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# TUI Discovery to make Inaugural Call on Thursday. Second new cruise ship for November

**November 09, 2016 – PORT ST. MAARTEN –** The second new cruise vessel on its inaugural call for the month of November is Thomson Discovery (TUI Discovery) which will dock on Thursday, November 10.

In the summer of 2016, Thomson Cruises (TUI) the Discovery, its newest and one of its biggest ships joined its fleet. TUI Discovery is the second of five new cruise ships that will be making its inaugural call this month to the destination.

Port St. Maarten Management continues to be proactive by attracting new vessels to the destination and at the same time diversifying the country's tourism market between American and European cruise passengers. The Thomson Group is part of TUI UK & Ireland, the European cruise passenger is a significant market for the country.

The highlights of TUI Discovery are an outdoor cinema, a rock climbing wall, a mini-golf course, five-storey atrium and an indoor pool. You can expect all the Thomson Cruises trademarks, like a fantastic dining scene, a show lounge to rival the West End, and smart, contemporary interiors.

Port St. Maarten will be welcoming the new vessel to its shores on Thursday with the traditional plaque exchange and words of welcome.

Thomson Cruises employs approximately 18,000 people. The company started back up in 1965 with the aim of making foreign travel accessible to all in the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

Besides Thomson Cruises, the company also established an air wing called Thomson Airways back in 1962 (formally Britannia). The airline has become the UK's largest charter company based in Luton Airport, and has a fleet of 77 planes and flies to more than 80 destinations around the world taking over 5.5 million people on holiday each year.

Thomson Cruises has five ships in its fleet, namely, Thomson Majesty, Thomson Spirit, Thomson Celebration, Thomson Dream, and TUI Discovery. In the summer of 2017, the cruise line will receive its sixth ship, TUI Discovery 2.

TUI Discovery has a gross tonnage of 69,130; length of 264 meters; beam 32 meters; featuring 11 decks and can carry 1,830 passengers and 761 crew.



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