



P&O Cruises' Pacific Eden Sets Sail from Singapore

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P&O Cruises' Pacific Eden is making history in Asia this month, chalking up seven maiden calls for the Australian cruise line as part of her inaugural Singapore season.

The 1500-guest ship departed on her first cruise from Singapore on Saturday, marking the start of a month-long deployment in the region which will see her offer four roundtrip seven-night cruises visiting a range of stunning ports in Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia.

Pacific Eden's itineraries feature a series of maiden visits for P&O, commencing with the cruise line's first call to Langkawi in Malaysia today. Tomorrow (August 2) she will make P&O's maiden visit to Krabi in Thailand, followed by the cruise line's first calls to Phuket on Wednesday (August 3) and Sabang in Indonesia on Thursday (August 4).

After returning to Singapore on Saturday, Pacific Eden will sail on her second roundtrip cruise from the city which will include P&O's inaugural visits to Cambodia's Sihanoukville (August 8), and Thailand's beautiful Ko Chang (August 9) as well as the island of Koh Samui (August 11).

Her final cruise from Singapore will be a 14-night sailing to Cairns, where she will be homeported for two months, becoming the first ship to be based in the northern Queensland city.

The Singapore season follows the expansion of P&O's fleet with the addition of Pacific Eden and her sister ship Pacific Aria last November, opening the way for P&O to establish new homeports and extend its itineraries.

P&O Cruises President Sture Myrmell said the cruise line was excited to be offering so many new Asian ports to its guests.

"The seven-day itineraries mean guests can discover a fantastic collection of stunning ports throughout Asia, while enjoying all the comforts of our stylish Pacific Eden, so they really are quite special," Mr Myrmell said.

"These cruises underline one of the great benefits of cruising - the ability to easily access a range of remote destinations in one holiday, something which would be quite difficult to achieve by land or air."

Mr Myrmell said many Pacific Eden guests had combined the ship's eastern and western Asia itineraries to create a longer 14-day holiday at sea, visiting eight ports across four countries.

Pacific Eden will return to Singapore in July next year offering two seven-night roundtrip cruises priced from \$899 per person quad share.

For more information visit pocruises.com.au, or see a licensed travel agent.

About P&O Cruises

Sailing local waters for more than 80 years, P&O is Australia's only homegrown cruise line and the largest cruise operator in the region,

offering a fleet of five ships cruising year round from eight home ports in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. With a contemporary look and feel which captures the spirit of modern Australia, P&O's ships carry more than 460,000 guests a year on great value holidays. Itineraries range from short getaways and cruises exploring the Australian coast to longer holidays to the South Pacific and exotic destinations such as Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Asia. In June 2017 P&O Cruises will welcome its latest ship, Pacific Explorer, while in 2019 P&O will become the first cruise line to build a ship specifically for the local market, launching a brand new 135,500-tonne ship - the biggest cruise ship ever to be based fulltime in Australia.