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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus full pages from:

- CruiseAgents
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Windstar Collector

WINDSTAR Cruises has introduced a new series of back-to-back, in-depth cruises called Star Collector Voyages.

Itineraries range from 14 to 34 days in length and combine the line's most popular itineraries for a longer exploration of the region with few repeated ports.

Itineraries include the 34-day Arabia & Ancient Spice Routes - Athens to Singapore, 28-day The Best of China, Korea & Japan - Singapore to Beijing and 14-day Classic Caribbean Havens & Harbors - Philipsburg to Colon.

For more information on the collection, [CLICK HERE](#).

Disney orders 7th ship

DISNEY Cruise Line has ordered another ship, to be delivered in 2022, between its next two ships ordered last year for debut in 2021 and 2023.

The vessel will be Disney Cruise Line's seventh ship and be built at the same shipyard as the other newbuilds, the Meyer Werft facility in Germany.

"We decided two ships wouldn't be enough to hold all of the exciting new experiences we have been dreaming up to take family cruise vacations to a whole new level with immersive Disney storytelling, world-class family entertainment, and imaginative innovations that are fantastically fun and uniquely Disney," Bob Chapek, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts said.

"By the time all three new ships are sailing, we'll have nearly doubled the size of our existing fleet," he explained.

All three 1,250-stateroom ships are promised to "have their own unique experiences" and ship names, design plans & itineraries are still in development.

They will be powered by clean-burning liquefied natural gas and be the same size – approximately 135,000 gross tonnes.

Disney has promised the new ships will "usher in the next generation of innovative cruise experiences designed especially for families that will transform the art-of-cruising and take guests on adventures in a way never dreamed of before".

Independence reno

ROYAL Caribbean Int'l's *Independence of the Seas* will undergo a refurb in Apr 2018 & be fitted with new features including a trampoline park, water slides, escape rooms and laser tag.

Regent 2020 cruise

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has unveiled its 2020 Navigate the World cruise, which will be on the 700-pax *Seven Seas Mariner*.

The 131-night itinerary will take in 30 countries, visiting the South Pacific, India, the Arabian Peninsula, Mediterranean, Caribbean and Central America.

Six Australian ports feature in the voyage, including two overnights in Sydney and stops at Brisbane, Airlie Beach, Cairns, Cooktown and Darwin.

The cruise includes a total of 66 ports, up to 330 shore excursions and will begin with a pre-cruise gala dinner event in San Francisco.

Mariner will take over the world voyage from *Seven Seas Navigator*, which is scheduled to operate the 2018 & 2019 cruise.

Passengers can either embark roundtrip from Miami on 06 Jan or from San Francisco on 24 Jan. Bookings open 21 Jul.

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Tempo's new range

TEMPO Holidays has launched a new product called Signature Range which it hopes would become its "go-to product".

The collection of packages is focussed on experience-rich product and includes land & cruise and land-only options in destinations including Europe and the UK, Latin America and the Indian subcontinent.

Tempo Holidays is promoting the collection as offering comprehensive inclusions, key points of difference, minimum four-star accommodation and special and unique highlights.

Among the new additions is the 11-day Signature Zagreb to Dubrovnik with Cruise, which includes seven nights on a luxury mini cruiser and is priced from \$5,300 per person.

There's also the 13-day Signature Venice to Split with Cruise, including seven nights sailing the Croatian coast to Split, priced from 3,820pp.

One Ocean fly/cruises

FLY/CRUISES have been added to One Ocean Expeditions' 2018/19 Antarctic season.

The move opens up the choice of start and end points in South America, plus the option to sail across the Southern Ocean or to fly for more time in Antarctica.

OOE's md, Andrew Prossin said the new addition was in response to an increased demand to expand the gateways to Punta Arenas, Chile; King George Island, Antarctica & Ushuaia, Argentina.

More departure dates have been added for Falkland Islands, South Georgia & Antarctica cruises in the program and a choice of a 14-night or a 16-night itinerary are now available on South Georgia in Depth cruises.

An early booking incentive is on offer for the 2018/19 season of US\$1,500pp travel credit for Oct, Nov and Mar departures, and US\$1,000pp credit for Dec, Jan and Feb dep for bookings confirmed & deposited by 02 Oct.

APT shows off the Med



APT recently treated 15 of its standout agents to a small ship cruise in the Mediterranean from Mykonos to Barcelona.

Sailing on the 110-pax *Island Sky*, guests enjoyed a jam-packed itinerary, with highlights including sailing the tight squeeze of the Corinth Canal & visits to Olympia, Valletta and Bosa in Sardinia.

Pictured enjoying an alfresco lunch whilst cruising the Corinth Canal are: Jenny Reeves, Phil Hoffmann Hyde Park; Angela Kaluzy, Skilled Travel; Ruth Keith, RACT Travel Launceston; Amy Jennings, Flight Centre Eastland; Alyce Tweddle, Helloworld Travel Mackay and Debbie Bond, Our Vacation Centre.

