

## **Baltimore Business Record**

Port of Baltimore breaks cruise ship passenger record

by [Scott Dance](#) Staff

The number of passengers on cruise ships embarking from Baltimore has broken a record set in 2004, and it's still growing.

A Sept. 19 trip of Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines' Grandeur of the Seas topped the previous mark of 104,253. Through Oct. 22, Baltimore's port has seen 125,248 passengers.

"This sends a strong message to the international cruise industry that this port, this city, and this state can effectively handle an increased amount of cruise business," Gov. Martin O'Malley said in a statement. "Despite an extremely challenging economy, most of our cruises have sailed near maximum capacity."

Sixty cruises have sailed from Baltimore so far this year, the same number as was seen in the record 2004 year. Twenty-one more trips are scheduled in 2009, and a total of 92 are slated for 2010.

Cruising is expected to have a \$152 million economic impact on the region this year. The passenger total is expected to reach 165,000.

## **Baltimore Sun**

BALTIMORE (AP) — Officials at the Port of Baltimore say cruise ship traffic is up this year.

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## **Port of Baltimore breaks cruise passenger record**

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With two months to go, the Port of Baltimore has surpassed its previous record for cruise passenger boardings in a single year.

According to the Maryland Port Administration, 125,248 passengers left Baltimore on 60 cruises through Oct. 22. The passenger total easily surpassed the previous record of

104,253 boardings on 60 cruises set in 2004. The port expects to reach a total of about 165,000 on 81 cruises by the end of this year -- the first in which it is offering all-season service.

This year's record is not expected to endure long. The port has scheduled 92 cruise departures next year as Royal Caribbean joins Carnival in offering year-round service.

Other shipping lines offering cruises out of Baltimore's South Locust Point passenger terminal this year include Norwegian Cruise Lines, Celebrity Cruises and Dellmann.

This year's figures represent a significant rebound for the port's passenger business. Last year, only 47,000 passengers boarded in Baltimore on 27 cruises offered by only two lines.

Port officials estimated the economic impact of this year's cruising will reach \$152 million, compared with about \$63 million last year.

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#### **WBAL TV**

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#### **WJZ TV**

Port Officials Say Cruise Traffic Up In Baltimore

**<http://wjz.com/local/port.baltimore.cruise.2.1289292.html>**

There's a \$152 million reason for the city of Baltimore to celebrate. That money has been generated from a record-making and -growing cruise industry in Baltimore. **Kai Jackson** explains Baltimore is becoming a major port of call.

If you've been thinking about a vacation or looking for some place to go, your ship has come in and it's waiting for you at the Port of Baltimore.

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"There's a real attraction to saving on airfare and driving to the port rather than flying and having to spend money on that airfare," said Richard Scher, Maryland Port Administration.

Baltimore's cruise business may not be the oldest, compared to others around the country, but it has broken its own record for cruise passengers: 125,248 passengers set sail from Baltimore at the end of October. In fact, five cruise lines set sail from Baltimore.

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## **Daily Record**

Port officials say cruise traffic up in Baltimore

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By Associated Press

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## **Cruise Business News**

### **Port of Baltimore – New Annual Cruise Record**

Earlier this year, the Port of Baltimore set an all-time cruise passenger record for one sailing. This time, the record is for most cruise passengers in one calendar year. On a September 19th sailing of the Royal Caribbean Grandeur of the Seas, the Port surpassed its previous mark of 104,253 embarked passengers set in 2004 during a year when the Port offered a then-record 60 cruises. Through October 22nd, a total of 125,248 passengers have left on cruises from the Cruise Maryland terminal at the Port of Baltimore.

“This sends a strong message to the international cruise industry that this port, this city, and this state can effectively handle an increased amount of cruise business,” said Governor Martin O’Malley. “Despite an extremely challenging economy, most of our cruises have sailed near maximum capacity. Our area’s large population market and our cruise terminal’s outstanding location right off Interstate 95 provide us unique advantages.”

Through October 22nd, 60 cruises have sailed from Baltimore this year. A ship’s total passenger capacity is based upon the number of available staterooms at dual occupancy per room. When a family of four occupies a stateroom, the dual capacity for that room is exceeded.

The Port's 81 homeport cruises in 2009 is expected to have an economic impact of about \$152 million in its first year of all-seasonal cruising. In addition to year-round service provided by Carnival, other cruise lines sailing from the Cruise Maryland terminal this year are: Norwegian Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises and Deilmann. This year, the Port expects about 165,000 passengers to cruise from Baltimore.

Last year, 27 cruises left from Baltimore with an economic impact of nearly \$63 million. About 47,000 passengers cruised from the Port of Baltimore in 2008 when two cruise lines offered service.

In 2010, the Port will offer a record 92 cruises, including additional year-round service from Royal Caribbean. The Port of Baltimore is the closest East Coast drive-to port from Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Chicago. Baltimore is also within a three-hour drive from the New York City metro area. The Cruise Maryland terminal is only 2.5 miles from Baltimore's world famous Inner Harbor, 10 miles from BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, and little more than an hour from three other major airports.

## Travel Pulse

### Port of Baltimore Sets Cruise Passenger Record

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## AARP Newsletter

### PORT NEWS

**BALTIMORE** - Baltimore's cruise business continues to set records. With the September 19 sailing of Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, the port surpassed its historic peak of 104,253 passengers set in 2004 when Baltimore offered a then-record 60 cruises. Through October 22, a total of 125,248 passengers had departed on 60 sailings from the Cruise Maryland Terminal, in most cases on vessels loaded at or near maximum capacity.

The Maryland Port Administration is forecasting year-end totals of 81 homeport cruises and 165,000 passengers, with an estimated economic impact of about \$152 million for 2009, which will be Baltimore's first year of all-seasons cruising. In 2008, by contrast, the port hosted just two cruise lines, 47,000 passengers, and 27 cruise ships, reaping an economic benefit of nearly \$63 million. In 2010, the MPA is expecting 92 cruises.

Cruise carriers sailing from the Cruise Maryland terminal this year are: Carnival, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises and Deilmann. Carnival began offering year-round cruises from Baltimore in April; Royal Caribbean will do so starting in June 2010. Celebrity kicks off its 2009-2010 Baltimore winter season on November 9 with the sailing of the 1,886-passenger Mercury to the Eastern Caribbean.