

Cruise Weekly today

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

Carnival's new HQ

CARNIVAL Australia will move into a new head office in Chatswood, Sydney on 30 Oct, near the train station.

The company's address will change to 465 Victoria Avenue Chatswood, but all booking telephone numbers remain unchanged for Carnival Australia's seven brands - P&O Cruises Australia, Princess Cruises, Carnival Cruise Line, Cunard, Holland America Line, Seabourn and P&O Cruises World Cruising.

Carnival will take over four floors - from three through to six - after being based at Mount Street in North Sydney for the past eight years.

\$158m Brisbane terminal go-ahead

THE \$158 million Brisbane International Cruise Terminal has received the green light from govt, allowing preparations to get underway next month.

Located at Luggage Point on the north side of the Brisbane River, the terminal will be capable of hosting vessels longer than 270m.

The terminal building will be around 9,300m² set over two levels and connected to a 200m long wharf, with two air bridges facilitating the movement of passengers on and off the ships.

There will also be public open spaces, parking for cars and buses and extensive landscaping across the site.

Site preparations will begin in Nov, while construction of the wharf will begin mid-next year, and construction of the terminal in "around 12 months".

Queensland Treasurer Curtis Pitt welcomed the progression of the



Port of Brisbane's cruise terminal Market Led Proposal, noting the investment would bring increased opportunities for tourism operators and other sectors.

"Once the terminal is operational it is expected the additional cruise ships stopping in Brisbane could continue their journey up the coast to destinations like Cairns and give visitors the opportunity to visit other iconic destinations such as

the Great Barrier Reef," he said.

Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd ceo, Roy Cummins said should the project receive ACCC approval, the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal would prove to be a defining piece of the State's tourism infrastructure network.

"This new cruise terminal will secure the future of cruise tourism in south-east Queensland and help bring the world's biggest cruise ships to Brisbane," he said.

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Abu Dhabi air MoU

AIRLINE check-in counters will be introduced at Abu Dhabi Cruise Terminal under a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Abu Dhabi Ports, Fujairah Terminals and Khalifa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi signed the deal with Abu Dhabi Airports yesterday.

Abu Dhabi Airports and selected airlines will introduce on-ground services, including check-in counters, which passengers arriving at Abu Dhabi Cruise Terminal can utilise to complete their airline check-in ahead of their arrival to Abu Dhabi Int'l Airport.

Noura Rashid Al Dhaheri, cruise terminal mgr said "we anticipate our partnership with Abu Dhabi Airports, which is a first for the region, will attract further growth and success during the upcoming season."

Ocean Med rollout

PRINCESS Cruises provided a sneak peak at its Ocean Medallion technology to trade and media at an event in Sydney yesterday.

Beaming in on video link, Princess Cruises' president Jan Swartz said the industry was entering an "entirely new phase of innovation".

Ocean Medallion technology will be introduced to *Regal Princess* on 13 Nov in a phased rollout, whereby all guests will have access to Medallion Net high-speed internet and a new terminal arrival experience.

A select group of passengers in muster station B will have access to the Ocean Medallion experience activated by the physical medallion.

On the full-ship rollout, she said "we will move as swiftly as we think we can deliver an exceptional guest experience".

Princess' "Greatest Hits"



PRINCESS Cruises will sail an 106-day world cruise from Sydney in 2019 which is being pegged as a "Greatest Hits" voyage, the line revealed to media and trade at an event yesterday.

The sailing on *Sea Princess* was designed based on guest feedback and includes the highlight ports of St Petersburg, New York and Lima.

Set to go on sale on 09 Nov at 9am EST, the cruise will embark from Sydney on 14 May, with pax also given the option to climb aboard in Auckland on 10 May and Brisbane 16 May.

Making the announcement, Stuart Allison, vp Australia & NZ, hailed the launch of bookings for Princess' world cruises as "one of the most anticipated booking

days in the cruise industry," noting the past four launches have been the biggest booking days for Carnival Australia.

Prices lead in at \$22,999pp for the full 106-night roundtrip voyage from Sydney.

