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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 **Coral Expeditions**.

Lindblad to Egypt

LINDBLAD Expeditions has announced a return to Egypt this year with a 13-day Passage Through Egypt itinerary.

The journey includes stays at the Nile Ritz-Carlton and a six-night cruise on the Nile aboard the 42-guest *Oberoi Philae*.

Dep are 28 Oct & 25 Nov 2018 and 20 Jan & 17 Mar 2019.

Coral Kimberley

CORAL Expeditions is promoting its Kimberley cruises, with bookings now open for 2019 departures - see the **cover page** for more.

Aurora newbuild bookings open

THE full inaugural 2019/20 season of Aurora Expeditions' new ship *Greg Mortimer* has been revealed and is now open for bookings.

Set to debut on a maiden "Spirit of Antarctica" sea voyage in late Oct 2019, the vessel will operate an additional 20 expeditions across the 2019/20 season.

The ship's itineraries will span Antarctica, including the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia and Falkland Islands and the Arctic, venturing to Svalbard, Franz Josef Land, East Greenland, Jan Mayen, Iceland and Norway.

"*Greg Mortimer* has been purpose built for adventure and will set a new standard for expedition cruising while continuing to provide the authentic, small group adventures that we are known for," said managing director Robert Halfpenny.



"To be onboard the inaugural voyages and visiting the world's most spectacular wilderness areas will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for any expeditioner."

To coincide with the launch, Aurora Expeditions is offering an upgrade from an Aurora Stateroom to Balcony Stateroom for 2019/2020 Antarctica & Arctic voyages or the option to save up to \$6,000pp on select categories.

The 104m ice class 1A ship will

feature up to 15 Zodiacs, sea-level Zodiac and activity loading platforms, 360° observation decks, a panoramic observation lounge and a wellness centre.

It will be the first expedition cruise ship to feature the Ulstein X-bow, designed to pierce waves with much greater stability than a traditional bow whilst maintaining speed and will be equipped with return-to-port and dynamic positioning tech.

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Catch up with Jennifer Vanderkreeke as Carnival celebrates 5 years in Australia in the December issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Lincoln on *Noordam*



HOLLAND America Line has expanded its music offering on the *Noordam*, introducing the Lincoln Center Stage program over the weekend.

The partnership with the “world’s leading performing arts centre”, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York, offers live chamber music performances featuring classically trained violinists, violists, cellists and pianists.

Speaking to **CW** during a visit to Australia last week, Bill Prince, vp entertainment Holland America Line, said the initiative was aimed at creating “the best classical music programming at sea”.

Originally debuted on *Koningsdam* in 2016, the program is now across seven ships and was introduced on *Noordam* while it was en route down under.

“It’s a chamber ensemble of five people of four strings and a pianist and they occupy their own space on board, so they have their own chamber music mini-recital hall on board the ship and we present three performances a day,” Prince explained.

MEANWHILE, HAL has added Seattle chef Ethan Stowell to its Culinary Council.

Several venues will feature menu items from Stowell, including New York Pizza, and in Lido Market the Distant Lands Italian station will be revamped with the addition of seven tossed salads at the Wild Harvest station.

A Stowell-developed signature appetizer and main course also will be featured on the Culinary Council menu in the dining room one evening on each cruise.

Scenic 2019 preview



SCENIC’S 2019 Europe River Cruise program has been unveiled.

The release includes a new itinerary, the eight-day Highlights of Normandy & the Seine which travels roundtrip from Paris on board *Scenic Gem*, as well as four new cruise combinations ranging in length from 15 to 25 days, across Scenic’s Europe, France and Portugal itineraries.

To coincide with the launch, Scenic is running a range of pre-release deals.

Offers include 2019 travel for 2018 prices, included flights to Europe year-round when booking a Standard Suite on a cruise of 11 days or more and upgrades to Business class from \$3,995pp.

Bookings made and paid in full by 31 May will also secure a \$600 per couple discount when reservations cruises of 11 days or longer, and \$300 per couple for cruises 10 days or less.

To view the brochure online, **CLICK HERE**.

Crystal Worldwide Atlas 2018/19

CRYSTAL Cruises has released its 212-page Worldwide Atlas for 2018 and 2019, detailing itineraries ranging from six to 129 days, maiden calls and destination experiences.

A total of 54 voyages for 2018 and 65 in 2019 feature, with highlights including a world cruise aboard *Crystal Serenity* in 2019 that follows a route from Hawaii & Australia to Africa & Monte Carlo.

MEANWHILE, Crystal will bring chef Ben Robinson on board *Crystal Esprit* to host two West Indies sailings on 18 Mar and 01 Apr.

