

Resorts World Cruises Adds Kaohsiung as New Destination and Homeport for Taiwanese Passengers

Offering Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao passengers 2 and 3-night cruises with extensions on land



21 February 2023 – On 13 January, Resorts World Cruises announced *Resorts World One* will commence high seas cruises from Hong Kong, starting 10 March 2023. With Taiwan lifting all travel restrictions on Hong Kong and Macao residents, Resorts World Cruises is pleased to add Kaohsiung as a destination. Beginning 2 April 2023, the *Resorts World One* will sail from Hong Kong to Kaohsiung offering 4-day/3-night cruises departing Sundays and 3-day/2-night cruises departing Wednesdays. The 3-day/2-night weekend high seas cruises departing Fridays will continue.

Besides the round-trip cruises, vacationers departing from Hong Kong on Sundays will have the flexible option to debark at Kaohsiung on Mondays to enjoy a 4-day/3-night land stay in Taiwan; and re-embark on Thursdays to arrive Hong Kong Friday, making this a memorable 6-day/5-night holiday. Vacationers can make their own land accommodation arrangements in Taiwan or via travel agents.

Cruise fares from Hong Kong to Kaohsiung start from HK\$1,299 onwards per guest (twin-sharing) with third and fourth guests paying HK\$650 each for the 3-day/2-night cruise. An “Early Bird” discount promotion of HK\$300 is also now available for each of the twin-sharing guest with an additional HK\$150 off for each of the third and fourth guest. The promotion is only valid for bookings made before end March 2023 for sailing dates in April and May 2023 (excluding sailings from 5 – 15 April 2023). Port charges will be HK\$500 per guest per sailing with a daily service charge of HK\$150 per guest (balcony category and below).

Kaohsiung will also become a double homeport for the *Resorts World One*. Vacationers from Taiwan can embark the ship in Kaohsiung from 4 April 2023 onwards, starting with a special 3-Day/2 Night cruise to Hong Kong. Subsequently, the *Resorts World One* will offer weekly round-trip cruises to Hong Kong that include the 4-day/3-night cruise departing on Mondays and the 5-day/4-night cruise departing on Thursdays.

Vacationers departing from Kaohsiung on Thursdays for the 5-day/4-night cruise will also have the option to debark at Hong Kong on Fridays for a 3-day/2-night land stay in Hong Kong. Vacationers will re-embark the ship on Sunday to arrive in Kaohsiung on Monday. Similarly, vacationers can also make their own weekend accommodation arrangements in Hong Kong or via travel agents. These cruises from Kaohsiung will support the “Hello Hong Kong” campaign by the Hong Kong government to increase the number of tourists.

Cruise fares from Kaohsiung to Hong Kong start from NT\$6,900 onwards per guest (twin-sharing) with third and fourth guests paying NT\$3,500 each for the 4-day/3-night cruise. An “Early Bird” NT\$1,000 discount promotion is also now available for each of the twin-sharing guest with an additional NT\$500 off for each of the third and fourth guest. The promotion is only valid for bookings made before end March 2023 for sailing dates in April and May 2023 (excluding sailings on 4 and 5 April 2023). Port charges will be NT\$2,000 per guest per sailing with a daily service charge of NT\$600 per guest (balcony category and below)

“Resorts World Cruises pioneered the dual homeport ship model for Singapore and Kuala Lumpur (via Port Klang) with the Genting Dream, bringing increased tourists and economic benefits to both destinations,” said Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Executive Chairman of Resorts World Cruises. *“Similarly, Hong Kong and Kaohsiung will both benefit from increased number of passengers carried by Resorts World One and increased Fly-Cruise and Rail-Cruise passengers, who will have pre and post cruise stays in either destination,”* he added.

With a capacity of over 1,856 passengers, the *Resorts World One* is set to contribute and open-up a new stream of potential inbound tourists, reigniting the cruise sector and the various tourism industries in Taiwan and Hong Kong. With 2 sailings a week to Kaohsiung, there will be 78 calls in 2023, which is a substantial increase compared to approximately 20 cruise ship calls pre-COVID in 2019. And with 3 sailings a week from Hong Kong, *Resorts World One* will make 126 calls in 2023, which will be 60% of the calls that Hong Kong had pre-COVID in 2019.



The homeport deployment in Kaohsiung is timely as the Kaohsiung Cruise Terminal has developed an integrated shopping, dining and entertainment district that is being completed with a waterfront boardwalk, connecting it with the Maritime Cultural and Pop Music Center. A new futuristic cruise terminal is also being completed.

