Azure Voyage
Hong Kong × Cruise
A cruise ship is like an all-encompassing luxury resort at sea. Enjoy the mesmerising blue right in front of you. Relax as you feel the sea breeze in your hair and the rhythm of the gentle waves. Savour a wide range of delectable international cuisines, or try your hand at all sorts of onboard facilities and activities. Spare yourself the hassle of accommodation and luggage arrangements even if you are exploring different destinations. Just sit back and enjoy the sights and scenery along the way.

Embark on your cruise vacation from Hong Kong, right here at the magnificent Victoria Harbour, and experience the unique charm of the East-meets-West cosmopolitan and its authentic local culture and exciting nightlife. In this comprehensive guide, celebrated actor, director and producer Daniel Wu will take you through all the new and exciting activities on cruise ships, tell you his Hong Kong story, and share his best-kept secrets. So hop on and start your azure journey!
Surrounded and embraced by the beautiful sky and the deep blue ocean, indulge in a variety of unprecedented sky and sea activities away from the hustle and bustle; this is Wu’s leisurely Azure Voyage.

“The boundless sea gives me lots of inspiration.

The caress of the breeze, the smell of the sea, the sound of waves and the vast horizons: the ocean gives me so much enjoyment. I can easily relax here.”
Ever thought you can enjoy sky and sea activities even on a cruise?

“**I’m an active person and I enjoy exciting activities.**
And I specifically like to try things that are unique to the destinations I’m travelling to. Trying out new stuff always inspires creativity.

The games and activities onboard are getting more and more diverse. It gives me opportunities to take on new challenges. I know some cruise ships now offer diving and skydiving, which I can’t wait to try.”

I love watersports, so I got the hang of the FlowRider rather quickly. But you need to be very concentrated — the slightest mistake and you’ll be washed away by the flowing water. It’s so thrilling!

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Embracing **160,000 Tonnes of Stimulating Challenges**

01. FlowRider Artificial Surfing
Surfing doesn’t have to be on the beach! FlowRider Surf Simulator allows you to ride big waves even on a steady cruise ship. (d)(g)

02. Deep-sea Submersibles
Ever thought that a cruise ship would offer submersibles? Now you can experience spectacular views of the ocean beyond the surface! (c)

03. Waterslides Park
Super high-speed plunges along six long and winding slides. Dare to give it a try? (c)
01. Rock-climbing Wall
Climb the signature rock wall and enjoy an unparalleled view of the ocean high above the deck. (c)(d)(g)

02. Mini Golf Course
With sunshine and the sea breeze as your caddy, both adults and kids can enjoy some golfing fun! (c)(e)(f)(g)

03. Party Time
As night falls, join the fiesta of various themed parties, including masquerades, 70s discotheques, pool parties and more. (a-g)

04. Multi-purpose Sports Courts
Have a showdown with your friends! The versatile sports courts can be used as basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, or even soccer fields to keep you active at sea. (a-g)

05. Happy Bumper Cars
Jump into one of the roaring bumper cars and enjoy thrilling moments with your friends and family! (d)

06. North Star
A transparent jewel-shaped capsule with a 180-degree swing that offers you a 360-degree view of the sea, the sunset or the stars. (d)

07. RipCord by iFLY®
The first indoor skydiving facility on a cruise ship! Experience the thrill of flying with an air machine that lets you soar in a safe environment. (d)
Over the years, Wu has juggled multiple roles as actor, director, producer and even business owner. His schedule has been hectic, and now he thinks it’s time to slow down and live in the moment.

"I have been in the movie industry for many years, working all hours, but lately I’ve begun to slow down. Balance is important, and I need to take my time to focus on doing one thing at a time." Wu recognises the importance of chilling out to allow himself a bit of time to refresh the mind and the body, and prepare for new goals.

"Travel is enlightening; it’s an eye-opener for me. I’d try out activities outside my normal routine, be it active or quiet, for new inspirations."

