

Cruise Weekly today

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

Princess Alaska 50

PRINCESS Cruises has announced the deployment of *Royal Princess* to Alaska on her maiden voyage in 2019, marking 50 years of Alaskan cruises by the line.

The 141,000 ton ship will be the largest Princess vessel to sail Alaskan waters and will arrive at a time when the number of Australians cruising in the region is up 25%.

“Last year a record number of Australians cruised to Alaska and Princess was the number one cruise line,” said Princess Cruises vice president Australia & New Zealand Stuart Allison. “*Royal Princess*’ deployment marks an even greater capacity, and this reflects the high interest in fly-cruise to Alaska from Australian and New Zealand guests.”

MEANWHILE, *Sea Princess* arrived in Brisbane on Sun following a 16-day refurbishment in Singapore.

The latest ship in the Princess fleet to be based in Brisbane, *Sea Princess* will make 12 roundtrip cruises to NZ and Qld over the 2017/18 summer.

Princess has also announced its fourth Royal-class ship will be named *Sky Princess*.

Myrmell takes the helm at Carnival

NEWLY appointed president of Carnival Australia Sture Myrmell has taken charge of the country’s biggest cruise operations while celebrating a personal landmark.

The former head of P&O Australia has marked 10 years’ service in this market, just days after stepping into the role previously held by long-standing cruise chief Ann Sherry.

Myrmell was named president on Fri, taking on an expanded role across all seven of the Carnival Australia brands.

He takes the place of Sherry, who stepped back earlier this year to fill the part-time position of executive chairman where she continues her role advocating on industry issues.

Myrmell was previously president of P&O Cruises Australia and will now be responsible for sister lines and Carnival’s shared services group which supports the cruise brands



in this market.

The role is effective immediately and he will report to Jan Swartz, group president Princess Cruises and Carnival Australia.

“Sture has done an outstanding job as president of P&O Cruises Australia ensuring the brand reflects the energy of modern Australia, and this most recent appointment reinforces the strength of the local environment and Carnival Corporation and plc’s commitment to the region,”

Swartz said.

Yesterday Myrmell was honoured for his 10 years at P&O Cruises Australia with a length-of-service ceremony at Carnival’s head office in Sydney, where he was presented with a certificate by Sherry (pictured).

Myrmell has spent almost 25 years with Carnival Corporation and plc, including 15 years in California with Princess Cruises and in Florida with Cunard Line and Seabourn.

Ovation set for her latest Sydney season

ROYAL Caribbean’s *Ovation of the Seas* will return to Sydney on Thu, marking the start of her second season in the harbour city.

Having made her way from Singapore via Fremantle, Adelaide and Hobart (CW 23 Nov), *Ovation* will home port in Sydney for a longer season this year and will help mark Royal Caribbean’s 10th season operating in Australian waters.

At 348 metres long, 18 decks high and weighing 168,666 tons, *Ovation of the Seas* is the world’s equal-fourth largest cruise ship and the largest cruise ship to ever sail in Australia, with capacity for 5,000 guests and 1,500 crew.

Ovation is due to arrive in Sydney at 6.30am carrying 4,800 guests and will depart at 6.30pm for a 10-night New Zealand cruise.

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Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY

<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	05 Dec
<i>Silver Shadow</i>	05 Dec
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	06 Dec
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	07 Dec
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	07 Dec
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	09 Dec
<i>Sun Princess</i>	09 Dec
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	10 Dec
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	11 Dec
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	11 Dec

MELBOURNE

<i>Silver Shadow</i>	07 Dec
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	07 Dec
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	09 Dec
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	11 Dec

BRISBANE

<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	07 Dec
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	08 Dec
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	09 Dec
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	09 Dec

CAIRNS

<i>L'Austral</i>	08 Dec
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	11 Dec

DARWIN

<i>Diamond Princess</i>	05 Dec
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FREMANTLE

<i>Astor</i>	08 Dec
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ADELAIDE

<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	06 Dec
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HOBART

<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	05 Dec
<i>Silver Shadow</i>	09 Dec

AUCKLAND

<i>Sun Princess</i>	05 Dec
<i>Noordam</i>	05 Dec
<i>Regatta</i>	06 Dec
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	09 Dec
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	11 Dec

Agents set sail with MSC



TWELVE agents from Infinity, Flight Centre, Escape Travel and Cruiseabout inspected the *MSC Meraviglia* last month before finding themselves on a four-night European cruise on board the *MSC Fantasia*.

The group sampled many of the creature comforts offered during their inspection of the ship, including dining at the Jean-Philippe Chocolate and Coffee Shop, taking in some viewing on the longest LED skyscreen at sea and checking out Sportslex, featuring a 4D cinema.

Once setting sail on their cruise, the group stopped off at Marseille, where they took in the sights of Aix-en-Provence and Avignon.

Another port of call was Barcelona, taking in the charms of the Gothic Quarter and touring La Sagrada Familia and La Rambla.

Outside of the land tours, agents also enjoyed the facilities of *MSC Fantasia*, including the exclusive Yacht Club area, the F1 Simulator & Liquid Disco Bar and dinners at Il Cerchio D'Oro Restaurant.

Pictured are the agents preparing to board the *MSC Fantasia* with Angelo Stoitsis, business development executive for MSC Cruises.

Carnival to name new ship *Panorama*

CARNIVAL Cruise Line will name its newest ship *Carnival Panorama* when it makes its debut in the northern autumn of 2019.

The 133,500 ton ship is the third in the line's successful Vista-class series, which are all named to reflect the connection between the vessels and the sea.

The latest Vista ship will have capacity for 3,954 passengers, making it the largest in its fleet alongside its two Vista class siblings.

Homeport and itinerary details, along with other new features of the ship, will be announced at a later date.

CLIA awards open

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia is reminding travel agents to submit their nominations for the 17th Cruise Industry Awards before they close on Fri 22 Dec.

Member agents can submit nominations online for Agent Promotion of the Year Australia/New Zealand, Network Promotion of the Year (Australasia) and Plan a Cruise Month Agency Award (Australasia) - **CLICK** for more.



A CAMERA left on a beach in Yorkshire, England (pictured below) has been found washed up on a remote island 800 kilometres away – with video recordings intact.

The discovery was made on the remote German island of Suderoog by two coastal protection officers who are the sole regular inhabitants.

One of the clips contains two children playing and ends when the camera is apparently left behind on a rock and swept out to sea by the rising tide.

The two coastal officers are hoping to reunite the camera with its rightful owners by Christmas time.



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