“We would like to thank the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the Tourism Bureau, the Kaohsiung

Government, the Port of Kaohsiung and the relevant authorities in Taiwan for extending their support towards Resorts World Cruises. The homeport deployment is a clear testament of our unwavering commitment in rejuvenating the cruise tourism sector in Taiwan and the region,” said Mr. Michael Goh, President, Resorts World Cruises.

As “A Resort Cruising at Sea”, the 13-storey *Resorts World One* will further stimulate the travel trade as vacationers now have more holiday options that go beyond land and air travel. The cruise ship itself is the perfect holiday alternative as she also features 18 food and beverages venues, world-class facilities with best-in-class services and hospitality, including the signature “The Palace” – a luxury ship-within-a ship exclusive enclave with 42 luxury suites and European style 24-hour butler services, private facilities and amenities.

All enhanced safety and precautionary measures on the *Resorts World One* are enforced and applied in accordance with prevailing local and international guidelines to safeguard vacationers, as well as to provide peace of mind.

Please email reservations.cn@rwcruises.com for the *Resorts World One* Taiwan itineraries from 6 March 2023 onwards. Cruise itineraries are available in the Appendix below.



THE RESORTS WORLD ONE: KAOHSIUNG & HONG KONG DOUBLE HOMEPORT SCHEDULE

HONG KONG DEPARTURES

Note: From 10 March 2023 onwards, Hong Kong departures will offer 3-day/2-night and 4-day/3-night high seas cruises. Starting 2 April 2023 onwards, destination cruises to Kaohsiung will be available.

Weekly Destination Cruises to Kaohsiung starting 2 April 2023

THE RESORTS WORLD ONE : HONG KONG DEPARTURES (KAI TAK CRUISE TERMINAL)											
4-Day/3-Night Cruise to Kaohsiung				3-Day/2-Night Cruise to Kaohsiung				3-Day/2-Night High Seas Cruise			
Day	Port	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Day	Port	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Day	Port	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Sun	Hong Kong	-	1900	Wed	Hong Kong	-	1900	Fri	Hong Kong	-	2100
Mon	Kaohsiung	1300	2100	Thu	Kaohsiung	1300	2100	Sat	High Seas	-	-
Tue	High Seas	-	-	Fri	Hong Kong	1500	-	Sun	Hong Kong	1200	-
Wed	Hong Kong	0900	-								

KAOHSIUNG DEPARTURES

Weekly Destination Cruises to Hong Kong starting 4 April 2023

THE RESORTS WORLD ONE : KAOHSIUNG DEPARTURES (KAOHSIUNG CRUISE TERMINAL)							
4-Day/3-Night Cruise to Hong Kong				5-Day/4-Night Cruise to Hong Kong			
Day	Port	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Day	Port	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Mon	Kaohsiung	-	2100	Thu	Kaohsiung		2100
Tue	High Seas	-	-	Fri	Hong Kong	1500	2100
Wed	Hong Kong	0900	1900	Sat	High Seas	-	-
Thu	Kaohsiung	1300	-	Sun	Hong Kong	1200	2000
				Mon	Kaohsiung	1300	



About Resorts World Cruises

Resorts World Cruises is a newly established luxury and dynamic lifestyle cruise brand that is rich in Asian heritage, offering a personalized cruising lifestyle with diverse international experiences. *Resorts World Cruises – ‘Resorts Cruising At Sea’* aims to redefine the cruising experience altogether by providing exciting and unique offerings, a variety of accommodations, including the world-class luxury accommodation, “The Palace” – a luxury ship-within-a ship private enclave with butler and its own service exclusive restaurant, sundeck, gym, spa and other facilities.

Resorts World Cruises is a brand extension of “Resorts World”, a global brand with over 46 properties in 8 countries and 4 continents. Resorts World properties attract over 80 million visitors a year and has over 30,000 employees. The latest property to open is US\$ 4.3 billion Resorts World Las Vegas in 2021.

Resorts World Cruises debut on 15 June 2022 in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang) with the operations of the luxurious 3,352 passenger and 150,695 gross ton *Genting Dream* and the 1,856 passenger and 75,338 gross ton *Resorts World One* will double homeport in Hong Kong from 10 March 2023 and also in Kaohsiung from 4 April onwards. With the inception of *Resorts World Cruises*, the brand aims to position itself as the leading cruise line in the region for Asian sourced markets, providing the highest standards in cruise experience, safety and precautionary measures.

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