

Cruise ship berthing policy and pricing from 2019 to 2021

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Dublin Port Company (DPC) is introducing a new berthing and pricing policy for cruise ships in Dublin Port.

Given the long marketing lead times in the cruise industry, bookings for cruise ships have previously been taken in Dublin Port up to two years in advance. Bookings have already been taken for 2019 and for 2020.

Due to the large growth in cargo volumes in Dublin Port (36% in the six years to 2018) and due to the impact of major construction works on berth availabilities, it is necessary now to manage future cruise bookings (as and from 2021) as set out below:

1. From 2021, DPC will accommodate cruise ships on three berths only:
 - a. Berth 8 on Sir John Rogerson's Quay (where DPC is limited to a maximum of 12 ships per annum)
 - b. Berth 18 on North Wall Quay Extension
 - c. Berth 33 On Ocean Pier West (where the number of bookings will be limited as set out below)
2. For Berth 33 in 2021:
 - a. No cruise ship bookings will be taken for Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays or Mondays on any week in the year.
 - b. For the period from 1st May to 31st August, no more than two cruise bookings will be accepted in any week for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 - c. For the rest of the year no more one cruise booking will be accepted in any week for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 - d. The availability of Berth 33 for cruise ships in 2022 will be reviewed by 31st December 2019.
3. As and from 2021, DPC will **not** take bookings for cruise turnarounds.
4. For 2021:
 - a. Cruise lines are asked to reconfirm their booking requests to the Harbour Office by 29th March 2019
 - b. DPC will allocate bookings across the three berths available
 - c. DPC will confirm acceptance / rejection of bookings together with the assigned berth by 30th April 2019
 - d. Where there are more requests for bookings than DPC has capacity for, DPC will, at its sole discretion, decide which booking requests to accept

5. DPC's charges for cruise ships between now and 2021 will be as shown below:

	2019	2020	2021
Port-of-call cruise visitor charge (each)	€ 1.50	€ 1.75	€ 2.00
Turnaround cruise visitor charge (each)	€ 3.50	€ 3.59	n/a
Tonnage dues (per GT)	€ 0.193	€ 0.198	€ 0.257

6. As and from 2021, ships tonnage dues for cruise ships will be on the basis of ***per calendar day or part thereof***.
7. For cruise ships booked onto Berth 33, DPC will retain the option of moving such ships to Berth 46 on South Bank Quay (subject to the ship being able to fit on the berth) at its discretion should that become necessary for operational reasons.

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