NCL wine cruises

DETAILS of Norwegian Cruise Line's 2017/18 Meet the Wine Maker cruises have been unveiled.

Founder of the Michael Mondavi Family Estate, Michael Mondavi, Bill Whiting, director of wine education at Banfi Vintners and TV chef and ambassador for Terrazas de los Andes wines, Aaron Sanchez are among the lineup for the five departures on *Norwegian Dawn* and *Escape*.

Guests on the special sailings will have several opportunities to engage with the winemakers, including Q&A sessions, a wine tasting and educational seminar and an exclusive wine dinner.

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Brochure Spotlight

Sea Cloud Cruises - 2018



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THE 2018 Sea Cloud Cruises brochure details a number of itineraries and special cruises on board its two ships *Sea Cloud* and *Sea Cloud II*. Highlights in 2018 include taster cruises for those after a short break as well as 'Sailing Together' where both ships sail side by side.

The 130-page brochure features a number of niche cruises from a gastronomy tour of Northern Spain to a cycling trip between Great Britain and Bilbao.

The Sea Cloud catalogue details the latest on board offerings from food to activities to keep guests entertained at sea.

Virgo's Golden route

STAR Cruises' SuperStar Virgo has completed its maiden Golden Sea Route voyage from Shanghai. The eight-day cruise featured port calls at Osaka, Tokyo, Kagoshima and more.

SuperStar Virgo will sail the same itinerary 20 times between now and 30 Nov.

MSC half price cruise

MSC Cruises is offering 50% off the second passenger on bookings for a cruise on the Mediterranean over the northern winter period of Nov to Mar.

Children under 12 will also be able to sail free.

For details, **CLICK HERE**.

RCL AirWaves trial

RCL Cruises is trialling a new booking platform, AirWaves, with 350 British and Irish travel agents.

AirWaves allows agents to book fly/cruise packages with greater ease, flexibility and security.

A spokesperson told **Cruise Weekly** there were no plans to trial the product in Australia.

CCC Fiji Wedding pkg

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises Fiji is offering a new Tivua Wedding Island Package for those wanting to get married on their own private island.

Prices start at \$4,710 for the seven-hour package, which includes 30 guests, a ceremony and a reception on the island.

Call 02 9126 8160 for more info.

WBT shore power a no go

THE NSW Govt has ruled out providing shore-to-ship power at Sydney's White Bay Cruise Terminal as a means to mitigate air emissions from cruise ships.

The decision follows a study led by the Port Authority of NSW into the feasibility, cost and emissions associated with shore power which found installation would cost \$36m and emissions benefits would be minimal.

Currently only 25% of all ships calling into the terminal are shore power capable and it would cost an additional \$27m to retrofit the vessels for the technology.

NSW Maritime Minister Melinda Pavey noted since the introduction of low sulphur requirements in Oct 2015 at WBT, emissions of sulfur oxides had reduced by 87%, and particulate matter had reduced 69%.

The Port Authority of NSW said it supported the government's decision, noting it would continue to work with stakeholders to

address community concerns regarding cruise ship emissions.

Carnival Australia told **CW** the report's recommendation "was sensible because it balanced the high cost of shore power with the likely negligible benefits of such a move".

Between Sep 2015-Apr 2017, emission levels had been exceeded only on two occasions, both days when no cruise ship was berthed at the White Bay Cruise Terminal.

One of the days was due to significant bushfire hazard reduction burning near Sydney and the second day was due to a local source of unknown origin.

"The fact that levels were exceeded on days when ships were not berthed at White Bay helps put the study's recommendation in perspective in terms of the relative benefits of such a high cost investment," Carnival said.

Viking Med roundtrip

VIKING Cruises has introduced a new 15-day Mediterranean Exploration roundtrip itinerary from Rome.

The new addition includes stops at 11 ports including Valencia, Tunis, Algiers and St. Tropez.

The itinerary is priced from \$6,959 per person twin share for the departure on 18 Jan.

Until 30 Sep return flights can be booked in conjunction with the cruise for \$995pp.

Coral's new itinerary

FANS of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race can follow the festivities aboard Coral Expeditions' new Sydney to Hobart maritime-themed cruise.

The departure on *Coral Discoverer* will cruise alongside the yachts as they race and will be joined by guest lecturer John Longley, who has taken part in the race four times.

The six-night itinerary departs 26 Dec and finishes in Hobart on 01 Jan - **CLICK HERE** for more.

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Evergreen discount

EVERGREEN Cruises and Tours is offering a \$200pp discount on all rooms and suites on its South of France river cruises of 11 days or more booked this month.

The sale includes the new additions of the 17-day Best of Switzerland & Sensations of Southern France cruise, priced from \$8,795 per person twin share and 11-day Sensations of Southern France & Barcelona, from \$5,095ppts.

For details, [CLICK HERE](#).

CCL raise glasses to ThirstyFrog



CARNIVAL Cruise Line celebrated pouring over 200,000 schooners of its custom-made beer, ThirstyFrog Summer Ale.