A Moment of Leisure

01. Chilling on the Deck
Lying on a sunchair, staring into the blue sky and feeling the cool sea breeze, sip a cocktail and unwind on your hard-earned holiday. (a-g)

02. Pools Unlimited
It’s an amazing feeling swimming in the pool of a cruise ship and flowing with the rhythm of the ocean. There’s numerous choices onboard — take your pick from the infinity pool to the swim-up bar, to the indoor pool with a glass atrium. (a-g)

Did you know?
Some cruise ships offer adults-only solariums, allowing access to passengers aged 16 or above only so you can enjoy quiet moments swimming, sipping a drink or taking a dip in the whirlpool.
01 Spa Opulence
There is a world of spa indulgences on cruises: besides traditional Chinese and Thai massages, there are also Turkish baths, authentic Indian Ayurvedic therapies, acupuncture, and even bamboo massage, Medi-Spa, and more.

02 Balcony Room with a Sea View
Imagine waking up every morning to the greetings of the sunshine and the boundless ocean. Cruises offer a variety of stateroom options, including interior, balcony, ocean view, and suites of different styles. Some cruises also have connecting rooms for the convenience of passengers travelling with a family.

03 Edutainment Workshops
Cruise ships offer edutainment classes such as wine tasting, cooking, yoga, organ playing, and even lectures by celebrity speakers, so you can learn something new even during your vacation.

04 World-class Performance
Top-notch performers from around the world bring you a different entertainment experience at sea with a wide variety of performances including Broadway musicals, dance performances, magic shows, concerts and more.

05 Outdoor Movie Theatre
Catch a great movie while sunbathing on a lounger on the deck.

06 Art Exhibition
Most cruise ships will stage art exhibitions and sometimes even auctions so you can bring home pieces of work from your cruise vacation.

Did you know?
Some cruises offer spacious luxury suites and even penthouse suites comprising living rooms, dining rooms, large balconies and private whirlpools.
For kids, cruise ships are wonderful playgrounds at sea with all sorts of recreational activities.

01. Meet Cartoon Stars at DreamWorks Parade
Surprise appearances by DreamWorks cartoon stars such as Shrek, Princess Fiona and Puss in Boots will delight any child! Get ready for brilliant performances and parades for memorable moments at sea. (d)(g)

02. Childcare at kids and teens activity centres
Kids and teens activity centres will help take care of your children with edutainment programmes and activities so that you can enjoy some leisurely hours to yourself. (a-e)(g)

03. Little Dreamers Programme
A series of fun activities tailor made for your children, including arts and crafts, interactive games, board games and educational classes. Upon completion of the programme, each participant will receive a graduation certificate signed by the Captain. (c)

04. Kids’ Pool Fun
Children will make a splash at their very own kids’ pool. (c)(d)(f)

05. Ice-skating
Put on your skates, and try a spin or two with the whole family. (g)

06. Fabulous family activities
Spend some engaging family time with your kids by making cupcakes and pizza together! (a-g)
Wu loves to enjoy his favourite foods at anytime of the day. “I didn’t pay too much attention on food when I was young, but now I’m an avid foodie — I love to eat, and have high expectations.”

There’s only one concern when you’re on a cruise — there are simply too many choices for every meal. Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Indian, and even molecular gastronomy. Craving a late-night snack? Room service is at your fingertips. And don’t forget the different themed bars for your nightcaps!

Did you know?

The Chef’s Table serves only 12-16 people at a time and offers a five-course wine-pairing dinner specially designed and hosted by the Executive Chef using only top-quality ingredients. (d)
01. Martini Bar & Crush
The ice-topped bar is unique and simply fascinating, and has the practical function of keeping the drinks cool. (a)

02. Bionic Bar
Robots bartending for you! Simply enter your commands on the electronic screen, and watch the robot stir, shake and strain your drink to perfection. (d)

03. Viking Crown Lounge
At the highest vantage point of the cruise ship, enjoy your favourite drink with your loved one along with the bewitching night view of the ocean. (g)

04. Whisky Bar
Fancy a single malt? Interested in the history, heritage and provenance of whisky and other spirits? Whisky Bar is a must-visit! (c)
Embarking on your cruise vacation from Hong Kong will bring you to various cruise port destinations in Asia, whose exotic characteristics make up a big part of the charm of a cruise vacation.

