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# First self-built large cruise ship caps maiden commercial trip

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China's first domestically-built large cruise ship, the Adora Magic City, has completed its seven-day maiden commercial voyage, marking a new landmark in China's cruise ship development.

The ship, carrying over 3,000 passengers from 16 countries and regions, returned to the Shanghai Wusongkou International Cruise Terminal in suburban Baoshan District on January 7.

The trip took tourists to South Korea's Jeju Island and Japan's Fukuoka and Nagasaki, with the sailing distance totaling 1,119 nautical miles.

A number of trips were arranged and a series of lectures on murals from the Mogao Grottoes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Dunhuang, northwest China's Gansu Province, and Dunhuang Grottoes culture, was delivered onboard.

Passenger Zhou Weihong said the trip

was overall pleasant. "It was a safe and warm trip," she said. "I can feel the sincere efforts behind the design of the route, catering and entertainment arrangement and cleaning work."

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Measuring 323.6 meters in length with a gross tonnage of 135,500, Adora Magic City can accommodate up to 5,246 passengers. It has 16 floors and a total of 40,000 square meters of public living and recreation space.

This one-of-a-kind cruise ship is tailor-made for the Chinese market, boasting a wide range of innovative features and amenities with authentic Chinese and international gourmet food, entertaining shows, and shopping experiences at sea with a fusion of East and West.

"We will continuously make improvements based on the feedback of tourists," said Yang Guobing, chairman of China

Cruise Technology Development Co Ltd and Adora Cruises.

"We plan to launch medium- and long-distance routes in the future based on market response to provide more splendid cruise vacations for guests."

Partnering with China Duty Free Group to offer the largest duty-free retail space at sea, the ship features a trendy and state-of-the-art shopping center, over approximately 2,000 square meters.

It also features an array of facilities for kids and teens, including a water park with three slides across four decks, and a 360-degree sea view rope garden.

In partnership with Dunhuang Academy, the ship showcases 16 classic murals of the Dunhuang Grottoes at the Art Gallery onboard.

The ship also has the first live comedy theater at sea in conjunction with Mahua FunAge, a prominent Chinese comedy film and stage play production firm.