



Queen Elizabeth, Belfast's 1,000th cruise ship

## Belfast welcomes 1,000th cruise ship to the city

Queen Elizabeth became the 1,000th cruise ship to call at Belfast on Thursday 10th October as part of the Cruise Belfast partnership between Belfast Harbour and Visit Belfast.

The ship is the 66th to dock in the city this year.

The first cruise ship to arrive in Belfast was the Berlin in 1996 and since then the ships have brought 1.7 million visitors to the capital.

"We were thrilled to welcome Queen Elizabeth and her passengers and crew to Belfast this morning as the 1,000th ship to come to Belfast," said Gerry Lennon, Chief Executive of Visit Belfast.

"This cruise season has been very different to seasons past, but it is testament to the reputation Belfast now has as a cruise destination that the city has been able to safely resume welcoming cruise visitors this year and we are able to celebrate this milestone today.



"Through close partnership working and the commitment of the tourism industry, Belfast has built a

reputation as a safe, welcoming and exciting cruise destination, and as we look to rebuild the city region's visitor economy, cruise tourism will continue to play an important role."