

## Return to Cruise FAQs

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### 1. Are cruise ships returning to Atlantic Canada's ports?

Yes! After a two-season pause due to COVID-19, cruise ships returned to Atlantic Canadian waters and ports this past Spring, with the season continuing into late-fall. We are so excited to continue safely welcoming these visitors back to our region.

### 2. What will ports be doing to keep communities safe throughout the return of cruise with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic?

Community, passenger and crew safety is the top priority of the cruise ship industry. Ports, tourism operators and other stakeholders will be following all relevant provincial, Public Health Agency of Canada and Transport Canada safety guidelines, working closely together to ensure communities are protected.

### 3. What should cruise guests know about current COVID-19 protocols before, during, and after their trip?

Cruise ships follow the public health recommendations put in place by the Government of Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada and Transport Canada.

Effective October 1, 2022, all travellers regardless of citizenship will **no longer have to**:

- Submit public health information through the ArriveCAN app or website
- Provide proof of vaccination
- Undergo pre- or on-arrival testing
- Carry out COVID-19-related quarantine or isolation
- Monitor and report if they develop signs or symptoms of COVID-19 upon arriving to Canada

A set of guidelines will remain to protect passengers and crew, which will align with the approach used in the United States. Passengers and crews will also be expected to adhere to regional guidelines while in port cities.

For additional resources and information on policies, visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/entering-leaving-canada-cruise-ship-covid-19.html>

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/cruise>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/09/government-of-canada-to-remove-covid-19-border-and-travel-measures-effective-october-1.html>

**4. How has the return to cruise affected Atlantic Canada?**

After nearly two years of quiet ports, Atlantic Canada experienced its long-awaited return to cruise. Cruise officially resumed in Atlantic Canada on April 22, 2022, and our port cities have been thrilled to welcome the ships back into their waters.

Atlantic Canada's cruise season stretches from April to November, with the busiest part of the season during September and October when our breathtaking fall foliage is in full display. We are expecting to have 500 calls to our ports during the 2022 cruise season, extending our tourism season into November.

For more on the return of cruise, visit:

<https://www.cruiseatlanticcanada.com/the-return-of-cruise-in-atlantic-canada/>

**5. How can I get updates about cruise in Atlantic Canada?**

Keep in touch by signing up for our newsletter, following us on social and visiting our website for the most up-to-date information regarding cruise.

**6. What impact does cruise tourism have on the economy in Atlantic Canada?**

The cruise industry is a key part of Atlantic Canada's economy, creating 2,086 jobs and contributing \$347.2 million to the region each year.

Like many other industries, tourism has suffered greatly during the pandemic. Cruise ship visits are important to Atlantic Canada's tourism sector, providing many millions of dollars of business to tourism operators as well as small businesses like retail stores, restaurants, craft breweries, coffee shops and others.

We are so pleased to see these visitors enjoying all that our region has to offer once again.

**Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Welcomes  
Decision by the Government of Canada Regarding Health Guidance**

*CLIA views decision as a testament to the industry's effectiveness of cruise protocols*

**(VANCOUVER, British Columbia—September 26, 2022)** Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) and its member cruise lines welcome the decision by the Government of Canada to remove mandatory measures and publish public health guidance. The decision is also a testament to the effectiveness of the industry's comprehensive and robust protocols. Cruise has demonstrated its leadership in health and safety protocols for decades. Even prior to the pandemic, cruise has shown that the incidence of major illness onboard is significantly lower on a ship than on land. Passengers sailing on CLIA-member cruise lines will continue to see health and safety protocols in place that evolve commensurate with the public health situation.

We thank all of our members and partners across the wider cruise community for their unwavering support of the industry's responsible resumption of operations. This has allowed us to make tremendous progress toward returning 30,000 jobs and more than \$4 billion in economic activity generated by the cruise industry across Canada prior to 2020.

As always, CLIA and its cruise line members are committed to a responsible, sustainable cruise industry that prioritizes health, safety, the environment, and destination stewardship.

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**About the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)**

CLIA is the world's largest cruise industry trade association, providing a unified voice as the leading authority of the global cruise community. On behalf of its members, affiliates and partners, the organization supports policies and practices that foster a secure, healthy, and sustainable cruise ship environment, promoting positive travel experiences for the more than 30 million passengers who have cruised annually. The CLIA community includes the world's most prestigious ocean, river, and specialty cruise lines; a highly trained and certified travel agent community; and a widespread network of stakeholders, including ports & destinations, ship development, suppliers, and business services. CLIA represents more than 90% of the world's ocean-going cruise capacity, as well as 54,000 travel agents, and 15,000 of the largest travel agencies in the world. The travel agent and agency members represent the largest network of travel professionals specializing in cruise travel. The organization's global headquarters are in Washington, DC, with regional offices located in North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Australasia.

The CLIA team in Vancouver, British Columbia, represents CLIA members that operate in Canada and the Pacific Northwest (Washington State, Alaska, and Hawaii).

The cruise industry is a vital artery for Canada's economy, and prior to the pandemic supported approximately 30,000 Canadian jobs and generated an estimated CA \$4.3 billion in total economic benefits, including CA \$1.9 billion in direct spend, and CA \$1.44 billion in wages and salaries each year.

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