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NEWS RELEASE

Another cruise ship arrived on Guam today

Piti, Guam, February 18, 2024: The Port Authority of Guam welcomed its second passenger vessel for the year with the arrival today of the MS Zuiderdam.

The MS Zuiderdam pulled into the Port Authority of Guam at 7:30 a.m. carrying 1,159 passengers and 761 crew members. The cruise ship will stay here on Guam today while the passengers explore the island to include shopping and enjoying Guam's dining establishments. The ship will depart at 5 p.m. today.

The cruise ship was met with a special dockside welcoming consisting of cultural dancers and a shell lei greeting.

Passengers spent the day exploring the island, shopping, and enjoying Guam's dining establishments.

"The influx of passengers onboard the vessel is a boost to Guam's tourism industry and highlights Guam as a premiere luxury cruise destination," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "The Zuiderdam's arrival marks the second cruise-liner to visit in 2024 and we are tracking many more cruise ships to arrive this year."

The massive, 955-foot-long ship MS Zuiderdam is a Vista-class cruise ship owned and operated by Holland America Line. It is the lead ship of the Vista-class vessels, so named for the extensive use of glass in their superstructure, and is sister to three other HAL ships, Oosterdam, Westerdam, and Noordam. The last port of call prior to coming to Guam was in Hawaii.

Other potential cruise ship visits to Guam in 2024 include the MV Artania on February 25th, the MS Asuka II on March 3rd, the MS Queen Elizabeth on March 21st, the Le Soleal on March 24th, the Carnival on April 8th, the Seabourn on May 14th and September 7th, the Le Soleal on October 8th, the Carnival on October 22nd, and the MS Asuka II on December 30th.

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Photo 1 Cutline: The cruise ship MS Zuiderdam docked at the Port Authority of Guam on February 18, 2024.

Photo 2 Cutline: Passengers from the MS Zuiderdam are welcomed on the docks of the Port Authority of Guam as the cruise ship arrived on February 18, 2024.