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## CRUISE NEWSLETTER

### PORT OF PROGRESO

## EXCITING UPDATES FROM PORT OF PROGRESO!



It is a great new year and Port of Progreso, Yucatán, is buzzing with activity as a growing number of cruise lines choose our beautiful destination. We're thrilled to welcome MSC Explora Journeys, a premium tourism line, thanks to the Yucatán Tourism Board's dedicated efforts at international events.

In other news, Governor Joaquín Díaz Mena recently participated in the ceremony marking the start of dredging work at the port, a key improvement project. Over the next two years, these upgrades will expand the navigation channel and allow for bigger cruise ships carrying over 5,000 passengers.

Thank you for your continued interest in Port of Progreso. Here's to a fantastic 2025 filled with exciting news to share. Enjoy Yucatán Cruise Newsletter 33!

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# READY TO BEGIN

Work has officially begun on the project to widen the navigation channel in Yucatan. This initiative aims to improve access for larger ships, which is expected to enhance our status as a cruise destination and support local economies.

The official announcement was made by the Secretaria de Marina (equivalent to the SECNAV) and the Governor of Yucatan, Joaquin Diaz Mena, on January 11th. According to their statements, this development will secure the Port of Progreso's position among the most important ports in the country.

In his speech, the Governor emphasized the collaborative effort among federal and state governments, along with private investors, to bring this project to fruition. With an investment of nearly 400 million dollars, this initiative is expected to impact generations to come.

## AUTHORITIES



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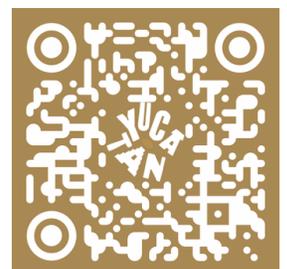
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# WELCOME TO YUCATAN

## SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY



We are excited to announce the addition of two more cruise lines that have chosen Port of Progreso as a destination for their itineraries.

On February 3rd, Port of Progreso welcomed Saga's Spirit of Discovery; the State's Secretary of Tourism and their captain, Franko Papic, exchanged plaques to commemorate this first call.



## CELEBRITY CONSTELLATION

February 11th, the Celebrity Constellation arrived for its first call to Yucatan. Local authorities, including the Yucatan Tourism Board representatives, were present in the traditional ceremony to commemorate this event, hosted by the Capitan Vittorio Cantu.

### TOUR OPERATORS



### SHUTTLE OPERATOR



# WELCOME MSC EXPLORA JOURNEYS

In a significant development for regional tourism, the Yucatan Tourism Board's dedicated promotional efforts have successfully welcomed two luxurious MSC Explora Journeys cruise ships to the stunning Yucatán Peninsula: Explora I and Explora II. This exciting milestone marks a vibrant new chapter for the Port of Progreso, a gateway to the region's enchanting wonders.

The arrival of these elegant cruise ships not only enhances Yucatán's reputation as a must-visit destination but also brings promising economic benefits to local communities, creating opportunities for growth and development.

The Port of Progreso received the Explora I for the first time on December 21, followed by the Explora II in February. In both instances, local authorities were graciously hosted by their captains, Pietro Sinisi and Sebastiano Chrisam, for the traditional commemorative plaque exchange ceremony.

Passengers arriving aboard these cruises to Yucatán enjoyed a treasure trove of experiences, from exploring the majestic remnants of iconic Mayan sites to strolling through the culturally rich streets of Mérida.

EXPLORA I

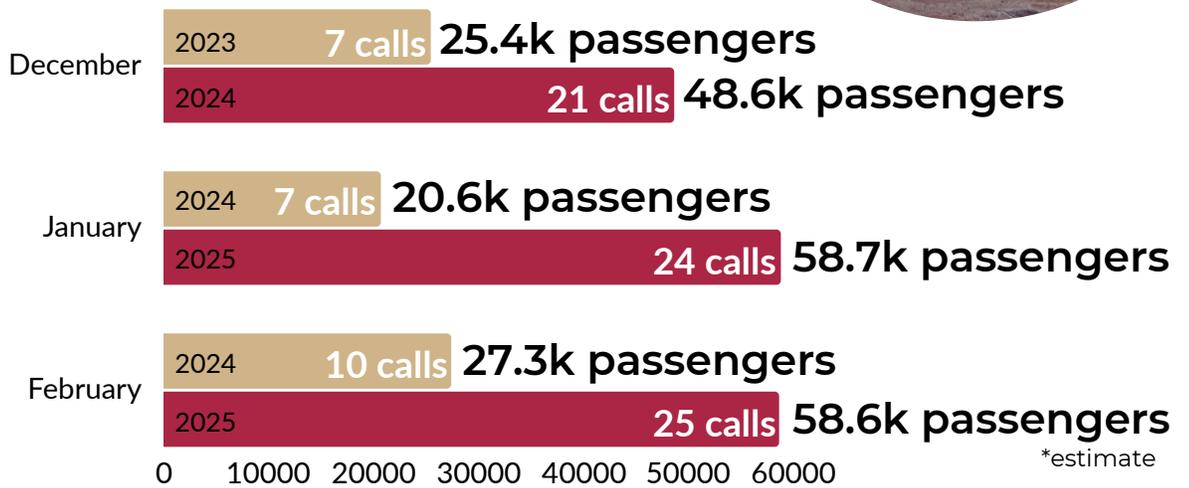


EXPLORA II

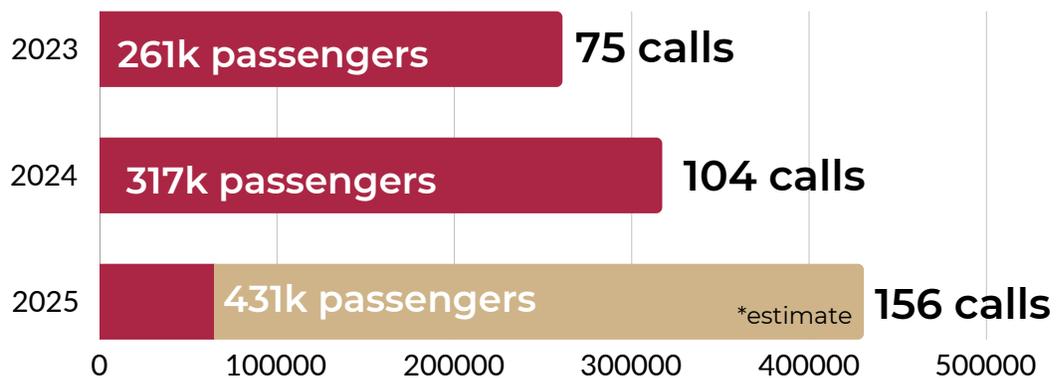


# PROGRESO'S GROWING POPULARITY

This season has seen a significant increase in the number of cruise ships and passengers arriving in Yucatan compared to last year. The numbers highlight the positive impact of the rise in demand for cruise tourism, the growing popularity of Yucatan as a destination, and the fruits of years of promotional work done by the Yucatan Tourism Board and its partners.



By the end of 2025, it is estimated that nearly 431,000 passengers will have arrived in Port of Progreso, with a total of 156 port calls from eight different cruise lines. The most prevalent cruise line in this market is Carnival Cruise Line, which accounts for over 50% of the total traffic.



\*\* Estimates and data sourced from the Yucatan Tourism Board statistical database.

