

New options in Norwegian fjords

Norway is the first cruise-tour holiday on offer from Discover The World.

REGARDED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST beautiful cruising destinations, the Norwegian coastline is now more accessible through a new range of "hassle-free 'snap-on' modules" for European holidays.

The Discover Norway range is Discover The World's first venture into cruise-tour packages, in conjunction with the region's cruising specialist, Hurtigruten.

The initial three options include a 14-day 'Spectacular Norway' tour combining rail, road and sea, roundtrip from Oslo.

Fjords, mountains and waterfalls act as a backdrop for the entire cruise, and on land, travellers explore historic towns and the scenic railway of Flam.

'The Taste of Spectacular Norway' cruise-tour condenses this itinerary into nine days, with seven days aboard Hurtigruten.

Tours depart daily and prices start at \$2,306 per person, twin-share for selected 2011/2012 departures.

'Land of Fjords' takes guests aboard Hurtigruten's Classic Voyage South, followed by a farm stay in Findebotten, with guided hiking, fishing, canoeing, and berry and mushroom picking.

Available between June and September 2011, prices start at \$4,626 per person, twin-share.

'Winter Wilderness' includes a six-day cruise, two nights in Hanseatic Bergen, one night in a mountain lodge, a "snowmobile safari" and dog-sledding.

Tours depart between January and March 2012, priced from \$5,234 per person, twin-share.

"Norway is one of those destinations that is perhaps on a traveller's itinerary for their second holiday to Europe, even though it's as close a destination from most major European airline hubs, and perhaps promises some of the finest and most extraordinary natural sightseeing and a fascinating history," said Roger Condon, sales manager, Discover The World.

For details, call 1800 623 267 or see your travel agent. 🌐



Hurtigruten cruising in Norway

SuperStar upgrade offer!

STAR CRUISES IS OFFERING ULTIMATE UPGRADES ON selected three-, five- and seven-night Ho Chi Minh sailings onboard *SuperStar Virgo*; as well as discounted three-, seven- and eight-night Penang/Phuket/Krabi cruise packages onboard *SuperStar Libra* which are priced from \$452 per person.

For details see **p6** and **p7** of today's **CW**. 🌐

TODAY'S CRUISE WEEKLY

Welcome to today's consumer issue of **Cruise Weekly**, featuring four pages of cruise news and photos, plus a full page from Harvey World Travel Garden City on page 5 and two full pages from Star Cruises on page 6 and page 7.

Get onboard with Healy

AUSSIE CRICKETING LEGEND IAN HEALY IS INVITING cruisers to join him onboard a specially chartered 15-day European river cruise which departs Amsterdam to Budapest on 01 August this year.

The voyage is only available to book via Harvey World Travel Garden City, and is priced from \$9,980pp - including return airfares with Emirates, the 15-day Magnificent Europe voyage, all meals and sightseeing and a free night's accommodation in Dubai when flying between Australia and Europe in both directions - see **page five** for full details. 🌐



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BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	Wed 01 Jun
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	Sat 04 Jun
AUCKLAND	
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	Thu 05 Jun

Cruises offer escape from winter

As Australia's southern states feel the chill, it's time to book a voyage in the northern hemisphere.

THE COLD, WET WEATHER AND STRONG AUSSIE dollar are prompting travel agencies to create last-minute cruise packages to warmer destinations.

Creative Cruising (www.creativecruising.com.au) has cut 25%-35% off selected Star Clipper cruises throughout 2011 and 2012.

For a family holiday next month, an 11-night Eastern Mediterranean cruise is priced from \$4,319 per person, with children's fares 50% off.

Departing Venice on 27 July, the 170-passenger tall ship visits Mykonos, Santorini, Yithion and Corfu in Greece; Kotor in Montenegro; Dubrovnik, Korcula, Hvar and Mali Losinj in Croatia; and ends in Athens.

There are two days left to save 40% on [ecruising's](http://ecruising.com) 'Magnificent Europe' holiday with return flights and a 14-night river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam aboard the new *Avalon Panorama*.

Priced from \$7,769 per person twin-share, the package includes a night at the Swissotel Amsterdam, with departures on 29

June and 27 July.

Planning ahead for next April, ecruising.travel also has a 23-night South American trip including a cruise of the Galapagos Islands on a private yacht, sightseeing in Chile, Peru and Ecuador, a train journey to Machu Picchu and a stay in the Amazon rainforest.

Book before the end of June on 1300 369 848 or see www.ecruising.travel.

SeaDream I leaves land

AFTER A MONUMENTAL 20 DAY STINT IN DRYDOCK, *SeaDream I* has returned to the deep blue, kicking-off her 2011 Baltic, Northern Europe and Mediterranean season with an 11-night voyage from Hamburg, Germany to Bergen, Norway on 28 May.