After *Sea Princess* concludes her world cruise she will embark on a 35-day Hawaii, Tahiti and South Pacific voyage on 29 Aug sailing to Fiji, American Samoa, Hawaii, French Polynesia and NZ, priced from \$6,099pp.

Pictured are: Brett Wendorf, head of sales Australia and New Zealand; Trevor Thwaites, national account manager; Rachael Tyrell, bdm and Stuart Allison, vp Australia and NZ.

More from Princess Cruises on Ocean Medallion to the **left**.

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TWO lucky agents will be experiencing Viking Cruises for themselves, after taking out the top awards in the company's recent trade incentive.

To win, the consultants had to book and deposit the most Viking river or ocean cruises between 01 Jul and 30 Sep.



Juliet Stott of Global Journeys (pictured above with Viking's Leon Hill) will experience a 2017 eight-day Danube Waltz Christmas Markets cruise, while Phoebe King from Moment Travel (left) has won an eight-day Turquoise Caribbean Seas ocean cruise.

Azamara Pursuit on sale



AZAMARA Club Cruises overnight revealed details of the 2018-19 sailings for its newest addition, *Azamara Pursuit*, which will join the fleet next year after a makeover from its current role operating as *Adonia* with P&O Cruises UK (CW 28 Sep).

Pursuit boosts the Azamara fleet by 50%, and the new itineraries add 61 more destinations to the line's global portfolio.

Azamara president and ceo, Larry Pimentel, said "like its sisters, *Azamara Pursuit* will take guests to the most uniquely curated destination experiences".

The 2018-19 program will see guests "stay longer and experience more," with 48 late nights and 26 overnights in port as part of the line-up.

Azamara will add 15 maiden

calls in Morocco, Chile, the UK, Peru, Brazil, Greece and Iceland along with marquee destinations.

Azamara Pursuit will cruise in South America, the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, with a host of featured 'AzAmazing' experiences and explorations of areas that larger ships are unable to visit.

Full itinerary details are online at azamarclubcruises.com.

MEANWHILE Azamara this morning also announced bonus commission and special pricing as part of a CLIA Plan a Cruise Month promotion.

Additional savings of up to 50% are on offer for selected Australia, NZ and Asia cruises between Jan and Mar 2018 under the Book Pay Save campaign, along with 5% extra commission.



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Viking orders seven



VIKING Cruises has officially confirmed an order for seven new river ships that are slated to make their debut in 2019 (**CW** 10 Oct).

The fleet boost includes six additional longships and one vessel tailor-made for Portugal's Douro river.

Viking's flagship itineraries on the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers are set to be the major beneficiaries of the order and it

follows news that the cruise line will welcome its sixth ocean ship in the same year.

"This new ship order is a reflection of strong demand for our Europe river cruises...[and] a new ship on the Douro River will help meet the high demand," says Michelle Black, managing director for Viking Cruises Australia and New Zealand.

A Viking longship is **pictured**.

Royal's returns

ROYAL Caribbean Int'l is returning to San Juan, Puerto Rico and Philipsburg, St Maarten, for the first time since hurricanes devastated the popular tourist islands.

Freedom of the Seas will stop by San Juan on 30 Nov and *Grandeur of the Seas* will do likewise at St Maarten on 17 Dec, marking a welcome tourist injection for the region.

Regent adds Cuba

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has announced it will add Cuba calls to six of its itineraries to celebrate its 2018/19 Caribbean season.

Seven Seas Mariner, *Seven Seas Voyager* & *Seven Seas Navigator* are offering free unlimited shore excursion on selected trips from Oct through to Mar.

Lindblad's prog launch



LINDBLAD Expeditions and Adventure World officially launched the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic 2018/19 Explorations brochure and 2018 South Pacific Collection (**CW** Tue) in Sydney on Tue.

During the function, held at the Australian Museum, Lindblad's vp sales North America Lesa Bain revealed Adventure World would be the exclusive partner in Australia for the small-ship expedition

line's sister company, Natural Habitat Adventures.

