

Cruise ship calls Penang home

State welcomes SuperStar Gemini and passengers to explore its attractions

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PENANG is an ideal cruise hub for the region with tourists having more exciting options as part of the state's appeal as a tourist destination.

The state was more than happy to welcome Star Cruises' SuperStar Gemini cruise ship which chose Penang as one of her homeports in Malaysia until April 28, 2019.

Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow said Penang has much to offer in terms of sights and natural wonder.

"And what better way to discover Penang

than a cruise vacation with the cruise terminal strategically located on the island.

"It is also minutes away from various popular attractions in George Town," he said during the welcoming ceremony on SuperStar Gemini recently.

He said Penang received 1.2 million cruise visitors last year via the Swettenham Pier Cruise Terminal (SPCT).

Star Cruises sales vice-president Cynthia Lee said the 'Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse' thematic cruise would be launched on SuperStar Gemini.

"Guests can look forward to a whole new and immersive Spider-Man experience and adventure with interactive activities on

board between Nov 14 and Jan 31.

"There will be activities such as the Spider-Man Scavenger Hunt, meet & greet sessions, fitness challenges, Christmas celebration and all things Spider-Verse related," she said.

Also present were SuperStar Gemini captain Christian Westergren, Senator Lim Hui Ying, Penang Port Commission senior corporate manager Syed Naser Syed Ibrahim and Penang Port Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Syed Mohamad Syed Murtaza.

The welcome ceremony was followed by a tour of the 13-storey cruise ship and its facilities which included 11 dining venues, the Stardust Lounge, a KTV Observatory Lounge, spa, swimming pools and shops.

SuperStar Gemini in Malaysia features multiple homeports in Port Klang, Penang and Langkawi, which allows guests to depart from any of these well-connected travel hubs to discover a variety of popular round-trip cruise itineraries.

These include 4D3N Port Klang / Phuket round-trip cruise itinerary from Penang that is available on selected dates.

Alternatively, passengers can enjoy the 4D3N Phuket/Langkawi cruise or the 4D3N Phuket/Penang cruise, as well as special cruises including the 5D4N Phuket/Krabi/Penang cruise and the 3D2N Singapore cruise.

For details, login to www.starcruiises.com.



Chow (centre, red tie) with Star Cruises' Lee (on Chow's left), VIPs and guests on board the SuperStar Gemini at Swettenham Pier in Penang. — Photos: LIM BENG TATT/The Star



High-tea reception for the guests during the welcome ceremony on board the SuperStar Gemini.



The magnificent SuperStar Gemini has much to offer its guests on the 13-storey cruise liner.



A lively performance during the welcome ceremony on board the SuperStar Gemini.