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Embark on an exploration journey to Brunei with SuperStar Aquarius starting November 2013

Hong Kong / Kota Kinabalu, 17 July, 2013 – Star Cruises, the leading cruise line in Asia-Pacific, will take visitors on a voyage of discovery to Brunei’s Bandar Seri Begawan, a land of majestic opulence and traditional respect. SuperStar Aquarius will be commencing her seasonal homeport deployment from Kota Kinabalu, the city capital of Sabah, Malaysia, for the first time from 6 November 2013 to 30 March 2014. The 51,309-tonne cruise liner will sail to Seri Begawan and Sarawak’s Bintulu every Sunday. You may also immerse in another dimension of cruise fun and entertainment on SuperStar Aquarius’ 1-night high sea experience from Wednesday to Saturday.

Brunei, a Muslim country well known for its vast wealth, is also known as the “Abode of Peace”. It is a refreshing tourist destination offering a rich diversity of natural and centuries-old majestic heritage and an exciting contemporary side. Visitors on 4D3N cruises to Bandar Seri Begawan and Bintulu will get to choose from a variety of exclusive shore excursions and explore local attractions in these exotic domains.

A Look into the Royal Life

Brunei-Muara is the district housing Brunei’s capital, Bandar Seri Begawan. One can admire the magnificent Islamic fused modern architecture—Jame Asr Hassanil Bolkiah Mosque, where gold-topped domes tower over artfully landscaped gardens and fountains. The mosque was built to commemorate the 25th anniversary of His Majesty’s reign and to capture the wide angle view of the biggest residential palace in the world—Istana Nurul Iman Royal Palace—from Damuan Park. The 1,788-room lavish residence is the home of the nation’s revered monarch, His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei.



Visitors can get a glimpse into the life of the Sultan of Brunei when they tour the Royal Regalia Museum. The galleries display sultanate artefacts which serve as a glorious symbol of the unique Bruneian Monarchy. Take a close look at the Royal Chariot, which was established in 1992 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty's accession to the throne.

World's Largest Water Village

Join River Cruise and board on an open deck local wooden boat to sail along the Brunei River and experience the contrasting sceneries of the modern, rapidly developing capital city of Brunei versus the nostalgic serenity of the largest Water Village in the world.

Another choice is to take a short water taxi ride to visit the Water Village where centuries-old web of houses, markets and mosques, along with schools, clinics, police and fire stations are built on stilts in the Brunei River. You can get an insight into the water village life while enjoying local cakes and tea during the trip.

Walk on the Wild Side

Get into the exotic wilderness Brunei has to offer at Mangrove Safari where visitors can meet wild animals up-close. Keep an eye out for mudskippers, small red kingfishers, white egrets and night herons as well as rare endangered primate species—the proboscis monkeys—which can only be found on the island of Borneo and Sumatera of Indonesia.

The Royal Experience

One does not normally relate polo to Asia, nor to a tropical climate, but surprises run deep in Brunei! His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei is an enthusiastic and accomplished polo player, known for his precise skills on the field. Running a country allows His Majesty little time to play, but it is not uncommon for foreign dignitaries or other members of the Royal Family to join him on one of the three magnificent fields found in Polo Grounds and the Polo Club. The extensive number of stables accommodating a superb collection of horses would be make any horse



enthusiast envy. It is also a perfect opportunity for connoisseurs to sample authentic Bruneian delicacies prepared by a team of internationally acclaimed chefs.

SuperStar Aquarius, currently homeported in Keelung, Taiwan, will embark on a special 8D7N cruise, departing from Kaohsiung on 29 October 2013 with stops at Hong Kong, Manila, Boracay and arriving in Kota Kinabalu on 6 November 2013.

On Star Cruises, every journey is a voyage of discovery and surprise.

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