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CRUISE VESSELS AT INDIAN PORTS UNDER J M
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Port	Domestic	International
Agatti	0	0
Cochin	4	7
Mormugao	39	3
Mumbai	194	74
Mangalore	0	0
Colombo	0	62
Chennai	0	5
Total	237	151



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 37 cruise ships brought 85,000 passengers to Chennai port
- India key source market for Singapore cruise industry, said Minister
- Cruise ships to return to Visakhapatnam, Cordelia and MSC hold meetings with port

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Source: Times Now

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India was the second most tourist-generating market for Singapore in 2022 with 686,000 Indians visiting the country, whose cruise industry has seen a significant recovery post-Covid-19 pandemic. In total, tourists visiting Singapore reached 6.3 million in 2022, exceeding the Singapore Tourism Board's (STB) forecast of 4-6 million following a recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Indian market is an important source for our cruise industry, Minister in charge of Trade Relations and Transport S Iswaran told PTI on Wednesday. Together with Singapore tourism partners, the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) is looking forward to welcoming our Indian friends to experience our new and transformed attractions and experiences, and reimagine what a completely enjoyable family vacation can be, said STB. The top tourist-generating market was Indonesia with 1.1 million visitors. India was among the second most tourist-generating markets for Singapore in 2022 with 686,000 visitors followed by 591,000 visitors from Malaysia, the city-state's immediate neighbour, it said. Indian tourists were also the second-highest spenders in Singapore after Indonesia and Australia in the first nine months of 2022. "As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, Singapore's cruise industry is recovering well in tandem with global travel. Last year, a total of 1.2 million passengers passed through Singapore's ports, which is about two-thirds of pre-pandemic levels," said Iswaran. Cruise passengers in Singapore have also doubled from about 900,000 in 2012 to more than 1.8 million in 2019. This bodes well for the industry to recover to pre-pandemic levels soon, he said. Collaboration between cruise lines, STB and the Changi Airport Group has also seen an increase in the number of fly-cruise visitors to Singapore, said Iswaran, elaborating on the cruise sector growth here. Singapore Tourism Board also launched a campaign promoting the Disney Cruise Line and welcoming Indians to experience a reimagined enjoyable family vacation. Meanwhile, Singapore's tourism receipts are estimated to reach SGD 13.8 billion (USD 10.3 billion) to SGD 14.3 billion (USD 10.7 billion) in 2022 - about 50 to 52 per cent of 2019 levels, according to figures released by STB earlier this year. In the first nine months of 2022, receipts came up to an estimated SGD 8.96 billion (USD 6.7 billion). As a long-term campaign to boost tourism, the STB has agreed to collaborate with homeport, a brand-new Disney cruise ship exclusively in Singapore for at least five years beginning in 2025.

Source: The Business Standard

Cruise ships to return to Visakhapatnam, Cordelia and MSC hold meetings with port

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Visakhapatnam is once again set to host two major cruise ships as renowned firms are preparing to offer services from the city's port. The MSC and Cordelia companies would be running cruise ships from Visakhapatnam to various cities in South India for three days at a time, starting in May and June respectively. The cruise terminal at the port is also under construction at a cost of Rs 72.26 crore and is expected to be completed by May. Representatives of the MSC and Cordelia companies recently held consultations with Visakhapatnam Port authorities, who have agreed to provide berths for the cruise ships to operate every three days. The spacious berth being constructed is 330 meters long, 15 meters wide, and has a dredged depth of 9.50 meters, accommodating both cruise and cargo ships. The terminal building, covering an area of 2,000 square meters, will offer amenities such as immigration and customs offices, currency exchange counters, restaurants, lounges, entertainment, shopping malls, and tourism operators' counters. The cruises will feature 11 floors each and can accommodate between 1,500 to 2,000 people at a time. There will be a range of amenities including food courts, speciality restaurants, bars, spas, salons, theatres, nightclubs, swimming pools, fitness centres, DJ entertainment, live bands, adventure activities, shopping malls, and live shows. Special fun programs will also be organised for children. Ticket holders will have free entry to the ship's Casino World, while other services will be subject to additional charges. The new cruise services and terminal are expected to attract world tourists to the city, providing a much-needed boost to the tourism sector. The port officials anticipate that if the terminal becomes operational, it will facilitate uninterrupted cruise services from Visakhapatnam, with a maximum capacity of 2,500 tourists.

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