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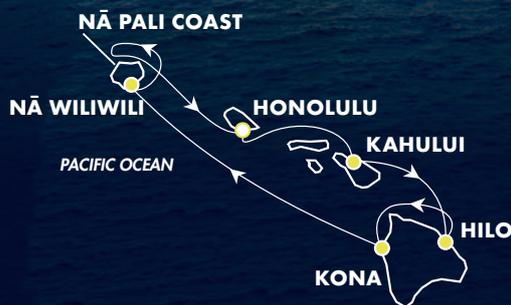


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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover wrap from **Norwegian Cruise Line**.

NCL Free at Sea

NORWEGIAN Cruise Lines is reminding agents they can earn a bonus 3% commission when booking guests on the cruise line's seven-day Hawaiian cruise.

More on the **cover page**.

Selling Dreams

DREAM Cruises has opened bookings on board *Explorer Dream's* 21-night relocation voyage to Sydney.

The ship is scheduled to depart Shanghai on 06 Oct - call 02 9212 6288 for info.

Peregrine makes return to Antarctica

INTREPID Group and Chimu Adventures have collaborated to launch a new program of small-group polar expeditions to Antarctica from Oct 2020.

The new range of cruises will operate under Intrepid Group's Peregrine brand, marking its return to Antarctic waters.

"We know there is a huge appetite for a more sustainable and experiential style of cruise, so we're thrilled that this partnership will take Peregrine back to operating polar expeditions in our own small group sustainable style," said Intrepid Group Chief Executive Officer James Thornton.

Sailings will be operated by Chimu's newly refurbished 199-passenger *Ocean Endeavour*, which offers a range of amenities and activities on board such as a health and wellness centre, salt water pool, and yoga classes.



Packages will offer a range of optional activities with specialised guides such as kayaking, snowshoeing, photography tours and even ice-camping.

Sustainability is also at the forefront, with all departures to be carbon offset through a series of green standards such as no single-use plastic on board,

reusable water bottles, and only serving sustainable seafood.

The announcement is the next phase in the joint partnership between Intrepid and Chimu, with the two groups now one of the largest sellers of Antarctica.

Prices for the new voyages start from \$7,090pp - for more information **CLICK HERE**.



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Unpack the results of the latest cruise survey. Read more in the December issue of *travelBulletin*.

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MSC goes global

MSC Cruises has announced MSC Club member bookings are now open for its 2021 World Cruise, with general tickets on sale 10 Jan.

The 119-day voyage will take place on board the *MSC Poesia*, which will sail on a round trip voyage from Genoa, Rome in Italy, Marseille in France and Barcelona in Spain, before crossing the Atlantic to the islands in the Caribbean and sailing through the Panama Canal.

From there, the ship will head to Costa Rica, Guatemala and Mexico, before taking in the sights of Maui, Fiji, Auckland and Sydney.

Other highlights of the journey include Tokyo, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Jordan, before the ship heads back to the Mediterranean.

For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

Celebrity's new discovery



CELEBRITY Cruises has unveiled a series of new Discovery Collection shore excursions in Australia and New Zealand, allowing small groups to experience destinations "through the eyes of a local".

The tours range from must-see locations to off-the-beaten-path adventures and have been gathered using three criteria - they must be iconic, exclusive and locally-inspired.

With a maximum of 24 guests

in each tour, Celebrity says guests will have more time at each location, individual interaction with hosts, and a more "up close and personal travel experience".

Options include a chance to sample local food in NZ's Bay of Islands, **pictured**, see the penguins and ride the Steampunk Train north of Dunedin, or sample the wines Victoria's Yarra Valley.

Excursions are available on Aust and NZ *Celebrity Solstice* sailings in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Norwegian appts

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings Ltd has welcomed Harry Sommer, **pictured**, as President, International.

The newly created executive role will see Sommer responsible for sales, marketing, public relations and office operations for Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas in all markets outside the US and Canada.

"With Harry at the helm, I am confident we will continue to profitably diversify our business globally," said the company's CEO Frank Del Rio.



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Ponant opens Kimberley



Royal protects turtles



ROYAL Caribbean has teamed up with WWF-Australia in a bid to help combat the illegal trade of endangered hawksbill turtles in the Asia-Pacific.

