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NORWEGIAN JEWEL RETURNS TO BRUNEI, CONTINUING CRUISE TOURISM SUCCESS

- 1. Bandar Seri Begawan, 26th November 2023 The Norwegian Jewel cruise ship made a return to the Cruise Ship Centre, Muara Port today. The highly anticipated arrival follows the maiden call earlier this 6th November, underlining the growing significance of Brunei Darussalam in the global cruise tourism circuit.
- 2. The Norwegian Jewel, originating its cruise in Thailand and docking at the Sultanate carries a total of 2,403 passengers and 1,035 crew members. The tourists were provided with opportunities to embark tour packages to explore the country's famous landmarks including the Royal Regalia Museum; the Jame' Asr Mosque; the Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Mosque and the Istana Nurul Iman; indulge in the diverse selection of local foods and beverages offerings as well as acquire traditional Bruneian souvenirs.
- **3.** Jam Villensteen, a passenger from Denmark, said that he looked forward to meeting and talking with the locals, remarking that the people he has met so far are warm and friendly. Angel Cabrera from Tustin, California, praised the beauty of the traditional Bruneian attire, and Susan Paras from Ilinois expressed an interest in the history of Brunei's oil and gas industry.
- **4.** Brunei Darussalam is set to welcome one more cruise ship this year, with another Norwegian Jewel cruise scheduled to sail into Brunei waters on the 4th of December 2023. This will be the last cruise ship to arrive in Brunei this year.

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