To mark the occasion and the ongoing partnership, Carnival invited the Lord Nelson Brewery

Hotel team on board *Carnival Spirit* recently to enjoy the Ale.

Launched three years ago, the beverage was developed in partnership with The Lord Nelson Brewery & has proved one of the most popular beers on *Carnival Spirit* and *Carnival Legend*.

Pictured are: Carnival's Eddie Allen, vice president beverage operations; Jennifer Vandekreeke, vice president Australia with Blair Hayden, Lord Nelson Brewery Hotel owner.

RCL weather tech

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises has inked a deal with Weather Decision Technologies to roll out the WeatherOps risk mitigation system on all of its 47 vessels.

The technology will be introduced on Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises, and Azamara Club Cruises as well as in its emergency operations centres in Miami, as of Nov.

Concordia dismantled

THE dismantling and recycling of *Costa Concordia* has been completed, less than three years after the ship arrived in Genoa.

Ponant sponsorship

PONANT has been confirmed as the title sponsor of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's Ponant Sydney Noumea Yacht Race.

Under the tie-up, Ponant will hold a series of events in the club, highlighting its itineraries.

The event will start on Sydney Harbour on 02 Jun 2018.



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

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<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	20 Jul
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	22 Jul
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	21 Jul
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	22 Jul
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	24 Jul
CAIRNS	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	24 Jul
DARWIN	
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	20 Jul
<i>Sun Princess</i>	22 Jul
<i>L'Austral</i>	23 Jul



A GROUP of 1,500 passengers on an around the world cruise from Sydney created a lot of noise in Cobh, Ireland, after their impromptu "Aussie, Aussie Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi" chant on board *Sea Princess*, while it was in port on 07 Jul.

The ship was docked in town to mark the town's annual 'Australia Day' event that celebrates the thousands of emigrants that left from Cobh.

A local Cobh native started the chant from the dock, to which the masses on board the ship responded enthusiastically.

While in town the passengers attended many Australian and Irish themed events.

The Australia Day event has been held annually every year in Cobh since 2009.



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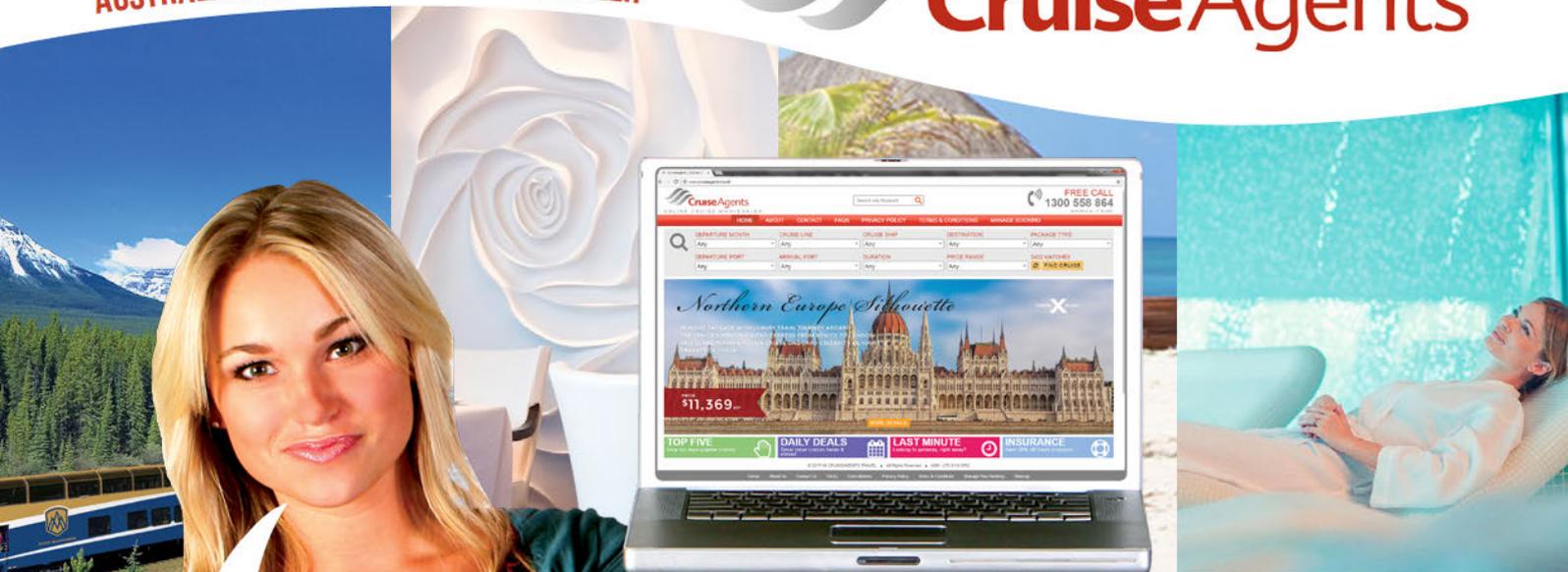
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