

## Dream Cruises' Explorer Dream Recognised in Cruise Critic's 2020 Cruisers' Choice Awards

Hong Kong, 31 July 2020 – Dream Cruises continues to add to its list of accolades and honours from the most respected and prestigious tourism, media and industry authorities from around the world. Since Dream Cruises began operations with Genting Dream in 2016, the cruise line has amassed nearly 80 awards and titles including, recently, top 10 ratings for Genting Dream and World Dream in the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Ships 2020, Best Cruise Line for Cuisine, Entertainment and Family at the Travel Weekly Asia 2019 Readers' Choice Awards and Best Ship Refurbishment: Explorer Dream at the 2019 Cruise Critic Australia Editors' Picks Awards among others.

Dream Cruises now celebrates new honours from Cruise Critic, the world's leading cruise review site, as they announced the winners of their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruisers' Choice Awards. The awards name the world's most popular cruise ships, based entirely on reviews posted to the Cruise Critic website over the past year. The site boasts the largest online cruise community with more than 50 million opinions, reviews and photos.

Dream Cruises was recognised as the one of the world's best, winning:

Explorer Dream – Best Entertainment (Mid-Sized Category)

On news of receiving the award, Mr. Michael Goh, President of Dream Cruises and Head of International Sales, Genting Cruise Lines said, "This was the very first deployment in Australia for Dream Cruises....That Explorer Dream has been recognised as having the best entertainment at sea is both an excellent achievement and truly heartwarming.

"We are greatly honoured by this recognition from our passengers and the Cruise Critic community. We look forward to returning to Australia and New Zealand in future so we can dazzle our guests once again with more spectacular entertainment and our award-winning cruise experience."

Colleen McDaniel, Editor-in-Chief of Cruise Critic explains: "Our Cruisers' Choice Awards have been a well-respected seal of approval for the past 10 years, due to the fact that they're representative of true experiences from travellers themselves. They highlight the best of the best -- cruise ships and lines – that truly stand out as having offered incredible vacations.

While this is a unique year for the travel industry, it's important to recognise the exemplary experiences that the cruise industry delivers. Cruising is a beloved form of travel, and there's a reason cruisers are eager to return to the sea once they're able."

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## **About Dream Cruises**

Genting HK brings 26 years' of Asian cruise industry experience in creating its new cruise line – Dream Cruises. Featuring a fleet of quality, German built vessels for Asian sourced passengers, Dream Cruises is the pacesetter in the global cruise industry, meeting the needs of the 'emerging generation' of confident, independently-minded and upwardly-mobile Asian travellers. 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 first 208,000 gross ton Global Class ship, Global Dream, and also the second Global Class ship, which will join the fleet in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Since its launch, Dream Cruises has been recognized by the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide 2020 ranking Genting Dream and World Dream in the world's top ten Large Resort Ships – the only two highest rated 4.5 star ships operating in the region.

Dream Cruises was also recently awarded 'Best Cruise Operator' at the Travel Trade Gazette's (TTG) Travel Awards 2018 and "Best Cruise Line – Cuisine" and "Best Cruise Line – Entertainment" by the Travel Weekly Asia Readers' Choice Awards 2018 and "Best New Cruise Ship" for World Dream at the 12th Annual TTG China Travel Awards 2019.

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