### Getting Around

#### Asian Ports

**Keelung, Taiwan**
- **Mountains Fascination**
  - Jiufen Hill City: Gorgeous scenery with rustic houses and alleys built along the sloping terrain.
  - Jingtong Railway Station: One of Taiwan's top 100 historical architectural works; this Japanese-style wooden station is filled with cultural relics such as wood benches and vintage ticket gates.
  - Keelung Miaokou Night Market: Bringing together nearly 200 stalls, the night market overflows with all sorts of Taiwanese snacks, including the very popular oyster omelettes and braised pork on rice.

**Sanya, China**
- **Southeast Asian Scenery**
  - Coconut Dream Corridor: Stroll Sanya’s famous scenic route with a beautiful coastline of beaches and tropical plants, and a Southeast Asian ambience.
  - Luhuitou Park: This national park filled with romantic legends is a good vantage point for the sunrise and sunset. Electric cars will lead you from here to the local market.
  - Qian’guqing Scenic Spot (Sanya Romance Park): This theme park comprises six different areas, with theatres and recreational activities representing the indigenous Lai and Miu cultures.

**Xiamen, China**
- **Refreshing Coastal Travel**
  - Kulangsu: Nicknamed ‘the Garden of Xiamen’, the historical architecture here such as the octagonal building and the former British Consulate is worth a visit.
  - Zeng Cuo An Village: This former fishing village located at the south of Xiamen is now developed into a small, laid-back arts community.
  - Nan Pu Tuo Si (South Putuo Temple): It’s a temple for worshipping the Bodhisattva with over a thousand years of history, and named for its location on the south of Putuo Mountain.

**Okinawa, Japan**
- **Shopping and Eating Round the Clock**
  - Shuri-Jo (Shurijo Castle): Founded in the late 14th century and built on a 120-metre-high slope in Nana, it was then the residence of the Ryukyu Kings, and declared a listed world heritage site in December 2000.
  - Kokusai-Dori Shopping Area: A three-kilometre shopping street with a mind-blowing assortment of shops, department stores, restaurants, boutiques, specialty stores and more.
  - Mihama American Village: A former US military base, now renovated to become an urban leisure area with street performances of band sound and dances, reflecting US-Japan cultural exchanges.

**Manila, Philippines**
- **A city steeped in history and culture**
  - San Agustin Church: The Philippines’ oldest Baroque architecture of more than 400 years, with beautiful frescos and glamorous stained glass, is now a listed world heritage site.
  - Walled City (Intramuros): Intramuros is Spanish for ‘within the walls’, built in the 16th century during the Spanish rule, is now the oldest district and historic core of Manila. You can visit the metres-thick walls and cannon bunkers, in addition to the Governor’s house and plaza.
  - Museum of the Filipino People: This colonial architecture in neoclassical and neo-Gothic styles, built in the 19th century, is now a museum exhibiting the culture of old colonial life.
  - Pagsanjan Falls: This is Manila’s famous natural tourist attraction, with waterfalls dropping almost 100 metres and rafts riding through the falls.

**Halong Bay, Vietnam**
- **Immerse in mountains and rivers**
  - Thien Cung Grotto (Heaven’s Grotto): Halong Bay features many unique stalactite caves and Thien Cung Grotto is one of the more famous ones. It’s about 3,000 square metres big and elevated 20 metres above sea level.
  - Vung Vieng Fishing Village: Known as one of the world’s most beautiful fishing villages, the colourful boats concoct a lovely picture here. You can get a glimpse of the humble life of Vietnamese fishing villages.
  - Halong Night Market: There are over a hundred stalls in the night market selling all kinds of Vietnamese specialty goods and clothing. Don’t miss it!

