

Dream Cruises & Crystal Cruises Recognized by the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide 2019

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Hong Kong, 26 October 2018 – Genting Cruise Lines celebrated new accolades garnered by Dream Cruises, “Asia’s Global Cruise Line”, and Crystal Cruises, “The World’s Most Awarded Luxury Cruise Line”, in the *Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Ships 2019*. Genting Dream and World Dream, the German built sister ships of Dream Cruises, were jointly ranked 7th among the Top 10 Large Resort Ships while Crystal Cruises’ ocean cruise ships, Crystal Serenity and Crystal Symphony, were ranked 5th and 6th respectively among the Top 10 Mid-Size ships for 2019.

In less than two years since the launch of its first ship, Dream Cruises has been widely recognized by industry experts and the public with numerous awards, including the Star Performer Top Ten rating for Genting Dream in the highly-revered Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide for two consecutive years (2018-2019), as well as the first Berlitz recognition with Star Performer Top Ten rating for World Dream in 2018, less than one year after her debut in November 2017. Crystal Serenity and Crystal Symphony, the ocean cruise ships of Crystal Cruises, are also regulars in the Berlitz Guide – in addition to being among the Star Performer Top Ten, Crystal Cruises has also been recognized in the *Five Most Luxurious Suites* and *Five Best Cruise Lines for Foodie* categories.

“On behalf of Genting Cruise Lines, we are extremely excited to be included in the venerable Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide in 2019. We remain committed to delivering our respective brand promises on both Dream Cruises and Crystal Cruises,” Mr. Thatcher Brown, President of Dream Cruises and Managing Director of Crystal Cruises Asia said.

“As the newest member of Genting Cruise Lines, Dream Cruises was created as Asia’s leading global cruise brand catering specifically to high-end consumers throughout China and more broadly, the Asia-Pacific region. This recognition by one of the most influential industry publications reaffirms that the Dream Cruises brand has truly resonated with experienced travellers from the region. We are equally honoured that Crystal Cruises’ continues to be recognized in the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide over the years. With our expanding portfolio of ocean, river, yacht and air products, Crystal looks forward to elevating our discerning guests’ travel experiences and connecting them with new personalized moments that go beyond traditional boundaries.” Mr. Brown added.

Since the launch of its first edition in 1985, the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide has been meticulously updated every year by cruise expert Douglas Ward, the Guide’s eminent expert author. The 34th edition of the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide in 2019 contains unbiased reviews and fascinating details on almost 300 ocean-going cruise vessels and grades them on service, food, entertainment and facilities, using an internationally recognised ratings system.

Dream Cruises currently has two megaships in its fleet – Genting Dream which homeports in Singapore and offers cruise journeys to Surabaya, North Bali and Bintan Island in Indonesia; Penang, Port Klang and Langkawi in Malaysia; as well as Phuket in Thailand. The fleet’s newest member - World Dream with double homeports in Hong Kong and Nansha, Guangzhou, takes guests on 2-night Weekend Escape cruises and 5-night itineraries to Japan, Philippines and Vietnam.

A feature of every Dream Cruises ship, *The Palace* is the exclusive “ship-within-ship” enclave that is part boutique hotel, part private clubhouse and the industry’s only Asian luxury experience available for guests. With over 140 elegantly furnished suites, *The Palace* provides the perfect setting for an incomparable experience at sea highlighted by exclusivity, style and impeccable service at every turn. The luxurious essence of *The Palace* is embodied by the meticulous personalized service of its renowned team of Dream Butlers, chosen for their genuine personalities, language skills and renowned for their gracious attitude and unparalleled skills.

As the leader in the luxury cruise industry for decades, Crystal continues to expand its portfolio of experiences that appeal to a variety of luxury travellers, who have demonstrated their support of the brand which has most recently resulted in Crystal Cruises’ award for The World’s Best Cruise Line (Medium Ships) in the Conde Nast Traveler – Readers’ Choice Awards for the 25th consecutive year. With dramatic redesigns completed for Crystal Symphony and in progress for Crystal Serenity, the company continues to invest in its core ocean vessels that deliver journeys which span the globe and offer travellers diversely enriching choices.

Crystal River Cruises, which was recently ranked 2nd in the river ships category of the Conde Nast Traveler’s The World’s Best Cruise Lines: Readers’ Choice Awards 2018 and one of the Top 3 Cruise Lines in the Small sized cruise ship category of Conde Nast Traveler China’s Gold List, welcomed two new river ships earlier this year - Crystal Debussy and Crystal Ravel, which joined the fleet alongside identical sisters, Crystal Bach and Crystal Mahler, offering the only all-suite, all-balcony, all-butler accommodations in the region. The fleet is rounded out by Crystal Mozart, the largest ship plying the waters of Europe’s rivers. The five river cruises offer luxury holidays along the Rhine–Main–Danube Canal, taking luxury travellers to destinations such as Germany, Australia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Slovenia, Belgium, The Netherlands, Hungary, Croatia and Serbia.

Crystal Yacht Expedition Cruises’ Crystal Esprit continues to take travelers seeking exclusive, active experiences to the world’s most elite yachting playgrounds in the Adriatic and West Indies, while the world’s largest and most spacious luxury expedition yacht, Crystal Endeavor, will debut in August of 2020.



About Genting Cruise Lines

Genting Cruise Lines is a division of Genting Hong Kong comprising of three distinct cruise brands – Star Cruises, Dream Cruises and Crystal Cruises – providing a range of products from contemporary cruises to ultra-luxurious vacation experiences spanning the sea to air.

Founded in 1993, Star Cruises established the Asia-Pacific as a popular, world-wide cruise destination and, with its current fleet of five vessels (SuperStar Virgo, SuperStar Aquarius, SuperStar Gemini, Star Pisces and The Taipan), continues to pioneer the contemporary cruise market in the region.

Launched in 2015, Dream Cruises has delivered the highest level of guest service and spacious comfort in the region via its fleet of two ships: Genting Dream which debuted in November 2016 and World Dream, in November 2017. Developed specifically for the China and Asia market, Dream Cruises provides passengers with inspirational journeys at sea that are Asian at heart and international in spirit.

By sea, river, land or air, Crystal has redefined the way the world views luxury travel. The world-renowned Crystal Experience – featuring global journeys with Crystal Cruises, Crystal River Cruises, Crystal Yacht Expedition Cruises, Crystal AirCruises and Crystal Air – continues to entice the world's most discerning travelers with incomparable luxury and unparalleled personal service.

Through its family of brands, Genting Cruise Lines offers the widest and most imaginative spectrum of cruise products for the modern traveller, catering to all segments, geographies, life stages and travel styles.