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## **NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE EXPANDS COMMITMENT TO PHILADELPHIA**

### ***Line Returns for Sixth Season and Adds New Ship and Itinerary***

Camden, NJ, February 18, 2008 – Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) will return to Philadelphia in 2008 with a larger ship, more sailings and new destinations. The luxurious *Norwegian Majesty* will make Philadelphia its home for the first time, sailing a new itinerary to the pristine shores of Canada and New England, as well as classic getaway voyages to the sunny pink sands of Bermuda.

NCL will make ten sailings from the Philadelphia Cruise Terminal in 2008, up from six sailings in 2007. Beginning on August 30th, the *Majesty* will make five seven-day trips to Bermuda, calling at the picturesque port of St. George. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the *Majesty* will begin four weekly trips to Canada/New England, calling at Halifax, Bar Harbor, Bay of Fundy/St. John, and Boston. The *Majesty* closes out its Philadelphia season with a grand fourteen-day repositioning cruise through the sunny heart of the Caribbean.

Built in 1992, the *Majesty* was extensively refurbished in 1998. It accommodates 1,462 passengers and offers a broad array of amenities, including NCL's popular Freestyle dining program and a multitude of entertainment, spa, and fitness options.

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“We are pleased that NCL has decided to return to Philadelphia for its sixth straight season ,” said John J. Matheussen, CEO of the DRPA, the parent agency of the Port of Philadelphia and Camden. “NCL’s commitment to our port shows the viability of the cruise business in Philadelphia.”

Kate McNamara, Director of the Port of Philadelphia and Camden adds, “We are delighted to announce such an exciting cruise schedule and anticipate strong demand for these itineraries. We encourage passengers to book early so they won’t miss this great opportunity!

For information on cruising from Philadelphia or special pre- and post-cruise packages, visit [www.cruise Philly.com](http://www.cruise Philly.com) or call (856) 968-2052. For more information about travel to Philadelphia, call the new Independence Visitor Center, located in Independence National Historical Park, at (800) 537-7676, or visit [www.gophila.com](http://www.gophila.com).

The Philadelphia Cruise Terminal is operated by the Port of Philadelphia and Camden, a department of the Delaware River Port Authority. DRPA also owns and operates the Benjamin Franklin, Walt Whitman, Commodore Barry and Betsy Ross bridges, PATCO and the RiverLink Ferry.