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**Notes:**
- Kulangsu
- Sanya City
- Jiufen
- Manila Cathedral
- Shurijo
- Manao Cathedral
- Ha Long Bay
Hong Kong people are very efficient. I adore their ‘can-do’ spirit! I’m too used to Hong Kong; I miss it when I visit other places.

Hong Kong has long been a favourite port for many international cruise liners, and has developed into a popular homeport in recent years. Many cruise passengers stay in Hong Kong for a few days pre- or post-cruise to explore the stunning skyline, amazing food and endless fun of this remarkable metropolis. To Wu, what he loves about this vibrant city are the rhythm, the things and the people here, because Hong Kong, where he calls home, has a place in his heart.

“My career commenced here and the life that I know now was given to me by Hong Kong. I was given a lot of opportunities along the way. Hong Kong has been too good to me.”
Having come all the way to Hong Kong, then evolved from an actor to a director, the culture and creativity of the city have nurtured Wu’s development all these years.

“I champion creativity, that’s why I love movies. Every country, every city needs arts and creativity for a balanced development, and creativity is one of the strengths of Hongkongers. This city has a lot of interesting, fun and artistic places.”

01. PMQ  
PMQ is a Grade III historic building. The former police married quarters revitalised as PMQ is now a hub of designer shops and creative workshops, and also a venue for various creative activities. The artistic atmosphere attracts international artists to stage their exhibitions here.

02. The Tram Ride  
Resident of Hong Kong Island are so familiar with the sound of trams. This century-old vehicle has witnessed the changes the city has seen. When Wu first came to Hong Kong as a tourist, his favourite sightseeing transportation was the tram.

03. Cat Street  
Cat Street comprises Upper and Lower Lascar Row. The street is not long but the fantastic congregation of antiques, curios and vintage finds makes you want to stay and continue the treasure hunt.

04. Tai Ping Shan Street  
The Tai Ping Shan Street area houses an artistic community with specialty cafes, small galleries and designer shops.

05. Man Mo Temple  
It’s a typical traditional Chinese vernacular architecture. Worshippers abound and the giant hanging incense coils in particular make for an impressive sight. In old Hong Kong, the Temple also served as an important assembly hall where community disputes were settled.

06. Hollywood Road  
On both sides of Hollywood Road are art galleries and antique shops selling art pieces from around the world. Whether you are an art lover or just a passerby, you will enjoy the artistic and relaxed atmosphere here.

Hong Kong is not just about business, but creative and artistic exchanges.
Hong Kong has been the nurturing ground for a lot of well-made and reputable local movies. Wu has also turned his movie dream into reality here.

"Hong Kong film workers are very earnest. They have technical expertise and are very efficient. And they are willing to help and teach me. I am lucky to have the chance to work with them in Hong Kong." For Wu, Hong Kong is a good place for making movies, and he hopes to shoot his own films here one day.
A Tasty Travelogue of Hong Kong

01. Kau Kee Restaurant
This specialty noodle shop with a long history is renowned for its beef brisket noodles in clear broth or curry sauce.
MTR Sheung Wan Station Exit A2. Walk along Mercer Street, turn right onto Bonham Strand East, then turn left at the first intersection onto Hillier Street. Turn left again onto Queen’s Road Central, cross the road and walk up the steps to reach Gough Street. The whole walk takes about seven minutes.

02. Luk Yu Tea House
With more than 80 years of history, Luk Yu still retains its antique decor, exuding the charm of an old Hong Kong teahouse. It offers traditional Guangdong cuisine and dim sum, including steamed chicken buns, barbeque pork belly rolls, fried dumplings etc.
Turn right from MTR Central Station Exit D2 onto Theatre Lane, then turn left onto D’Aguilar Street to reach Stanley Street on your right. The whole walk takes about three minutes.

