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Cruise Details

Name:	Colourful Start To The Year On Distant Shores
Reference:	HAPAGEUR2801
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	04 Jan 28
Departs From:	Colombo
Arrives On:	16 Jan 28
Arrives At:	Singapore
Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

Itinerary

Day 1: Colombo (Sri Lanka)

Arrives On: 04 Jan 28

Day 2: Galle (Sri Lanka)

On the south coast of Sri Lanka is a town full of life, history and cultural diversity. Galle, once an important natural harbour, still attracts visitors who come to experience the town's unique charm. Winding streets, colourful markets and colonial buildings create a very special atmosphere, in which Asian and European influences come harmoniously together. The imposing fort, built by the Dutch in the 17th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offers wonderful views out to sea. Galle has also introduced some green initiatives and combines historic charm with modern sustainability – a place that's constantly reinventing itself and yet still maintains its roots.

Arrives On: 05 Jan 28

Day 3: Hambantota (Sri Lanka)

The south coast of Sri Lanka is your gateway to the island's wild side: Hambantota, the centre of the district of the same name, is the perfect base for exploring the impressive wilderness and natural beauties of Sri Lanka. Nearby is Yala National Park, famous for having the highest concentration of leopards in the world and for its fascinating animal kingdom. You can follow in their tracks on a photo safari. Udawalawe National Park around the shores of Udawalawe Reservoir has a large elephant population – in the adjacent elephant orphanage visitors can learn interesting facts about these gentle giants. Bundala National Park offers plenty of variety: around 200 species of bird spend the winter here.

Arrives On: 06 Jan 28

Day 4: Trincomalee (Sri Lanka)

With deep-blue waters, green hills and a rich historical heritage, Trincomalee on Sri Lanka's north-east coast is just as impressive as the colourful beauty of the Sri Pathrakali Temple. With the Koneswaram Temple, another Hindu sanctuary towers majestically over the sea and the city: graced with a gigantic statue of Shiva, this sacred temple attracts pilgrims from near and far and also offers stunning views of the coast. With unspoilt nature ranging from fine sandy beaches to hot springs, the area surrounding Trincomalee invites you to relax as well as explore.

Arrives On: 07 Jan 28

Day 8: Koh Kood (Thailand)

Ko Adang, one of Thailand's last untouched islands, is located in the magnificent Tarutao National Park. Roads and electricity do not exist on the island, which is only 30 m2 (323 ft2) in size, but instead you'll find dense jungle, rushing waterfalls and dream beaches that experts consider to be among the most beautiful in Thailand. Enjoy doing sweet nothing in this idyllic setting, take a refreshing dip in the Andaman Sea or dive into the colourful underwater world – home to bright coral reefs and exotic fish. Thanks to the long lay time, you can enjoy the unique flair of the island until late in the evening.

Arrives On: 11 Jan 28

Day 9: Langkawi Island (Malaysia)

Langkawi, the main island in an archipelago of around 100 limestone islands, enchants visitors with its lush nature, turquoise sea and extensive beaches. Tropical rainforests, lush green rice fields and romantic waterfalls will ensure you soon forget your everyday worries. Enjoy the exotic landscape in whichever way you fancy. Whether you want to actively explore the beauty of Langkawi or relax to your heart's content, this idyllic setting is the perfect place to combine relaxation and adventure.

Arrives On: 12 Jan 28

Day 10: Georgetown, Penang (Malaysia)

George Town on the Malaysian island of Penang combines colonial charm with a lively, multicultural atmosphere. Founded in 1786 by Francis Light as a British trading post, the city soon developed into an important port in Southeast Asia. Still today, scenes in the old town, with its historic buildings, temples, mosques and colourful street art, reflect Malay, Chinese, Indian and European influences. All over the city, the irresistible aroma of the famous Penang cuisine, known for its variety and aromas, wafts from the traditional food stalls. George Town is easy to explore on foot or in a trishaw, a type of rickshaw, allowing you to make an authentic discovery of the history and culture of Penang.

Arrives On: 13 Jan 28

Day 11: Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

From Port Kelang, you can embark on a discovery tour of exciting Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia. KL, as the city is known, offers a fascinating blend of modernity and tradition. The majestic Petronas Twin Towers, the tallest twin towers in the world, dominate the skyline, while there are plenty of exotic discoveries to be made in the narrow streets: markets, Hindu temples and districts such as Little India and Chinatown, which reflect the diversity of Malaysian culture. Kuala Lumpur is an ideal destination for explorers looking for a combination of modern architecture and cultural heritage.

Arrives On: 14 Jan 28

Day 12: Singapore (Singapore)

Singapore combines modern glamour with deeply rooted traditions. The smallest city in Southeast Asia, whose name means “Lion City”, boasts an exciting mix of futuristic buildings, historic districts and green oases. The city’s landmark, the Merlion, stands guard over the harbour, while its skyline is dominated by the impressive Marina Bay Sands and its breathtaking SkyPark – featuring one of the most famous infinity pools in the world. Singapore is a great place for strolling along the busy Orchard Road, discovering long-standing traditions in Chinatown and experiencing the future of urban nature in the Gardens by the Bay. You can gather exciting impressions until the evening, because your ship has an overnight lay time here.

Arrives On: 15 Jan 28

Day 13: Singapore (Singapore)

Arrives On: 16 Jan 28

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