The *Below Deck* reality TV personality will lead cooking demos, host Q&A sessions, cocktail receptions and shore-side visits.

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Royal sales reshuffle



RCL Cruises has restructured its Inside Sales team in a bid to improve its communication channels with agents.

From today, the department has been divided into two teams, with one dedicated to Trade Engagement that will now handle reservations, bookings and post-cruise queries and a Trade Support team charged with agent training, brochures,

ship inspections, trade marketing campaigns and any booking system issues.

The changes apply to dealings with the company's Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises and Azamara Club Cruises brands.

Agents can access an updated version of the Trade Service Directory by **CLICKING HERE**.

Royal Caribbean International's *Anthem of the Seas* is **pictured**.

Greats warm up on P&O



TENNIS legends Mark Philippoussis and Goran Ivanisevic geared up for the Australian Open on board P&O Cruises' *Pacific Eden*.

The duo are part of a lineup of tennis stars sailing on P&O Cruises' Australian Open departures which will transport more than 3,500 guests to Melbourne from Sydney for the sporting event.

The sailing marked nearly 20 years since the duo both played in the Wimbledon Quarter Finals in 1998 and 15 years since Philippoussis lost the Wimbledon Championship to five-time Australian Open



Champion, current title holder and this year's tournament favourite, Roger Federer.

P&O's five-night Australian Open cruises include access to players & Aussie Open tickets.

Philippoussis and Goran Ivanisevic are **pictured** warming up on the deck with *Pacific Eden* hotel director Bas Van Es and captain Nicholas Boone.



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Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	23 Jan
<i>Regatta</i>	23 Jan
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	24 Jan
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	24 Jan
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	25 Jan
<i>L'Austral</i>	25 Jan
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	25 Jan
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	26 Jan
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	26 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	27 Jan
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	27 Jan
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	28 Jan
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	28 Jan
MELBOURNE	
<i>Golden Princess</i>	23 Jan
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	24 Jan
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	24 Jan
<i>Regatta</i>	25 Jan
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	27 Jan
<i>Golden Princess</i>	29 Jan
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	23 Jan
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	27 Jan
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	29 Jan
FREMANTLE	
<i>Astor</i>	25 Jan
<i>Azamara Journey</i>	26 Jan
ADELAIDE	
<i>Golden Princess</i>	25 Jan
<i>Noordam</i>	26 Jan
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	28 Jan
HOBART	
<i>Noordam</i>	29 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	29 Jan
AUCKLAND	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	26 Jan
<i>Sun Princess</i>	26 Jan
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	28 Jan
<i>Viking Sun</i>	29 Jan

CLIA River Conf details



CHEF Luke Nguyen will be a special guest at this year's CLIA Asia River Cruise Conference and Destination Forum in Vietnam.

CLIA Australasia has also revealed AmaWaterways' executive vp and co-owner Kristin Karst will join the conference, and speak alongside CLIA head of international training & development, Peter Kollar.

The event will run 10-15 Apr and include a three-night Pandaw Mekong cruise on *Tonle Pandaw* or *Mekong Pandaw* (pictured).

MEANWHILE, CLIA Global (including CLIA Australasia) has teamed up with environmental organisations and the global shipping industry to call for a ban on the carriage of non-compliant

marine fuels when the global 0.5% sulphur cap is due to take effect in 2020.

The cap aims to provide environmental and human health benefits but would also significantly increase a ships' operating costs.

It would apply to vessels unless they use and approved equivalent compliance method and bring the maximum permitted sulphur content of marine fuel (outside Emission Control Areas) down from 3.5%.

The industry proposal will be considered by the next International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response in Feb.

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ROYAL Caribbean International is tempting potential stowaways by hosting Australia's biggest game of hide and seek.

On 18 Feb, Aussies aged eight and over will be invited to board *Ovation of the Seas* while it is docked in Sydney to take part in the feat.

Two games will be held - one for people 15 and over and another for children aged eight to 14 - and passengers will be searched for by "Australia's national hide and seek team", the Nascondingos.

The final person to be found will be lured out of their spot with major prizes, including \$10,000 and a Royal Caribbean family cruise.

"We know that Aussies are great sports, are highly competitive and have a great sense of fun so it seems fitting that what may be the world's first official - and biggest game of Hide & Seek at sea takes place here in Australia, on our very own *Ovation of the Seas*" *Ovation's* cruise director, Joff Eaton said.

The comp is part of RCI's celebrations marking 10 years of sailing down under & coincides with its "Come Seek" campaign.

For a chance to secure a spot in the game, **CLICK HERE**.