Attendees were treated to a private viewing of the "200 Treasures of the Australian Museum" collection before hearing about the new programs & learning about life in Antarctica from filmmaker Juan Francisco Salazar.

The night concluded with a talk on Lindblad's culinary fare.

Pictured are: Neil Rodgers, md Adventure World; Lesa Bain & John Veitch, ceo Australia TTC.



IF YOU have ever dreamt of the opportunity to drop anchor with Mickey Mouse or perhaps even enjoy a quite snifter of port in the galley with Donald Duck, then this cruise might be for you.

Disney Cruise Line will set sail on seven special trips out to sea to celebrate Marvel through its Marvel Day at Sea.

The first batch will depart from New York this month with more trips available from Miami from Jan next year.

The trips combine the thrills of Marvel comics with the excitement of a Disney Cruise to summon everyone's inner Super Hero.

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Louvre Abu Dhabi

ABU Dhabi Ports has signed an agreement with Jalboot Marine to provide tours to the Louvre Abu Dhabi & other landmarks around the city from Abu Dhabi Cruise Terminal.

The deal was made in conjunction with Fujairah Terminals and the Khalifa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi and will seek to take advantage of a burgeoning marine tourism industry in the city and the opening of the new Louvre Museum in Nov.

The agreement incorporates the building of a 20m jetty.

RCI giveaway winner



THE latest invitation winner of Royal Caribbean's 10 Year Agent Incentive competition (**CW** Tue) is

Jasmine Allen from Flight Centre Henley Beach.

She will join nine other agents with a chance to win \$100,000 to mark the line's 10th b'day and participate in a Syd event in Dec where a winner will be chosen.

Pictured: winner Jasmine Allen, Flight Centre Henley Beach and Darren Chigwidden, direct sales manager in SA and NT.



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Sustainable Tourism

IN HONOUR of the 2017 Int'l Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, CLIA this week highlighted its Cruise Line Members' commitments to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. This raises the awareness of cruise travel as a catalyst for positive change.

CLIA Cruise Line Members have contributed to this change through initiatives that protect the environment, create sustainable communities where our ships visit & build economic prosperity and jobs.

Examples of where the industry has had the most impact include:

Cruise lines place a high priority on their environmental protection programs, and use a multi-faceted approach to reduce air emissions, working to develop innovative, sustainable environmental innovations and practices.

The global industry contributes approximately US\$120 billion to the global economy annually, supporting almost 1 million full-time jobs and employing approximately 200,000 seafarers.

The industry is dedicated to the protection and preservation of the communities their ships visit.

This includes strict adherence to environmental best practices, regulations, mandatory industry policies to protect oceans, air and wildlife and the unique social and cultural fabric of destinations.

Visit www.cruising.org.au for more information.



Win an Aurora Expeditions cruise

This week, Aurora Expeditions, is giving readers the chance to win a free trip for 2 onboard a 2018 expedition worth up to **US\$21,200** per person. You can choose from one of the below expeditions:

- 18 day "In Shackleton's Footsteps" 7-24 March 2018 – Weddell Sea, South Georgia & Falklands
- 15 day "Sub-Antarctic Safari" 24 March-7 April 2018 – Falkland Islands & South Georgia

To enter, tell us in 25 words or less why Aurora Expeditions is the perfect choice for your clients wanting an authentic, small ship expedition cruise to the Polar regions. The winner will have the most creative entry. Send your entry to auroraexpeditions@traveldaily.com.au

To improve your entry, here are some helpful research tools:

- Visit the website - auroraexpeditions.com.au
- Order your copy of the 18/19 expedition guide from Tifs - tifs.com.au



Tauk river cruise

TAUCK and Ken Burns have announced their new Western US Tour for 2018, featuring an eight-day 'Mythic West: Montana, Yellowstone & the Tetons' tour.

Forming part of the Ken Burns American Journeys collection, activities in the itinerary include a small ship cruise on the Snake River, a guided walking tour of Jackson & trip to the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

Other highlights include the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

Prices for the land and cruise package start from \$5,860ppts.

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