03. 8 ½ Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA
The first and only Michelin three-star Italian restaurant outside Italy. It features a unique cellar, world-class ham and cheese as well as a white truffle menu highly anticipated by food lovers every autumn.
From MTR Central Station Exit H, walk to the restaurant located at Shop 202, Landmark Alexandra.

04. Knutsford Terrace
One of the good places for experiencing the nightlife culture of Hong Kong.
Turn right from MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit B1 and walk along Nathan Road for about five minutes, then turn right onto Kimberley Road. Follow the small slope on the left and walk for a few minutes to reach Knutsford Terrace.

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Hong Kong is surrounded by sea, and between the blue sky and the ocean, there are multiple hidden gems of gorgeous greenery.

Wu remembers when he decided to stay in Hong Kong to develop his career, he had to learn Cantonese and adapt to the lifestyle here. The power of nature helped him face up to all the challenges. “I adore nature. When I lived in Sai Kung, I always went hiking and in the quietness of the mountains, I felt entirely stress free.”

01. Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark
The park includes the Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region and the Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region. There are altogether eight scenic areas showcasing the various distinctive and beautiful landforms and the rich geological resources of Hong Kong.

02. Tung Ping Chau
Here the sedimentary rocks with marine abrasion landforms look very much like washboards found in every household of old Hong Kong. From MTR University Station Exit B, take a taxi to Ma Liu Shu Ferry Pier and board a ferry (operates only on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays).

03. Wong Chuk Kok Tsui
Located in the northeast of the New Territories, this unique rock nicknamed ‘Devil’s Fist’ is not scary at all but in fact very popular. You can view the Wong Chuk Kok Tsui landscape on the ferry ride to Lai Chi Wo. From MTR University Station Exit B, take a taxi to Ma Liu Shu Ferry Pier and board a ferry to Lai Chi Wo (operates only on Sundays and public holidays).

04. High Island Reservoir East Dam
You will be amazed by the power of nature when you see the rare acidic polygonal volcanic rock columns and sea caves here. Take a taxi from Sai Kung Town to High Island Reservoir East Dam. The ride takes about 30 minutes.

05. MacLehose Trail
Chosen as one of the ‘World’s Best Hikes: 20 Dream Trails’ by National Geographic in 2016, MacLehose Trail boasts striking natural beauty, surprising ecological diversity and stunning coastal scenery.

For more details, please visit the Great Outdoors section of Hong Kong Tourism Board’s website: www.DiscoverHongKong.com
If you are looking for something stylish and uniquely Hong Kong, G.O.D. won’t disappoint. Tote bags highlighting classified ads in old Chinese newspapers, bedding featuring old matchboxes, and old Hong Kong letterboxes made into magnets are all good ideas for souvenirs. G.O.D. is almost like a museum of old Hong Kong.

Starstreet Precinct is a trendy dining and entertainment area comprising Sun Street, Moon Street and Star Street. Young entrepreneurs, artists and designers moved in over the years, turning the area into a fashionable community with posh restaurants and design-driven lifestyle stores.

Design Gallery is dedicated to selling quality products by local designers. It is a one-stop specialty shop for travellers looking for something 100 per cent Hong Kong-inspired.

This emerging small community, funky and artistic, is dotted with bohemian cafes, specialty stores, galleries, designer studios and creative arts workshops.

Getting around a destination is the best way to experience local life while travelling. Memories of the journey may eventually fade but the the emotions of the journey will remain.

