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Press release

IRCTC enters into Cruise booking business through online portal.

- **IRCTC launches luxury Cruise 'Cordelia Cruises'.**
- **Cordelia Cruises is India's first indigenous premium cruise liner which aspires to promote and drive the cruise culture in India.**
- **Cordelia cruises is starting its first journey from 18th September 2021 onwards.**
- **In first phase it will sail through Indian destinations with its base at Mumbai, later from May 2022 the Cruise will be shifted to Chennai and will be sailing to splendid Srilankan destinations like Colombo, Galle, Trincomalee and Jaffna.**
- **While travelling on Cordelia Cruises one can enjoy recreational and leisure activities such as Restaurants, Swimming Pool, Bar, Open Cinema, Theatre, Kids area, Gymnasium etc.**

New Delhi 08.09.2021: Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a PSU under the Ministry of Railways, Government of India has been a pioneer in offering various travel and tourism related services through its online portal ranging from ticket booking of Indian Railways, Domestic & International Flights, more than 10000 hotels across the country and recently launched bus tickets. In line of the mentioned offerings, IRCTC is now starting a new segment i.e. luxury cruise bookings through its web portal www.irctctourism.com.

IRCTC has joined its hands and signed the agreement with **Cordelia Cruises** being operated by M/s **Waterways Leisure Tourism Pvt. Ltd** for promotion and marketing of the **first indigenous luxury Cruise in India**. This is another incredible luxury travel offering under IRCTC's umbrella of tourism services to the public.

Cordelia Cruises is India's premium cruise liner, it aspires to promote and drive the cruise culture in India through experiences that are stylish, luxurious, and most importantly, inherently Indian. It is a cruise liner for Indians catering to the way Indians love to holiday. The guests on-board will have an experience of sailing to some of the best Indian and international destinations like Goa, Diu, Lakshadweep, Kochi, and Sri Lanka. Cordelia cruises is starting its first journey from 18th September 2021 onwards. In first phase it will sail through Indian destinations with its base at Mumbai, later from May 2022 the Cruise will be shifted to Chennai and will be sailing to splendid Srilankan destinations like Colombo, Galle, Trincomalee and Jaffna.



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Some of the Popular Tour itineraries of Cordelia Cruises are –

- Mumbai – Goa – Mumbai (2N)
- Mumbai – Diu – Mumbai (2N)
- Mumbai – At sea – Mumbai (2N)
- Kochi – Lakshadweep – At sea – Mumbai (3N)
- Mumbai – At sea – Lakshadweep – At sea – Mumbai (4N)
- Goa – Mumbai – At sea - Lakshadweep – At sea – Goa (5N)
- Chennai – At seas – Colombo (2N)
- Chennai – Jaffna – Chennai (2N)
- Chennai – At sea – Colombo – Galle – Trincomalee – Chennai (5N)

While travelling on Cordelia Cruises one can enjoy lots of recreational and leisure activities such as Restaurants, Swimming Pool, Bar, Open Cinema, Theatre, Kids area, Gymnasium etc. Cordelia Cruises is one of its kind of indigenous luxury cruises which matches the standard of International Cruise Ship.

How safe is Cruising

Given safety on priority in today's COVID times, all the standard protocols for the guests and crew members are implemented such as -

- Crew members are fully vaccinated
- Daily health checks for the crew members
- Hourly sanitization of the facilities
- Air-filtration and Social Distancing norms
- Number of guests limited as per the official mandate by the government.
- Special services team in charge of the safety and health of senior citizens and children
- Pre-requisite of tests and vaccination before boarding for guests being worked out apart from comprehensive pre travel checks
- Well-spaced waiting areas, sanitization stations
- Contactless and online facilities for check in, boarding etc.
- QR code enabled digital menus
- Fully functional medical centre onboard the cruise equipped with all the required medical essentials

Beside the Indian luxury cruising, IRCTC is also in the process of signing agreement with all major International Cruise liners and will provide their bookings on its web portal as soon as the COVID normalises and the operation of International Cruises starts.

For further details and bookings guests can login to IRCTC website - www.irctctourism.com. Cruise packages can be booked online and also from IRCTC's Zonal/Regional Offices. For more information, one can contact on Mobile no. 8287930299, 8287930157.