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**CARNIVAL MIRACLE BRINGS BACK PUERTO VALLARTA AND SAN DIEGO VOYAGE**

**July 9, 2018, Puerto Vallarta** – The Puerto Vallarta Tourism Board welcomes the return of Carnival Cruise Line’s Carnival Miracle first call to Puerto Vallarta in seven years. Connecting San Diego and Puerto Vallarta, the ship is scheduled to make its call on December 2019.

Carnival Miracle will join the 2019 winter season offering 10 voyages from the Port of San Diego. The schedule kicks off on December 1, 2019, with a seven-day cruise to the Mexican Riviera featuring stops in Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas.

Carnival Miracle is a 963-foot long vessel with a 2,124 guest capacity. The ship has approximately 920 crew members and features 12 decks, several lounges, a variety of restaurants, waterslides and several other amenities.

In addition to Carnival Cruise Line, other cruise lines that sail from the Port of San Diego to Puerto Vallarta include Holland America Line and Disney Cruise Line.

Puerto Vallarta continues to be a great magnet for the cruise industry, the maritime terminal will receive 154 cruises this year with 404,734 people on board approximately, which represents 9 percent more than in 2017 when 145 vessels arrived.

Calls to the destination are expected to increase annually and Puerto Vallarta’s International Port (API) is preparing with an estimated \$22 million USD extensive renovation and construction project that will improve port infrastructure, generate direct and indirect jobs, incentivize the Mexican Riviera’s route and the Port - City link.

In charge of the 72,000 f<sup>2</sup> construction site is local company Puerto Mágico PV. It will include La Hacienda, a new passenger center, a Tequila distillery, an art gallery, artisan shops, a cultural center; El Nido, a new commercial center with a food court, a 400-car parking lot; and what is set to be the biggest aquarium in Latin America. The port will be the first cruise port in the world to also be accessible to non-passenger, open to visitors and local residents. The project is scheduled to be unveiled before the end of 2018.

**About the Puerto Vallarta Tourism Board**

The Puerto Vallarta Tourism Board is responsible for promoting the destination in national and international markets. Nestled between the rugged, tropical Sierra Madre Mountains and Banderas Bay — Mexico’s largest natural bay and second largest on the American continent — on Mexico’s balmy Pacific coast, Puerto Vallarta is easily accessible from the U.S. and Canada. The city enjoys a warm tropical climate year-round, with average daytime temperatures of 80°F and cooler evening temperatures in winter months. Located 4 miles from downtown Puerto Vallarta, Gustavo Diaz International Airport receives more than 4 million visitors annually. The destination is home to 300,000 residents and offers an estimated 12,400 hotel rooms, with more than half in 4-star-plus properties.