Wu highly appreciates local design, and there are many specialty stores on Hong Kong Island where you can window-shop. “I like to saunter around and would sometimes wonder if there’s anything interesting up there in the tenement buildings. Just take your time and slowly explore — there’s bound to be something special at every corner of the streets of Hong Kong.”
Hong Kong Day & Night

• Magnificent harbour views
• East-meets-West architecture
• Authentic traditional culture
• Fascinating festivities
• A medley of creative cuisines
• Endless shopping options
• No matter day or night, you will find unlimited choices in Hong Kong

Check out www.DiscoverHongKong.com for ideas to kick off your journey.
With the launch of various cruise ships fully equipped with wide-ranging onboard entertainment and leisure facilities in recent years, cruise vacations have become increasingly popular. Hopping onto one of the various themed cruises is just like entering a magnificent floating resort or even a castle at Sea. It’s a thrilling eye-opener!
Voyager of the Seas
A giant in the ocean

Many cruises nowadays are dedicated to wowing their passengers with innovation and new elements. The gigantic Voyager of the Seas by Royal Caribbean International, with its iconic onboard facilities and exciting activities, will bring you an adventure like never before.

01. The world’s first skating rink at sea
It’s a real ice-skating rink and the world’s first skating rink at sea. Professional skaters from around the world bring you wonderful performances with glamorous costumes, music, choreography and amazing special effects.

02. Broadway musicals
Audience will revel in the Broadway-style performances, with magnificent backdrops and professional actors and dancers singing and dancing the night away.

03. Shopping at Royal Promenade
Shop till you drop on the promenade lined with stores of mega international brands, a variety of shops selling jewellery, perfumes, cosmetics, fashion and more, as well as a range of restaurants and lounges.

04. Xin Dau Ji on board
Craving authentic Hong Kong Cantonese cuisine? The cruise liner has brought renowned Hong Kong Cantonese cuisine expert Xin Dau Ji on board. You can now enjoy their signature dishes like sautéed rainbow scallops, fried fish in corn sauce, steamed chicken on lotus leaves and pan-fried prawn cakes aboard!

Ovations of the Seas
Asia’s largest cruise ship

Built at a cost of US$1 billion, Ovations of the Seas is one of the largest cruise ships in Asia. The ship is designed with many creative and state-of-the-art entertaining facilities, making this ‘cruise from the future’ a moving recreation park at sea, suitable for guests of all ages.

01. Giant art installation
The 33-foot-high giant art installation ‘Panda Mama and Baby’ on the deck is a great backdrop for family photos!

02. TWO70° entertainment hall
The entertainment hall sits on three decks of large expansive windows. Here you can enjoy a 270-degree ocean view during the day, and the windows transform into HD screens at night in just seconds.

03. Multifunctional sports complex – Seaplex
Seaplex is the largest indoor stadium at sea, with facilities for bumper cars. It is also the first circus school on Royal Caribbean International cruises. Here professional coaches will train and turn you into a trapeze artist.

04. Loft Suite
Duplex suites with balconies are very rare on cruise ships. Here you can even choose from a variety of suites, including the Sky Loft Balcony Suite, Royal Loft Balcony Suite and Spa Junior Balcony Suite, etc. Looking forward to sunbathing and listening to the sea in peace and quiet? The balcony is your private deck.

Did you know
Sit and lay back on the deck chairs at ‘Panda Mama and Baby’ for a perfect photo.
World Dream
The New Realm of Luxury

Building on the success of her sister ship Genting Dream, World Dream offers passengers a world-class cruising experience. Leisure and entertainment options are further enhanced with the largest indoor virtual reality game area at sea, new laser shows, fireworks displays, new stage performance Sonio®, a redesigned outdoor plaza, and new activities for families, children and teenagers.

01. Esc Experience Lab
Experience the thrill of virtual reality in state-of-the-art Vesaro car-racing simulators.

02. Private Pool Deck
With two jacuzzis and an exclusive VIP entrance, the Private Pool Deck is one of the most exquisite experiences offered by Dream Cruises.

03. Bar 360
In addition to live music, the bar also features incredible aerial acrobatics, bringing extraordinary enjoyment from a new perspective.

