

Record 21,000 Plus Cruise Tourists Arrived In First Three Months

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Fiji's largest cruise liner facilitator Transam Fiji recorded 21,255 cruise tourist arrivals in the first quarter of this year.

A slight decrease compared to the numbers recorded in the first quarter last year.

Transam through Kenua Fiji its cruise ship arm, facilitates 98 per cent of cruise vessels that visit Fiji annually.

These figures were confirmed by Kenua Fiji Manager Leone Naivalu yesterday.

"We recorded a total of 4689 cruise tourist arrivals in January with two cruise vessels arriving into the country and berthing in six different ports in the country," Mr Naivalu said.

"In February, it was a very busy month for us because we were visited by four cruise," he said.

"February alone we recorded a total of 10,358 cruise tourist visitors and these vessels had a total of eight port calls in the country," he said.

"With the two vessels that arrived in March, a total of 6208 tourists were here touring four ports around the country."

According to Mr Naivalu cruise vessels berthed at Port Denarau,



Celebrity Solstice berthed at Lautoka Port.

Suva's Kings Wharf, Lautoka Wharf, Dravuni Port in Kadavu and Savusavu Port in Vanua Levu.

"Cruise liners coming into the

country could make three port calls in three major ports in the country in one trip. This gives tourists a chance to visit the different places

and islands in Fiji and take advantage of what Fijians have to offer.

"It also is a chance for local retailers, women in islands to sell their

handmade crafts to tourists that visit their islands."

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