



## **DREAM CRUISES ENHANCES POPULAR 2-NIGHT WEEKEND GETAWAY CRUISE WITH NEW OPTIONAL BINTAN ISLAND SHORE EXCURSIONS**

*Discover a new way to explore Singapore's island neighbour on board Genting Dream*

**Singapore, 1 June 2018** – Dream Cruises is delivering even more options for vacationers embarking from Singapore by updating its popular 2-night Weekend Getaway itinerary on Genting Dream with new optional Bintan Island shore excursions beginning from 6 July 2018. This enhanced summer itinerary will provide a new alternative for exploring the nearby island resort as part of a world-class cruise experience on board Dream Cruises' award-winning vessel.

Guests can now experience a more seamless and comfortable alternative to visiting Bintan Island during the weekend when hotel room rates are at their peak and, with 12 hours of port time between 0800am (0700 local time) to 2000pm (1900 local time), there will be plenty of time to enjoy the entire island.

"We are excited to be able to provide cruisers from Singapore a variety of vacation options to suit all types of holiday requirements. With our new enhanced 2-night Weekend Getaway voyage, Dream Cruises is adding value to its weekend itinerary for travellers who want a quick get-away, but we are offering even more activities for our guests to enjoy," said Mr Thatcher Brown, President of Dream Cruises. "A convenient alternative to standard land vacations, Dream Cruises takes the hassles out of holiday travel with no more packing and unpacking, changing hotels, dragging suitcases around and racing to catch connecting flights."

Situated less than an hour off the southern coast of Singapore, Bintan Island presents a tropical island getaway highlighted by pristine, white-sanded beaches, quaint seaside villages and an impressive list of hotels and resorts offering watersport activities. Bintan Island is the largest of 3,200 islands making up Indonesia's Riau Archipelago and possesses an interesting, eclectic mix of different cultures and ethnicities, including Malay, Bugis, Chinese and native tribes.

During Genting Dream's port of call to Bintan Island, guests can indulge in a variety of pre-planned shore excursions carefully vetted by Dream Cruises to ensure quality and reliability for the ultimate in hassle-free and worry-free experiences. Shore excursions will encompass all that the island has to offer from sampling local foods to shopping and traditional Indonesian massage. For the more adventurous, Bintan Island is famous for its range of water and land activities including wakeboarding, kayaking, snorkelling and off-road ATV tours while nature lovers can visit the Safari Lagoi, ECO Farm or take a Mangrove Eco Tour. For golf enthusiasts, Bintan Island offers a number of world-class courses designed by game's most famous stars. Shore excursions range from SGD 50-70/person and golf packages range from SGD150-190/adult (prices include return ferry ticket from the ship to Bintan Island).

Guests who prefer to explore Bintan Island on their own can also arrange a Free and Easy Expedition (SGD 30/guest) to discover the destination at their own pace with inclusive ferry service and coach transfers to and from Plaza Lagoi Bay in the beautiful Bintan Island Resorts area.

Dream Cruises is offering a special bonus for passengers to celebrate the summer on board Genting Dream – book a 2-night Weekend Getaway cruise from now until 15 June 2018, and receive a



complimentary Discover Treasure Bay Bintan Island or Treasure Bay Bintan Island Fun Pass shore excursion as a limited time gift!

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### **About Dream Cruises**

Genting Hong Kong brings over 23 years' of Asian cruise industry experience in creating its new cruise line – Dream Cruises.

Dream Cruises aims to be a pacesetter in the cruise industry in the region, 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 China and Asia market, Genting Dream, the first ship of the fleet, debuted in November 2016, with her sister ship World Dream joining the fleet in November 2017, offering guests the highest levels of service and spacious comfort in the region. Production has also started in Germany on two new Global Class ships that will join the fleet in 2020 and 2021.

Accommodations reflect both size and choice for travellers with over 70 per cent of staterooms featuring private balconies and over 100 connecting rooms catering to extended families and groups. Distinguished by its European style butler service and special all-inclusive guest privileges, The Palace, a luxurious ship within a ship concept, will indulge travellers in lavish suites and an aura of exclusivity.

With the finest Asian and international dining, exceptional service, enthralling entertainment and inspirational experiences, Dream Cruises aims to redefine vacation travel with a transformational journey at sea.

Since its launch, Dream Cruises has been recognized by the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide 2018 with Genting Dream placing sixth in the Large Resort category and the Travel Weekly Asia Reader's Choice Awards 2017 where Genting Dream was voted as the 'Best New Ship' and Dream Cruises rising to the top in the 'Best Cruise Line – Entertainment' category.

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