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Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.
Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Line, Ltd.

Resuming Full-scale Overseas Cruise Service
**'Mauritius Precious Cruise' aboard Nippon Maru
to Set Sail in December 2022**

TOKYO—Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd. (MOL; President & CEO: Takeshi Hashimoto) and Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Line, Ltd. (MOPAS; President: Yusuke Ueno; Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo) today introduced the “Mauritius Precious Cruise” aboard *Nippon Maru*, a 47-night and 48-day Yokohama-Mauritius round trip from December 15, 2022, to January 31, 2023.



A cruise that lets you enjoy the nature, culture, and foods of Mauritius.

MOL and MOPAS will offer a blissful cruise that allows passengers to enjoy Mauritius' natural beauty, vibrant culture, and delicious cuisine, as part of the MOL Group's commitment to restoring and conserving the nation's marine environment and contributing to local communities. The cruise also includes the farming experience program “*Nippon Maru Farm*” and opportunities to share experiences such as mangrove eco-tour with local residents.

A new world. Experience a safe, comfortable cruise experience unique to the Japanese cruise ship *Nippon Maru*.

The *Nippon Maru* marked the 30th anniversary of its launching in 2020, and has undergone a major renovation including the addition of new Ocean View Suites. Passengers of all ages can enjoy culinary masterpieces created by highly skilled chefs, using seasonal ingredients, as well as an atmosphere of hospitality unique to the *Nippon Maru*. The ship takes thorough countermeasures against the coronavirus, such as education and training of crewmembers and staff, based on the “COVID-19 Infection Preventative Measure Manual,” so passengers can enjoy a safe, comfortable, worry-free trip. Please note that the departure date, calling ports, and schedule may be changed or postponed due to COVID-19 infection status.

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[Outline of 'Mauritius Precious Cruise' aboard the *Nippon Maru*]

Departure date: Thursday, December 15, 2022

Departure port: Yokohama (Japan)

Disembarkation: Yokohama (Japan)

Calling ports: Ishigaki-jima island (Japan), Singapore, Male (Maldives), Port Louis (Mauritius), Toamasina (Madagascar)



(Cruise route)

Cruise ship: *Nippon Maru*

Schedule:

Schedule		Port name	Country
December 15	Thursday	Yokohama	Japan
December 18	Sunday	Ishigaki-jima	Japan
December 19	Monday		
December 24	Saturday	Singapore	Singapore
December 25	Sunday		
December 30	Friday	Male	Maldives
December 31	Saturday		
January 5	Thursday	Port Louis	Mauritius
January 8	Sunday		
January 10	Tuesday	Toamasina*	Madagascar
January 12	Thursday		
January 22	Sunday	Singapore	Singapore
January 23	Monday		
January 31	Tuesday	Yokohama	Japan

* First calling port

Tour costs: ¥1,810,000/adult (standard state) ~ ¥8,150,000 (grand suite)

Application: Please apply at travel agencies and Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Line Cruise Desk.

Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Line Cruise Desk

TEL: 03-5114-5280/Business hours (Monday ~ Friday) 10:30 ~ 15:00

* Date/month, calling ports, and schedule may be changed or postponed by COVID-19 infectious status.

[About the *Nippon Maru*]

The *Nippon Maru* entered service in 1990. Leveraging the MOL Group's continuous experience in cruise ship operation dating back to the Meiji Era (1868-1912), it offers world-class levels of hospitality and comfort.

The ship marked the 30th anniversary of its launching in 2020, and it has been thoroughly renovated with new features such as Ocean View Suites and concept rooms to enhance passengers' cruise experience.



(*Nippon Maru*)



(Ocean View Suite)

■ Hospitality

Treasure a once-in-a-lifetime experience with the assistance of 'Cruise Concierges'

Cruise concierges are always ready to assist passengers, greeting them with a warm smile at the entrance of the dining room, and paying special attention to those taking their first cruise, eliminating any apprehension and maximizing their enjoyment. *Concierges* provide attentive service, the hallmark of the *Nippon Maru*, so passengers can relax and feel at home while onboard.

■ Meals

Food you can experience only at sea. Impressive cuisine made with meticulously selected ingredients.

All the bounty of nature, from mountains to the deep sea, awaits *Nippon Maru* guests. Seasonal foods are loaded at every calling port and a team of 40 skilled kitchen staff, under the leadership of a top-notch executive chef, put them all together with passion and creativity evident in every dish.

Passengers can also enjoy splendid cuisine aboard the *Nippon Maru* while relaxing in calm seas.



(Photo: *Nippon Maru* signature cuisine)

Please refer to the website for details on the *Nippon Maru*.

URL : <https://www.nipponmaru.jp/>

About COVID-19 infection measures

Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Line prepared a "COVID-19 Infection Preventive Measure Management Manual" based on the infection preventive measure guidelines of the Japan Oceangoing Passenger Ship Association, providing thorough education for crewmembers and staff.

For details of measures for COVID-19 infection:

<https://www.nipponmaru.jp/infection/?msclkid=4e536924bca711ec8653a821e3c3018e>

[About the Republic of Mauritius]

The Republic of Mauritius is an island country located east of Africa, east of Madagascar, in the Southern Hemisphere. It comprises Mauritius and Rodriguez islands. The nation gained independence from the U.K. in 1968. The capital city is Port Louis. Ethnic groups include Indian, Creole, French, and Chinese. The main languages are English (common language), French, and Creole. The total land area is 2,040km² (almost the same as Tokyo). The population is 1.265 million people (2018, World Bank). Major industries include tourism, finance, sugar, and textiles in an export processing zone (EPZ). Mauritius has relied on the sugar industry for a long time, but has successfully implemented a policy of advancing and diversifying its industries. It also proactively invests in the IT industry and so on to reduce its traditional reliance on sugar, textiles, and tourism. The climate is mild throughout the year since it is close to the Equator. It has a savanna climate, with a rainy season from November to April and dry season from May through October. The average temperature during the rainy season is 28°C.

Mauritius is known its beaches, lagoons, and coral reefs. Natural wonders include tropical rainforests, waterfalls, and hiking trails in the Black River Gorges National Park, located in the mountainous inland. Wildlife such as flying foxes also inhabit the park. Port Louis, the capital city, has tourist attractions including the Champ de Mars Racecourse, Maison Eureka, which recalls the era of plantation life, and the Pamplemousses Botanical Garden, which dates to the 18th century.

