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Pullmantur Cruises's Ocean Dream ship inaugurated Cartagena as a port of embarkment on October 3, 2009, with 1,400 passengers coming from Isla Margarita (Venezuela). The arrival marked the opening of the 2009 – 2010 cruise season.

Cruises are a new incentive for the tourism that seeks to open the doors of the best destinations to capture foreigners, in this case, by the charm of the Caribbean and the human warmth of this region of Colombia.

Approximately 360,000 tourists and 140,000 crew members are expected during the season, 70% of which disembark and spend an estimated US$ 120 each.

The ship Ocean Dream will touch port 39 times in Cartagena and Santa Marta every week during the season that extends to June 26, 2010. After its departure from Cartagena, the ship will touch at Aruba, Bonaire, Isla Margarita, and Curacao.

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The ship Ocean Dream

Nubia Stella Ramírez, Proexport's Vice President for Tourism, stated that the selection of Cartagena as a home port is a great achievement that proves the strength it is gaining as a destination and, also, that Colombia has become a reference in the region as a point of departure for South American cruise tourists.

During the coming 10-month season, the arrival of 195 cruise ships, mainly from the United States, Spain, Germany, and the United Kingdom, is expected. They will leave an estimated

US$ 30 million in Cartagena.