During her stay in drydock all of her 56 onboard staterooms were re-wallpapered, whilst woodwork was also sanded and revarnished and new carpeting was laid in all public areas.

CW River Cruise Guide

CRUISE WEEKLY SUBSCRIBERS WILL TODAY RECEIVE an emailed copy of our new River Cruise Guide, giving an overview of the major river cruise operators marketing their products in the Australasian market.

To view the guide [CLICK HERE](#).

Scenic cruising in France

PICTURESQUE VILLAGES, MEDIEVAL CASTLES AND gastronomic delights are on the menu for Scenic Tours, with the launch of a new 10-day French river cruise itinerary from Chalon-sur-Saône to Arles aboard the *ms Symphony*.

The voyage is priced from \$5,595pp including flights, an overnight stay in Paris pre-cruise, cruise and all sightseeing tours.

See your travel agent for details.

AUSTRALIA & THE INDONESIAN ISLANDS

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SYDNEY TO SINGAPORE
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Cruise from Sydney to Singapore and along the way discover all that the tropical Queensland has on offer. Darwin is the gateway to the untouched wilderness of UNESCO listed Kakadu National Park while Singapore a melting pot of cultures offers some of the most intriguing cuisine in the world.

Includes airport/ship transfers, meals, entertainment, port taxes, fuel supplement, government fees & gratuities.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

Voyages of Discovery

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www.voyagesofdiscovery.net.au

Carnival treats Australian and NZ defence personnel



Men and women of the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces are set to have a little more onboard cruise cash following the launch of a new initiative from Carnival Australia.

Designed to pay tribute to members of the armed forces, under the scheme all current, discharged and retired members of the Australian and NZ Defence Forces (including the Royal Australian Navy, Air Force and Army) will be given onboard credit of up to \$250 when booking a cruise

with P&O Cruises Australia, Princess Cruises or Cunard (represented in Australia by Carnival).

"We think it's a great way of acknowledging the men and women who give so much for their countries," said Carnival Australia Senior Vice President Jenny Lourey.

Current and ex-service personnel who wish to take advantage of the free credit simply need to provide documentation demonstrating their service in either the Australian or New Zealand Defence Forces at the time of booking.

See your travel agent for more details.



\$ Last Minute Deals

THIS WEEKLY COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS HOT DEALS ON cruises departing in the next 90 days – ideal for our spontaneous readers.

14 nights – Sydney roundtrip onboard *Pacific Jewel*

- Departs: 26 Aug 2011
- From: \$1,369pp twin share
- Stops at Isle of Pines, Mystery Island, Vila, Port Denarau, Suva, Dravuni Island; and Noumea
- Includes all meals onboard, shipboard facilities and entertainment
- See www.esecruising.com.au

Athena's new voyage

CLASSIC INTERNATIONAL CRUISES HAS RELEASED A new 36-night line voyage for *Athena* in November 2012.

The voyage departs Rome on 12 November for Australian waters, and features three new ports- Livorno, Italy; Kotor, Montenegro and Split, Croatia, as well as 25 days at sea.

The voyage is the first cruise to go on sale for *Athena's* 2012/13 Australian season.

See www.classicintcruises.com.

Hapag-Lloyd online

HAPAG-LLOYD CRUISES HAS LAUNCHED ITS FIRST ever online brochure, allowing cruisers to peruse its pages from their personal (or work) computers.

The online brochure features the 2012-13 season for *Ms Europa*, *Ms Hanseatic* and *Ms Bremen*.

To view the brochure [CLICK HERE](#).

Winter heralds whales

WIPE AWAY THOSE WINTER WOES WITH A spectacular Port Nelson whale watching cruise package from Imagine Cruises and Nelson Resort.

Priced from \$180 for two people twin share, and valid until the end of winter, the package includes an overnight stay in a newly renovated Bayview King Deluxe room at the Nelson Resort in Nelson Bay, as well as a whale watching cruise with Imagine Cruises (normally \$120 for two people), and a post-cruise drink at Nelson Bay's Maverick's on the Bay Restaurant and Bar.

The deal is valid for mid-week and weekend bookings (excepting the June long weekend and July school holidays).

See www.nelsonresort.com.au.



SAILING BY SCHOONER: BEER CRUISES

by Louise Goldsbury

Food and wine themed cruises are offered all over the world – but what about beer? After all, a schooner is both a beer glass and a type of sailing ship!

The good news is that cruise lines are starting to add more options for lovers of lager, ale and stout, from the selection on tap to brewery tours on land.

But don't expect a booze cruise – these selections are for the social drinker or connoisseur.

Radiance of the Seas

By the time Royal Caribbean introduces this revamped ship to Australia in October, it will be fitted out with a new English-styled pub called the Quill and Compass.

Celebrity Silhouette

The July debut of *Celebrity Silhouette* will see a bar dedicated to craft beers.