The partnership gives both companies access to “ground-breaking technology” that will enable them to extract the DNA from various tortoiseshell products, such as earrings

and bracelets, and test it to determine where the animal products were poached.

“We are extremely passionate about this partnership with WWF-Australia, and need to act now to ensure these prehistoric sea creatures have a future,” said Susan Bonner, VP and Managing Director, Royal Caribbean Australia & NZ.

PONANT has released its 2020 Kimberley season, with plans to bring back its new Explorer class ship *Le Laperouse* after its debut in the region next year.

The expedition operator’s latest Kimberley brochure is out now, featuring cruises from May to Aug 2020 aboard the newest ship to serve the region.

Itineraries provide an opportunity to explore the Kimberley’s landmarks by day including Zodiac expeditions (**pictured**) up the rivers to its famous waterfalls, then return to the ship to enjoy champagne and fine cuisine by night.

“*Le Laperouse* offers all the accoutrements of luxury travel and amenities - including an

infinity-edge pool and sea view spa - however its compact size, with just 92 staterooms and suites, all with balconies, allows for the personalised style of service Ponant is known for,” said Ponant Vice President Asia Pacific Monique Ponfoort.

“Importantly, smaller size provides access to even more remote parts of the world where large ships simply cannot contemplate venturing.”

Launched in Jul, *Le Laperouse* will be positioned in Australian, Melanesian and New Zealand waters as part of its inaugural season in 2019 - with several voyages still available - before returning for 2020.

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CRUISECO has announced the introduction of a series of music cruises with its promotion called "For the Love of Music".

Guests can save 20% on remaining departures for the company's Cruisin' Country 2019 and Bravo! 2019 voyages, as well as reduced deposits also available.

Itineraries depart Sydney on 12 Oct and 12 Nov, for more information on the promotion, **CLICK HERE**.

Azamara launches sale



AZAMARA Club Cruises has activated its annual sale, which includes savings such as "Buy One, Get One Half Off" and free internet on a range of its worldwide voyages.

Guests who book before 28 Feb will have access to the sale, with prices for a seven-night Dalmatian and Amalfi Coast voyage leading in at \$4,729 per person for the first guest, and \$2,369 for the second guest in Oceanview staterooms or above on board the cruise line's newly

launched *Azamara Pursuit*.

The voyage departs Venice on 28 Sep 2019 and will call in at Koper, Sibenik, Kotor, Corfu, Taormina, Amalfi and Rome, with prices including free internet per stateroom.

MEANWHILE, Azamara's 690-guest *Quest* ship, **pictured**, returns to Australia this month, offering a range of voyages throughout the region including cruises departing from Fremantle, Sydney, Melbourne and Cairns.

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with Joel Katz MD, CLIA Australasia

Training - Year in Review

2018 has been one of our busiest years of professional development with many exciting updates and new initiatives being rolled out throughout the year within the Online Learning Academy and Members Hub.

Key highlights include the delivery of new electives including "Cruise Dynamics 2018" and "Cruising Northern Europe"; updated and refreshed content for existing electives including "Cruising Southeast Asia", "European River Cruising" and "Cruising the South Pacific"; new Travel Agent Toolkits within the Members Hub; new CLIA Cruise Line online training courses; as well as new CLIA Executive Partner online training courses including Visit Monaco, Singapore Tourism Board, Japan National Tourism Organization and Wendy Wu Tours.

2018 has also seen the launch of new CLIA podcasts delivering news from CLIA teams across the globe. We have also launched the Cruise Retail Traineeship program in collaboration with TAFE NSW and Apprenticeship Support Australia. This program is designed to equip new industry entrants with industry relevant, job ready skills, and attract new entrants to the cruise retail sector.

2019 membership renewals have been sent out so renew now to ensure your membership doesn't lapse or visit www.cruising.org.au.



IS IT a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's the Carnival #ChooseFun AirShip, which is set to take to the skies on a month-long journey across California as part of the brand's participation in the New Year's Day 2019 Rose Parade.

The 35m blimp will journey over Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, before heading to Northern California where it will continue the celebrations ahead of the Dec arrival of *Carnival Panorama*.

Whatever floats your AirShip!



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