



## Press Release

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### Last ship of the Cruise season arrives at New Mangalore Port.





“RIVIERA” ninth and last cruise vessel of the current season, arrived today morning at 0830 hours in the Port. The Marshall Island flagged ship arrived in NMPA carrying 1141 passengers & 752 crew members berthed alongside berth no. 04 in the Port. It may be noted that this ship arrived with highest passengers in past two years after the pandemic. The ship previously called at Cochin Port and after leaving from New Mangalore the ship will sail to Mormugao Port.

The overall length of the ship is 180.05 meters with carrying capacity of 30,277 Gross Tonnage & has a draft of 6 meters. The cruise passengers were given traditional welcome while disembarking from the ship. Various arrangements were done for the pleasant experience of the cruise passengers such as; medical screening of passengers, multiple immigrations & customs counters for swift movement, bus & taxis for passengers for touring various locations in & around Mangalore city. The cruise passengers availed benefits of meditation centre set-up by Department of AYUSH inside the cruise lounge. Cloth & handicraft outlets were also kept open for the tourists. Tourists clicked photos in-front of the selfie point setup by Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India. For entertaining the passengers. The Port had arranged Bharatanatyam & cultural dance performance in the cruise lounge which was very much appreciated by the tourists. A LED screen was installed displaying visual information about the Port infrastructure and various tourist regions around. For the first time collecting online feedback system through a tablet was introduced by the Port for the comfort of the passengers.

The passengers visited various tourist destinations such as; Karkala Gomaetshwara Temple, 1000 Pillar temple at Moodabidri, Soans Farm, Achal Cashew Factory, Kudroli Gokarmatheshwara Temple, St. Aloysius Chapel, Local Market & Home. Souvenirs were given to the cruise passengers while they were embarking back to their ship, in

reminiscence of their visit to Mangalore. Souvenirs were given to the cruise passengers while they were embarking back to their ship, in reminiscence of their visit to Mangalore. The ship sailed at 1630HRS to its next destination to Mormugao Port.

Post pandemic the cruise season reopened in November 2023 after a halt of 3 years. As this was the second season post COVID pandemic, only 09 ships called at New Mangalore Port with total passengers 3602. However, the port on an average receives 25 ships in a year with an average passenger inflow of 27000 approximately. For the coming cruise season already 13 ships have confirmed on their visit and the numbers are expected to increase as the Cruise Tourism industry is seeing steadfast growth in passenger registrations after the pandemic.

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