

Cruise Weekly today

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

CLIAs make history

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia has revealed its 2018 Cruise Industry Awards have received a record number of nominations.

"It's fantastic to see an overwhelming number of nominations right across the board," said CLIA Australasia & Asia MD Joel Katz.

CW Xmas break

CRUISE Weekly is saying Bon Voyage to its loyal readers for 2018, with our next issue to be published on 02 Jan 2019.

Merry Christmas and happy new year to everyone!

NCL confirms Jewel for fourth season

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has announced that *Norwegian Jewel* will return to Australia and New Zealand in 2020/21, where she will once again homeport in Sydney and visit a number of regional destinations.

Jewel's 2020/21 itinerary will represent the vessel's fourth Aussie season, kicking off 09 Oct and making trips from Sydney to many New Zealand ports such as Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound, Dusky Fiord, Dunedin, Picton, Wellington, Napier, Tauranga, Bay of Islands and Auckland.

NCL has also released its North American winter 2020/2021 itineraries, with a major highlight of the program seeing *Norwegian Joy* and *Norwegian Encore* both sailing from Miami to the Caribbean.

"We are so pleased with the variety of itineraries we are providing, including positioning



sister ships, *Norwegian Joy* and *Norwegian Encore*, to sail from the cruise capital of the world," said NCL President and Chief Executive Officer Andy Stuart.

Joy will service a combo of five- to seven-day Western and Eastern Caribbean voyages from Miami from 24 Oct 2020.

Encore returns to Miami to sail seven-day cruises to the Western

Caribbean with calls to Roatan Island, Honduras; Harvest Caye, Belize; and Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico.

The latest program will also see *Norwegian Escape* homeport in Port Canaveral for the first time, sailing trips with calls to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic; St Thomas, US Virgin Islands; and Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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Celebrity ups 20/21

CELEBRITY Cruises has released its 2020/21 deployment plans for North America, featuring a record number of destinations. *Celebrity Summit* will visit 19 ports and seven countries including new 10-night cruises visiting Charleston, South Carolina and Bermuda.

Celebrity Eclipse, *Celebrity Millennium* and *Celebrity Solstice* all return to Alaska for the 20/21 season, combining to offer 12 Canadian and US destinations over the entirety of the season.

For more deployment information, [CLICK HERE](#).

CMV takes Astor for one last sailing



CRUISE & Maritime Voyages (CMV) recently hosted the Cruise WA committee on board its 650-pax *Astor* to officially farewell the vessel which departs Australia at the end of the season.

A commemorative plaque was given to Dean Brazier, the Managing Director of CMV, as well as *Astor's* Captain Sergiy Strusevych to mark the occasion.

CMV will welcome *Vasco da Gama* for her inaugural season in 2019/20, where she will

homeport in Fremantle.

The Cruise WA Committee (**pictured**) taking *Astor* for one last spin were: Shayne Murray, Chairman, Cruise Broome; Christine Cole, Project Manager, Tourism WA; Rochelle MacDonald, CEO, Mid-West Ports Authority; Renata Lowe, Director Destination Development, Tourism WA; Bryant Roberts, Project Director, Department of Transport; Margaret Wilson, CMW Management; Michael

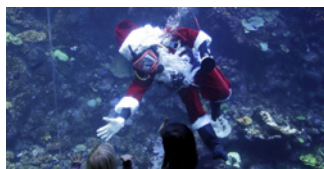
Cole, Executive Director, Corporate Services, City of Albany; Tracey Cinavas-Prosser, CEO, Destination Perth; Wayne Halliday, Chairman, Esperance Tourism Association; Joanne Brown, Cruise Shipping Officer, City of Geraldton; Thor Elliott, Trade Development Manager, Fremantle Ports; Brian Brosnan, Principal Business Development Officer, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.



WHAT'S that off the starboard bow? A hairy whale? A particularly rosy looking blobfish? Nope, it's an underwater Santa Claus.

As part of The California Academy of Sciences' holiday festivities, Jolly Old Saint Nicholas recently made a special trip to scuba dive into a coral reef exhibit to feed fish in front of dozens of well behaved kids.

Frankly, we didn't even know Santa could swim, let alone his now saturated reindeer.



MSC German chef

MSC Cruises has partnered with German chef Harald Wohlfahrt, who will develop a new menu for the private Yacht Club restaurant of *MSC Meraviglia*, *MSC Splendida* and *MSC Preziosa* while the ships are in Northern Europe, as well as two different main courses for Elegant Night.

"The world-class expertise of Chef Wohlfahrt brings an exciting new chapter to our on board dining experience," said MSC Cruises Chief Executive Officer Gianni Onorato.

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