

## **Cruise ships visiting New Zealand**

For communities welcoming cruise ships around New Zealand, important measures are in place in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in China:

- No cruise ships have travelled directly from China to New Zealand. Many of the vessels operating in this region have been in Australasian waters for some time.
- CLIA ocean cruise lines have introduced stringent measures including pre-screening processes to determine a person's travel and contact history. They will deny boarding to anyone who may present an increa/sed risk.
- No passengers or crew are permitted to board if they have come from or visited China (including Hong Kong and Macau) in the 14 days before embarkation. These restrictions are in addition to those introduced by the New Zealand Government and other nations including Australia.
- Ships have medical facilities and medical professionals available around the clock to provide medical care in the event of illness and to prevent disease transmission.
- Cruise lines are in close consultation with health authorities around the world, including the World Health Organization, New Zealand's Ministry of Health, and regional health authorities.
- Reporting procedures are in place to ensure New Zealand authorities are aware of any relevant illness prior to a ship's arrival.
- While the quarantine operation in Japan is a difficult situation, it is being managed carefully by Japanese health authorities.
- The majority of more than 270 cruise ships globally continue to sail unaffected, including within New Zealand but with strict precautions in place.

## About Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) – One Industry, One Voice

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is the world's largest cruise industry trade association, providing a unified voice and leading authority of the global cruise community. The association covers 5 regions globally with representation in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australasia. CLIA supports policies and practices that foster a safe, secure, healthy and sustainable cruise ship environment for the more than 28 million passengers who cruise annually and is dedicated to promoting the cruise travel experience. The CLIA Community is comprised of the world's most prestigious ocean, river and specialty cruise lines; a highly trained and certified travel agent community; and cruise line suppliers and partners, including ports & destinations, ship development, suppliers and business services. The organisation's mission is to be the unified global organisation that helps the industry succeed by advocating, educating and promoting for the common interests of the cruise community. For more information, visit <u>www.cruising.org.au</u> or follow CLIA Australasia on Facebook and Twitter.