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ASIA COSPLAY FESTIVAL BACK TO REIGN ON *MARINER OF THE SEAS* NEXT FEBRUARY



Guests can catch cosplayers Miu from Korea (left) and Krystal from USA (right) onboard.

SINGAPORE, October 7, 2016 – Royal Caribbean International's *Mariner of the Seas* will be transformed into a world of cosplay fantasy once again next February, when it plays host to Asia's biggest cosplay festival at sea for the second time. "COSFEST SEA: Beyond The Great Horizons", organised by The Singapore Cosplay Club in collaboration with the cruise brand, will be on a 3-night weekend cruise from Singapore to Penang from February 17 to 20. The region's top cosplayers for the championship plus exciting cosplay entertainment and activities will be in store to spellbind fans and guests.

Stephanie Loh, President of The Singapore Cosplay Club said, "'COSFEST SEA: Beyond The Great Horizons' will be bigger and better with new cosplay activities and entertainment for folks of all ages! Everyone including young kids and their parents is invited to indulge in a moment of fantasy onboard. We want to make cosplay enjoyable for everyone, all the more on a super ship like *Mariner of the Seas*."

The biggest highlight of this theme cruise is the Asia Cosplay Meet Championship which will feature contestants from eight countries and territories such as China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, The Philippines and Thailand all vying for the top spot. For the first time as well, there will be guest contestants from outside of Asia, namely USA. This will be open for public viewing for all the guests onboard to catch the action. There is also a special preview before the competition begins. More details on the contestants will be unveiled at a later stage.

Onboard, the cosplayers will also have chances to mingle with one another and discover about different cosplay cultures. As for the guests, they are welcome to join in the mood in their own cosplay outfits.



Stephanie Snowheart (left) and Takahan (right), Producers of COSFEST SEA dressing up as Wonder Woman and Batman.

Other activities highlights open to all guests include the 'Movie Costume Museum' which will show an impressive display of costumes from many movie and animation titles and have costumes for guests to dress up their children for photo taking; the spectacular 'Cosplay Parade' along the Royal Promenade which will be filled with cosplayers dressed up as popular Anime characters; and the 'Cosplay Treasure Hunt' for participants to accomplish as many missions as possible onboard. Guests onboard will have the chance to meet some of their favourite movie characters.

The theme cruise packages are on sale at the Singapore Cosplay Club's website. The Interior Stateroom package goes for SGD 495 per person (including taxes of SGD 118) and the Ocean View Stateroom package is at SGD 567 per person (including taxes of SGD 118). Customers who purchase these packages will be entitled to a specially designed COSFEST SEA souvenir. Interested parties can visit www.sgcplayclub.org to book and get access to all COSFEST SEA private events.

Onboard Amenities and Activities

The 15-deck *Mariner of the Seas* with a total capacity of 3,807 guests, is the largest and most innovative ship based in the region, which will be returning to Singapore this month to start a new season. She offers a wide range of activities and entertainment onboard including the iconic ice-skating rink, full-sized sports court, DreamWorks Entertainment and Royal Promenade, a boulevard of boutiques and cafes that appeal to guests of all ages. Together with a series of special theme cruises lined up such as "COSFEST SEA: Beyond The Great Horizons", *Mariner of the Seas* aims to create more attraction and excitement for cruising among vacationers in Asia this coming season.

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