Featured brewers are expected to include Belgium's Chimay and Duval, England's Samuel Smith and many more.

Celebrity Cruises is also rumoured to be planning a new range of beer-related activities, on top of its annual Oktoberfest parties with German music and steins of Fransizkaner.

Cunard

Queen Mary 2, *Queen Elizabeth* and *Queen Victoria* each have an authentic-looking British pub called the Golden Lion, with Guinness, Boddingtons and Bass Ale on tap.

Bottled beers include Old Speckled Hen and Spitfire Real Ale, which can be ordered alongside fish and chips or bangers and mash.

River cruises

Regional beers can often be purchased on the Danube or Rhine.

For example, Uniworld cruises usually include a meal where German beers are served with bratwurst, sauerkraut and pretzels.

On sailings via Regensburg, Avalon Waterways has a tour of Weltenburg Abbey where monks have been brewing beer since 1050.

On cruises through Bamberg, Scenic Tours has a shore excursion to Klosterbräu Brewery.

APT's Scandinavian cruises offer the chance to visit the Carlsberg brewery in Copenhagen.

Pacific Sun

To check out a local brewery, P&O's WA cruises via Broome have an optional trip to Matso's, home of award-winners such as Smokey Bishop Dark Lager and Monsoonal Blonde Spiced Wheat Beer.

Allure of the Seas

For sheer number of places to grab a cold one at sea, you can't beat the world's biggest ship.

Among the dozens of drinking venues is the Bow & Stern, which has a whopping 38 choices.

They also concoct various beer cocktails such as Corona with Bloody Mary mix and lime juice.

But you will have to fly to Florida to try it.

Oktoberfest cruises

For the ultimate beer cruise, spaces are still available on 'Europe Zest and Oktoberfest', departing from Australia on 2 September 2011.

Priced from \$5799 per person, the 17-night package includes return airfares; a 12-night cruise from Spain to Germany via Monaco, Italy and Croatia; all meals and entertainment aboard *Carnival Magic*; accommodation in Barcelona; and three nights in a Munich hotel during Oktoberfest.

For details, contact your friendly travel agent.



The Dawn of world voyage

LAST WEEK DAWN PRINCESS SET SAIL FROM SYDNEY for her annual 104-night world voyage, with an impressive 900 of her 1,900 passengers signed up to undertake the full voyage.

To send her off in style, Princess Cruises enlisted the help of 45 members of Danebank Anglican School for Girls' band (three of which are pictured right).



Maasdam's Excellence

WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED ONBOARD HOLLAND America Line's Ms Maasdam, the fifth ship in HAL's fleet to undergo a multimillion-dollar Signature of Excellence makeover.

As part of her stem-to-stern drydock in the Bahamas (which commenced in April this year) Ms Maasdam received new stateroom furnishings and bathroom upgrades; was fitted with a new Canaletto Italian eatery; a Showroom at Sea; and a new lounge called Mix, a multi-themed area which combines three separate bars: Martinis, Champagne and Spirits & Ales.

In addition Ms Maasdam was decked out with twenty-nine new Lanai staterooms, whilst 16 staterooms across Verandah Suite, Outside and Inside categories were converted into Spa Staterooms.

It's a dogs life onboard

25 FURRY 'GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND' graduates and their owners recently took a tour of Princess Cruises' Sea Princess, as part of the cruise line's bid to demonstrate how it can accommodate visually impaired travellers and their canine companions.

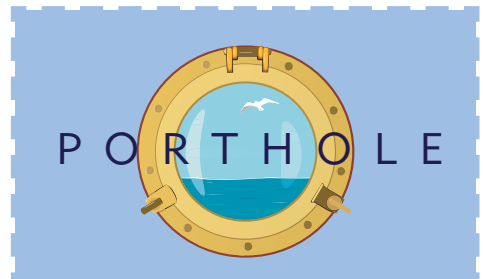
As part of the day's proceedings the group and their well behaved pooches enjoyed a ship tour followed by lunch in the main dining room, where they learned about Sea Princess' specially translated menus for the visually impaired, as well as its reserved seating in the Princess Theatre with room for both the guest and their guide dog.

For dogs, the group learned that Sea Princess offers special life jackets, bowls of water in the dining room and relieving boxes with cedar chips.

"These dogs are canine heroes," said Princess Cruises' Brian Rademacher.



A guide dog warming up to life at sea



THE POWER OF NATURE.

Yesterday locals at Avoca Beach on the NSW central coast were treated to a rare viewing of a sea twister.

Created when rapidly rotating columns of air form underneath cloud coverage and cause air pressure and temperature to drop to create spinning cylinders of condensation, waterspouts are rarely seen on the NSW central coast - except for yesterday, when four mighty tornados were spotted by passers-by.

The sea twister - something to shout about...



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