04. ZOUK Party
Internationally renowned party club ZOUK entertains with a one-of-a-kind pool party experience filled with addictive beats.

Celebrity Millennium
Moving Luxury Apartment

With Hong Kong as its homeport, Celebrity Millennium sets sail in Asia again, providing several well-designed itineraries for Southeast Asia, Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Dedicated to providing a cruise of modern luxury, Celebrity Millennium offers its guests a stylish Asian voyage with fascinating itineraries.

01. Magnificent atrium
The newly revamped and optimised Celebrity Millennium provides even more upscale facilities to create an unforgettable holiday at sea.

02. Rooftop Terrace
With modern luxury as its theme, the cruise ship features a large outdoor soundscape and movie screen, where you can sit back and enjoy a movie while savouring film-inspired delicacies!

03. Spa-inspired accommodation
Guests checking into Aqua Class staterooms can enjoy exclusive access to the Blu restaurant for healthy fresh food as well as spa treatments and unlimited complimentary entry to the Persian Garden before chilling out at the in-room balcony.

04. Qsine
Qsine offers artfully presented whimsical fusion cuisine with the menu and wine list are creatively presented on iPads. It’s a one-of-a-kind restaurant which features a uniquely innovative approach to dining.

World Dream
Displacement: 151,000 tonnes
Capacity: 3,376 passengers
Website: www.dreamcruiseline.com

Celebrity Millennium
Displacement: 91,000 tonnes
Capacity: 2,138 passengers
Website: www.celebritycruises.com
01 Are cruises all-inclusive? Cruise fares generally cover the basic facilities and services. If passengers want to further enjoy the cruise experience, for example, participate in guided shore excursions, or use optional onboard services like spa treatments, internet service and other cruise services, extra fees may be incurred. Please refer to the websites of respective cruise lines for details.

02 Do cruises offer any child discounts? Depending on the policy of individual cruise lines, in recent years some cruise lines have introduced special complimentary offers for children.

03 How should I choose a stateroom? If you want to stay close to the ship’s activities and facilities, you should select a stateroom on the upper deck whilst passengers that prefer peace and quiet should opt for a stateroom on the ship’s lower middle decks. If you are traveling with family, you can consider choosing connecting rooms so that the two rooms can be turned into a mini suite.

04 Are there any baggage rules on cruises, like on a plane? Each cruise line has a different limit on the amount of luggage they allow. Check the websites of respective cruise lines for specific restrictions, such as luggage allowance and any additional charges.

05 What are the embarking and disembarking procedures like? After checking in your luggage, guests are to proceed to the service/boarding counters two to three hours (depending on respective cruise lines) prior to cruise departure for completion of boarding procedures. Have your passports, signed boarding documents and credit cards ready, and follow instructions to queue up for boarding. One day before the cruise ends, you will reclaim your documents with the cruise card you received when you embarked.

06 Are the restaurants onboard open 24 hours? Are there any 24-hour stores for replenishing food supplies and daily necessities? Some restaurants on certain cruises operate 24 hours a day. However, passengers can order room service round the clock, or request for food and other supplies from the crew.

07 What are the dress codes on cruises? Mainly casual wear — shorts, T-shirts and sneakers are welcome. Bring swimwear if you are planning to take part in watersports. Be sure to include formal attire, such as evening dresses or gowns for ladies and jackets for gentlemen, for traditional cruise dinners. Please refer to the websites of respective cruise lines for details.

08 How do I pay for onboard services and purchases? The cruise card/room card/boarding card is also your charge card. You can use it to pay for onboard activities and purchases, and settle them by credit cards or cash at the end of the cruise.

09 What are the policies for delay and cancellation due to typhoons or other unforeseen circumstances? Cruise policies differ for each cruise line. There are special insurance policies for cruise holidays which you can consider purchasing for more protection against unforeseen situations.

Above information is for reference only. Details on the websites of respective cruise lines shall prevail.