



DREAM CRUISES ROLLS OUT COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR OVER 700 CREW MEMBERS ON EXPLORER DREAM IN TAIWAN

First Cruise Company to implement internal vaccination program in Asia



(Left) Mr. Pelle Hallen, Staff Captain of Explorer Dream and (right) Ms. Sally Riu, Vice President – Sales (Taiwan) of Genting Cruise Lines received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on May 7, 2021.

Hong Kong, 7 May 2021 – The first cruise ship to resume sailing in Asia in the post-pandemic era, Dream Cruises' Explorer Dream has been operating in Taiwan since July 2020, with over 80 successful voyages of "Discover Taiwan" and Island-Hopping cruises completed to date. Travel enthusiasts of Taiwan have since been introduced to the well-received concept of Super Seacation, where staycations at sea are redefined with immersive programs such as the *Around the World* and *Bohemian Voyage* theme cruises.

With the one-year anniversary of Explorer Dream's resumption approaching, Dream Cruises continues to lead the way to a new norm of safe cruising as it announced today that all crew members of Explorer Dream and office staff in the Taiwan office will be eligible to receive the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, making Dream Cruises the first cruise company to implement such a comprehensive vaccination program in Asia.

Mr. Kent Zhu, President of Genting Cruise Lines said, "Since the successful service resumption of Explorer Dream and World Dream in Taiwan and Singapore last year, both ships have enjoyed a stellar track record of zero COVID-19 cases, demonstrating the effectiveness of Genting Cruise Line's preventive measures. With the development and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines, we are confident that the cruise tourism industry will receive the much-needed boost on its road to recovery in the post-pandemic era. We would like to express our gratitude to the Central Epidemic Command Center of Taiwan for the efficient implementation of vaccination programs, through which we are able to accommodate the vaccination of our crew on Explorer Dream and shore staff in our Taiwan office. With the heightened protection afforded to our frontline staff, we look forward to providing our guests with greater peace of mind as they enjoy their cruise holiday with Dream Cruises."

Starting from May 7, crew members and shore staff will receive their first dosage of the COVID-19 vaccine at the Keelung Hospital of the Ministry of Health and Welfare. It is expected that the first dose of the vaccine will be completed in three batches.

Dream Cruises' is proud of its long-standing collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Taiwan which has included flu shots for crew members at the Keelung Hospital of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, as well as the assignment of consulting doctors by the Ministry's Hospital and Social Welfare Organizations Administration Commission upon resumption of Explorer Dream in Taiwan.



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As a pioneer in the new norm of cruise safety, Dream Cruises was the first cruise company to launch an exhaustive set of preventive measures that set new parameters for health and safety practices in the cruise industry. In response to the continuous development of the pandemic around the world, Dream Cruises will continue to evolve its stringent preventive measures and protocols that cover the eight major aspects of cruise travel, including pre-embarkation health screenings, heightened cleaning and disinfection on-board its ships, 100% fresh air ventilation in all cabins and public areas on board, with an air change rate of up to 15 times per hour; as well as face mask requirements and social distancing measures in public areas.

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About Dream Cruises

Genting HK brings 28 years of Asian cruise industry experience in creating its new cruise line – Dream Cruises. Featuring a complete fleet of quality, German built vessels for Asian sourced passengers, Dream Cruises aims to be a pacesetter in the global cruise industry, meeting the needs of the ‘emerging generation’ of confident, independently minded and upwardly mobile Asian travelers. Dream Cruises offers inspirational journeys, which are Asian at heart and international in spirit.

Purpose-built for the Asian market, Genting Dream, the first ship of the fleet, debuted in November 2016, with her sister ship World Dream joining in November 2017, offering guests cruising from Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Singapore the highest levels of service, as measured by crew to passenger ratio, and most spacious comfort as measured by gross tons per lower berth. Further expanding the Dream Cruises family, Explorer Dream joined in 2019 with homeports in Shanghai, Dalian and Tianjin during summer and Australia and New Zealand in winter. Construction has also started in Germany on the 208,000 gross ton Global Class ship that will join the fleet in 2022.

Dream Cruises has been recognized by the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide 2020, ranking Genting Dream and World Dream once again in the world’s top ten Large Resort Ships – the only two highest ships to homeport year-round in Asia. Dream Cruises’ third ship, Explorer Dream, also made her debut in the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Ships 2020 guide under the “Mid-Sized Ship” category in the Top 20 position.

Dream Cruises was also recently awarded ‘Best Luxury Cruise Line’ at the Annual 30th Travel Trade Gazette’s (TTG) Travel Awards 2019 and ‘Best Cruise Line – Cuisine’, ‘Best Cruise Line – Entertainment’ and ‘Best Cruise Line – Family’ by the Travel Weekly Asia Readers’ Choice Awards 2019.

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