

SINGAPORE LEADS THE CRUISES IN ASIA



Singapore is the country with the highest scheduled cruise stopovers in 2019 throughout Asia, totaling 400, of which 306 are also homeport stops, multiplying the economic impact for the destination.

The leading position regarding cruises in Asia is explained in this year's market study released by CLIA. **The number of passengers expected to visit Singapore will reach almost 1 million this year, 991,000 specifically**, of which 831,000 will be turnaround cruises (home port). The total number of stopovers represents a 7% increase compared to 2018, and a change in trend compared to last year when the figure fell 5%.

Since 2013, cruise ship travel has registered a sustained growth since that year, when 289 stopovers were recorded.

Regarding the number of stopovers, Singapore is followed by the ports of Keelung and Taipei (Taiwan), and Baoshan and Shanghai (China).

According to the study, the boom of cruises in Asia, which has been seen at both outbound and inbound level, shows signs of a slowdown this year, with 5.7% less capacity than the previous year, although the number of cruise ships remains the same.

This change in trend is mainly explained by the drop in the number of scheduled trips for short cruises coming from mainland China. However, in 2019, a total of 39 cruise lines are operating in Asian waters with 79 ships, a similar figure to that of 2018 with just small changes in ship sizes.

Top 10 Cruise Ports: Scheduled Port Call in 2019

Rank	Port	Destination	Transit	Turnaround	Overnight	Total
1	Singapore	Singapore	42	306	52	400
2	Keelung/Taipei	Taiwan	61	220	3	284
3	Baoshan/Shanghai	China	22	221	33	276
4	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	133	71	51	255
5	Fukuoka/Hakata	Japan	217	24	4	245
6	Naha/Okinawa	Japan	234	5	4	243
7	Yokohama/Tokyo	Japan	14	166	22	202
8	Nagasaki	Japan	195	2	1	198
9	Patong Bay/Phuket	Thailand	151	22	15	188
10	Port Klang/Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	126	43	7	176

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