

# CRUISE

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## Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

## Reed in liquidation

**TOUR** and cruising company Reed Holidays has been placed in liquidation and tours halted for its three brands, Young at Heart Holidays, Seniors Coach Tours and Australian Air Holidays.

Insolvency firm Cor Cordis confirmed it had been appointed liquidators to the Melbourne-based firm and that it was working to analyse the financial situation of the business.

Current tours in the NT and Qld have been halted and departures scheduled for Thu cancelled, with about 72 people affected.

Those impacted can phone 03 9875 1404 for information.

AFTA confirmed it had taken action to terminate Reed Holidays' ATAS accreditation.

## Garden Island move?

**DEFENCE** contractor Thales Australia is expanding its operations in Newcastle prior to the NSW Governments' release of a solution to the cruise infrastructure crisis in Sydney Harbour, promised by the end of 2017 (**CW** 10 Aug).

Garden Island has been pinpointed as the most likely site for new cruise facilities (**CW** 11 Jul), but the space is currently shared by Thales Australia and the Australian Navy.

Thales leases approximately 50% of the Garden Island site from the Commonwealth Government and extended its lease for the space by five years when its previous contract expired on 30 Jun 2013.

"With assistance from the NSW Government, Thales has recently announced an initial A\$6 million investment to reactivate the Port of Newcastle as a

marine sustainment precinct," a spokesperson for the company told **Cruise Weekly**.

The company would not confirm whether the Newcastle expansion was linked to the potential for additional cruise facilities at Garden Island.

## Ponant 2018/19 prog

**PONANT'S** Latin America and Caribbean program for Oct 2018-Apr 2019 has been unveiled, featuring a range of 21 sailings to 26 countries, including 10 expedition voyages.

Itineraries range from seven to 16 nights in length, plus three Grand Voyages up to 59 nights and are on *Le Boreal*, *L'Austral*, *Le Soled*, the new explorer class ship, *Le Champlain*, and Ponant's three-masted yacht, *Le Ponant*.

To read the online version of the brochure, **CLICK HERE**.

## Regent Atlas '20 brox

**REGENT** Seven Seas Cruises has released its new Atlas brochure (**pictured**) for Australian and New Zealand travel agents detailing sailings from Jan 2018-Jun 2020.

The collection packs in over 110 itineraries sailing to 460 destinations with several maiden ports of call - including Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; Ishigaki, Japan & Husavik, Iceland.

Lisa Pile, vp sales, Australia & NZ for Regent said the Atlas brochure was always in demand with agents due to its layout and high visual appeal.

"Serving as an easy reference tool with a fold-out voyage

calendar, these Atlas brochures demonstrate our commitment to helping travel partners offer the best services to their clients," Pile said.

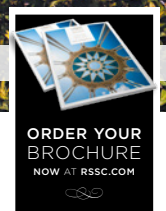


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Learn what's on the horizon for river cruising in 2018 in the August issue of *travelBulletin*.

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## Celeb sleep program

A **WELLNESS** program focussed on the importance of sleep called "Mindful Dreams" is being introduced by Celebrity Cruises.

Offered in partnership with Canyon Ranch SpaClub, the offering includes new treatments, products and sleeping aids, along with nutrition advice, access to lectures and instructional classes.

Mindful Dreams will debut on *Celebrity Equinox* and *Celebrity Summit* this month and roll out fleet wide throughout Sep.

## Royal ambassador

**ROYAL** Caribbean International has named actress Shay Mitchell as its Adventure Ambassador.

Mitchell will share her experiences and will work with RCI to develop a series of destination experiences.



This week's port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia.

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	25 Aug
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	26 Aug
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	28 Aug
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	24 Aug
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	26 Aug
<i>Sun Princess</i>	27 Aug
CAIRNS	
<i>Sun Princess</i>	23 Aug
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	24 Aug
DARWIN	
<i>Coral Expeditions 1</i>	24 Aug

## Crystal Bach's christening



**CRYSTAL** River Cruises christened its first newbuild river ship, *Crystal Bach*, over the weekend in Rudesheim, Germany.

German opera star Anna-Maria Kaufmann christened the vessel with the traditional blessing and champagne breaking, and also performed Johann Sebastian Bach's "Air."

"The fact that she is Crystal's first-ever new build river ship means that we had the opportunity to go beyond the best and create a luxury river cruise experience that is truly unprecedented," said Edie

Rodriguez, Crystal's ceo and pres. "She is the first – and, until her sisters join her – the only all-balcony, all-suite river ship."

**Pictured** are: Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Genting Hong Kong chairman and ceo; Anna-Maria Kaufmann, *Crystal Bach* godmother; Edie Rodriguez, Crystal ceo and president and Colin Au, Genting Hong Kong Group president.

## Oceania dining exp

**OCEANIA** Cruises has unveiled a seven-course dining experience called La Cuisine Bourgeoise on *Marina* and *Riviera*.

The line's executive culinary director, chef Jacques Pepin, has designed the meal to celebrate "rituals of the table and sharing a meal with friends".

This offering is limited to 24 pax and reservations are required.

## SeaLink T'ville port

**SEALINK** is working with Port of Townsville Limited and developer, Honeycombe Property Group to build a new marine tourism precinct and integrated coach and ferry terminal.

If given the green light by the Qld Government, the facility (render **pictured**) will also offer accommodation and public space.



## Allure to be docked

**ROYAL** Caribbean International has scheduled a drydock for *Allure of the Seas* in Jan for "standard maintenance work".

The move follows the ship reportedly suffering issues with its propulsion system which has seen its speed affected.

Five port calls by *Allure* to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands have been cancelled between Sep and Jan 2018 as a result, the Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) confirmed in a statement.

VIPA exec director David Mapp said the mechanical issue would affect the tourism industry, and that he would meet with RCCL to discuss additional visits in the future to offset missed calls.

Port calls to St. Thomas have been shifted to San Juan, Puerto Rico as a result of the propulsion issues on *Allure of the Seas* and *St Kitts* in the Bahamas has also been affected.



**WHILE** millions of Americans watched the total solar eclipse from land, a few thousand were lucky to watch the eclipse on board *Oasis of the Seas*.

Passengers were also treated to a duet of "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler and American band DNCE, which features Joe Jonas.

Tyler performed the 1983 pop classic as *Oasis* sailed towards its viewing point, where guests enjoyed a full 100% eclipse off the US east coast.

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