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## Port Tampa Bay to be cruise home port for Norwegian Jade beginning November 2016



The 2,402-passenger Norwegian Jade, will home port in Tampa from November 2016 through April 2017.  
*(Image courtesy Norwegian Cruise Line)*

TAMPA, Fla.—Port Tampa Bay announces that it will be home port to Norwegian Cruise Line’s Norwegian Jade, which will replace the Norwegian Star, for the 2016-2017 fall/winter cruise season. The 2,402-passenger ship will sail a seven-day Western Caribbean itinerary departing on Sundays to Cozumel and Costa May, Mexico; Roatan (Bay Islands) Honduras; and Norwegian’s new Caribbean destination experience, Harvest Caye, Belize. In addition, Norwegian Jade will sail two eight-day Western Caribbean holiday sailings in December 2016. Guests will enjoy the holidays under the sun with ports of call in Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico; Roatan, Honduras; Harvest Caye, Belize; and Santo Tomas de Castilla, Guatemala.

For the first time from Tampa, guests sailing on Norwegian Jade will also be able to enjoy further Caribbean adventures with two 10-day and two 11-day Eastern Caribbean cruise from Tampa. Marking the first time Norwegian has offered sailings longer than one week to the Caribbean from Tampa,

Norwegian Jade's 10-day Eastern Caribbean itinerary departing January 15 and March 19 will visit Key West, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; St. John's, Antigua; Philipsburg, St. Maarten; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Norwegian will call in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for the first time aboard Norwegian Jade's 11-day Eastern Caribbean itinerary departing January 25 and March 29. Additional ports of call include Cozumel, Mexico; George Town, Grand Cayman; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands or Tortola, British Virgin Islands; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"We are proud to bring Norwegian Jade, one of our spectacular Jewel-class ships, to the Port Tampa Bay. We have strong demand from our guests to sail from Tampa, and are excited to offer a variety of itineraries next fall, including new ten- and eleven-day cruises to the Eastern Caribbean, as well as Western Caribbean sailings that visit our brand new destination, Harvest Caye in Belize," Andy Stuart, Norwegian president and COO, said.

Built in 2006, with a gross tonnage of 93,558, LOA of 965 feet and ship crew numbering nearly 1,100, Norwegian Jade offers extraordinary dining options, an award-winning casino and a wide range of accommodations.

"Port Tampa Bay is excited that Norwegian Cruise Line is bringing the gorgeous Norwegian Jade to home port in Tampa in 2016—offering passengers some impressive new Caribbean destination options, as well as longer cruises from our port. Norwegian has been an outstanding cruise partner, and we will look forward to many more years of welcoming them as an important part of our robust cruise business," Paul Anderson, port president and CEO, said.

*Port Tampa Bay is Florida's largest port and the largest economic engine in west central Florida, supporting nearly 80,000 jobs and generating almost \$15 billion in annual economic impact. In addition to being a top 10 U.S. cruise port, the port handles a wide array of bulk, break bulk, containers and roll-on/roll-off cargoes, and is a major shipbuilding and repair center. Port Tampa Bay is the first seaport in the U.S. to receive the designation as "StormReady" by the National Weather Service.*



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