



## Press Release

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### NMPA welcomes first cruise ship of the season

New Mangalore Port, today welcomed the first cruise ship of the current cruise season. The cruise ship “MS EUROPA 2” berthed today at 0630HRS at Berth No. 04 carrying 271 passengers & 373 crew members sailing under the flag of Malta (EUROPE). Its carrying capacity is 42,830 Gross Tonnage and her current draught is reported to be 6.3 meters. Her length overall (LOA) is 224.38 meters and her width is 29.99 meters.

The cruise vessel’s last Port of call was Mormugao in Goa and after its stay in Mangalore the next Port it will be calling is Cochin Port. On the directions of Chairman, NMPA the Port Officials made all possible arrangements for the comfort and better experience of the cruise passengers as the cruise season has re-opened after a gap of two years since COVID pandemic shook the world. NMPA’s international cruise terminal was prepped up for the welcome of cruise passengers, arrangements were done for medical screening of passengers, 11 immigrations & 04 customs counters were set, 06 coaches of bus & cars, 15 prepaid taxis, were kept ready for the passengers. A meditation centre was also set up by Department of AYUSH and cultural programmes portraying the Indian mythology for the passenger’s experience.

The passengers visited various tourist points in and around Mangalore such as; St. Aloysius, Kadri temple, Kudroli Temple, local market, cashew factory, Udupi temple, Gomateshwara, 1000 Pillar Temple & Forum Fiza Mall. After savoring the ethnic tradition and cultural experience the passengers embarked back to their ship with fond memories of Mangalore and the cruise vessel sailed at 1500HRS towards its next stop to Cochin Port.

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