 10:00 a.m.

Constructed with a more spacious central atrium, Enchanted Princess accommodates 3,660 passengers and 1,346 crew, according to the release. Eighty-one percent of its passenger staterooms feature balconies which meet increased passenger demand for

cabins that provide fresh air and an immersive connection to the Caribbean.

"Enchanted Princess is a ship for modern travelers and delivers on the current desire to spend less time indoors," said WICO President and CEO Anthony A. Ottley. "We look forward to welcoming the ship and her passengers on this inaugural visit to the Territory, and to having Princess ships resume calls to our port."

Contracted in 2016, Enchanted Princess is the fifth of Princess Cruises' Royal-class ships. She was built at a cost of \$760 million and is reported to be the one hundredth passenger ship built at the Fincanteri shipyard in Monfalcone, Italy.

The ship's 2020 debut season in Europe and the Caribbean was delayed by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Princess Cruises ceased operations in March 2020 and resumed sailing this summer with strict health and safety protocols and vaccine requirements for passengers and crew.

Princess Cruises is a subsidiary of Carnival Corp & plc, the world's largest cruise operator with more than on hundred ships across ten cruise line brands.