**CRUISE TOURISM**

 The Cruise Shipping Policy of the Ministry of Shipping was approved by the Government of India on 26th June, 2008. A Steering Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary (Shipping) that would act as a nodal body to address all issues regarding Cruise Tourism. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism is the Member Secretary of this Committee.

**Objectives of the policy**

* To make India as an attractive cruise tourism destination with the state-of-the-art infrastructural and other facilities at various parts in the country
* To attract the right segment of the foreign tourists to cruise shipping in India
* To popularize cruise shipping with Indian tourists.

**CRUISE OPERATORS IN INDIA**

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| **Name of the Cruise Operator**  | **Cruise Vessel Names**  |
| **Heritage River Journeys Pvt Ltd** | **M.V.Ganges,** **M.V.Ganges Voyager II, RV Bengal Ganga(NW1)**  |
| **The Far Horizons Tours Pvt Ltd** | **M.V.Mahabaahu (NW2),****R.V.Vaikundam(NW3)** **R.V.Sauver Nigam (NW3)** |
| **The Assam Bengal Navigation Co.,** | **ABN Rajamahal (NW1)** **ABN Sukapa(NW1)** **ABN Charaidew (NW2)** |
| **The Brahmaputra Cruise Pvt Ltd** | **Alfresco Grand (NW2),****M.V.Manashputra (NW2)****Brahmaputra Cruises (NW2)**  |
| **VIVADA Inland Waterways** | **M.V.Millennium, M.V.Paramhamsa (NW1) M.V.Mastyakanya,M.V.Naharkatia, M.V.Jaladuta** |