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**DREAM CRUISES OFFICIALLY RESUMED HOMEPORT DEPLOYMENT IN TAIWAN
WITH THE RETURN OF *SUPER SEACATIONS* ON EXPLORER DREAM**

Stringent health and safety guidelines provide total peace of mind for local vacationers



Taiwan, 31 December 2021 – Dream Cruises has officially ended its seven-month hiatus of cruising in Taiwan today with the resumption of Explorer Dream’s *Super Seacation* itinerary out of Keelung, where guests of the inaugural sailing will enjoy a 2-night cruise to Hualian in celebration of the New Year.

Ms. Sally Riu, Vice President – Sales, Taiwan of Dream Cruises said, “We are pleased to see Explorer Dream setting sail once again from Keelung today, taking guests on a spectacular cruise to catch the first sunrise above the horizon in 2022. On behalf of Dream Cruises, we would like to thank the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, as well as the Ministry of Health and Welfare, for their advice and guidance over the past months to ensure that stringent preventive measures and health protocols are in place for safe cruising, which are indispensable to the restart of Explorer Dream’s *Super Seacation* itineraries.”

“We are also excited to announce our line-up of thematic cruises next year, including for the Lunar New Year celebrations and the widely acclaimed *Around the World on Dream Cruises* series, featuring an immersive experience of food, culture and snap-worthy decorations that are inspired by popular travel destinations. Food lovers can look forward to new dining options at sea that are curated by talk-of-the-town restaurants, such as The Dining Place at Taipei Marriott Hotel and Hutong Yakiniku,” Ms. Riu continued.



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Mr. Lin and his partner are excited about the New Year sailing of Explorer Dream.

In support of the local tourism industry, Mr. Lin Yu-chang, Mayor of Keelung made a special appearance at the cruise terminal to greet cruising guests of the New Year sailing. Mr. Lin and his partner are among the first guests that have arrived at Keelung Harbor Building for the New Year sailing of Explorer Dream: “We truly miss traveling - it feels great to go on a real trip with luggage check-in!” He welcomes the new preventive measures for safe cruising, which require all cruising guests to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and to undergo mandatory PCR testing: “Our peace of mind is what matters the most!”

The restart of Explorer Dream’s operations in Taiwan have also boosted local tourism and propelled the resumption of multiple operations in the industry. Mr. Andy Yau, General Manager of Lion Travel Service Co. Ltd. said, “With ongoing restrictions and uncertainties on international travel, the pent-up demand for domestic travel in Taiwan has been on the rise. Cruise travel offers a real getaway journey to domestic destinations, complimented by the offerings of a floating resort at sea that provides total peace of mind with stringent preventive measures that exceed the usual standards on land, which can cater to those who are looking for a truly hassle-free and worry-free holiday.”

As the first cruise ship to resume cruises in Taiwan, Explorer Dream is also the first to resume cruising in Asia with a stellar record of no COVID-19 related incidents to date. From July 2020 to May 2021, over 90,000 guests have already been on board and experienced a worry-free *Super Seacation with*



Explorer Dream. Due to the local COVID-19 outbreak in May this year, domestic cruising in Taiwan has been suspended and during the seven-month hiatus period, Dream Cruises has been working closely with the Taiwan authorities to ensure the safest environment for both guests and crew upon resumption of cruise operations.

Prior to the official restart of Explorer Dream's sailings in Taiwan, Dream Cruises has evaluated and enhanced the ship's preventive measures and health protocols, in compliance with all regulations stipulated by the Taiwan authorities. Newly implemented regulations include requiring all cruising guests (some age restrictions apply) to be fully vaccinated with a government approved COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days before their cruise departure date. All guests must also present a negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test result at the cruise terminal of the departure date with test specimen collected within 1 or 2 days before the departure day.

Explorer Dream is also equipped with a state-of-the-art 24-hour medical centre managed by a professional medical team of doctor and nurses, complete with negative-pressure isolation wards and eight PCR testing machines, including six newly added VitaPCR™ PCR Instruments that allows rapid and timely detection of infectious diseases including COVID-19 in 20 minutes.

During the initial restart period for Explorer Dream, the ship capacity will also be reduced providing the most optimum space for social distancing during cruises and it will be mandatory for all guests to download the 'Taiwan Social Distance' App and to turn-on their Bluetooth at the cruise terminal and on the ship. To safeguard the well-being of guests, thorough sanitization and disinfection and enhanced hygiene practices for guest cabins and crew member quarters, public areas and recreational facilities, along with safe food and beverage handling procedures will continued to be maintained; all crewmembers are also fully vaccinated on board Explorer Dream.

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About Dream Cruises

Carrying on Genting Hong Kong's proud heritage of nearly 30 years of Asian cruise industry experience, Dream Cruises aims to be a pacesetter in the global cruise landscape. Featuring a complete fleet of quality, German built vessels for Asian sourced passengers, Dream Cruises is meeting the needs of the 'emerging generation' of confident, independently minded and upwardly mobile Asian travellers by offering 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 –



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Entertainment' and 'Best Cruise Line – Family' by the Travel Weekly Asia Readers' Choice Awards 2019.

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