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FTI Berlin at Portland Port

The inaugural call of FTI Berlin and the quick return of Saga Spirit of Discovery

FTi Berlin made its inaugural call to Portland Port today 26th July 2019.

Built in 1980 with a length of 139m and 18m beam she is one of the smaller cruise ships to visit the Port. She is known as one of the best small European cruise ships and has a capacity of up to 420.

During Berlins call many of the passengers went on excursions in and around Dorset. It was pleasing to see that they took in the beautiful Jurassic coastline and countryside as well as Corfe Castle.

A plaque exchange ceremony was held onboard with the Portland stone plaque being graciously received by the Captain.

It was also exciting to see Saga Cruises Spirit of Discovery back again, less than a week after her inaugural call, this time on her short 4-day Channel Island cruise. Portland Port has been praised for offering such fantastic port facilities and for providing the complimentary shuttle bus service to Weymouth. From the tourist information centre to the quayside entertainment and the Nothe Forte artillery, all are thoroughly enjoyed and very much appreciated by the passengers.

Ian McQuade General Manager (Commercial) commented 'it is fantastic that FTI Cruises have chosen to bring their classic ship into Portland Port and to welcome back Saga Spirit of Discovery again so soon. It is proof that the popularity of Portland Port is growing from strength to strength'

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Attached pictures are as follows:

P1: FTi Berlin

P2: The Captain receiving the Portland Port stone plaque

P3: The Portland port stone plaque for MS Berlin



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Previously a naval dockyard for over 150 years, Portland Harbour is now a thriving and successful commercial facility. It still maintains a close relationship with the past through its ongoing contract to support the RFA, as well as being home to the activities of Global Marine and Portland Bunkers UK. It has almost 2,500 hectares of water at depths of up to 15m (C.D.); and provides vessel services from long term lay-ups to brief maintenance calls, luxury cruise liner docking facilities to industrial cargo shipments.

The tariff and general Portland Harbour Authority information can be viewed at <http://www.portland-port.co.uk/> M/F