

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

Jewel 2018/19 brox

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has revealed details of *Norwegian Jewel's* second local season in its 2018-19 Australia, NZ, Asia and South Pacific brochure.

The program spans from 17 Sep 2018-04 Mar 2019 and offers five Australia and New Zealand itineraries and six Asia and Transpacific options.

New additions include a 19-day sailing from Singapore to Sydney and a seven-day Tasmania cruise ex-Sydney & a 13-day South Pacific departure including New Caledonia and Queensland, returning via Cairns and Airlie Beach.

The brochure is available from Brochure Flow.

Another P&O UK newbuild order

P&O Cruises UK will receive a second newbuild, with parent company Carnival Corporation inking a shipbuilding contract with Meyer Werft.

The 5,200-pax vessel will be delivered in 2022 and will be a sister ship to another newbuild due to join the fleet in 2020.

At 180,000 gross tonnes, the new cruise ship will be the largest to be specifically built for the British market.

The new vessels will be built by Meyer Werft at its shipyard in Papenburg, Germany, and be powered by Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) both while in port and at sea, reducing air emissions.

P&O Cruises svp Paul Ludlow said when both new ships are in operation, the line expects to see "an even greater rise in the popularity of cruising across all demographics and all age ranges including both millennials and



Generation Xers.

"Many of them have already learned to appreciate cruising by going on cruises with their families while growing up."

Reservations for the first of the new P&O ships will open in Sep and "key elements" of the design will be revealed this year.

"The space and build of the two new ships allows us to have innovative new experiences to create the most memorable

holidays," Ludlow said.

The addition is part of Carnival Corporation's ongoing fleet enhancement strategy and the company has agreements with German and Finnish shipbuilders Meyer Werft and Meyer Turku to build eight LNG-powered ships with delivery by 2022.

AIDA Cruises, Costa Cruises, P&O Cruises UK and Carnival Cruise Line will each receive two new LNG-powered ships.

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Coral Adventurer steel



CORAL Expeditions and Vard shipyard has celebrated the steel cutting ceremony for the 120-pax newbuild expedition ship, the *Coral Adventurer*.

The milestone was achieved a week ahead of schedule.

Pictured at the steel cutting ceremony at Vard shipyard are

the Coral Expeditions team in red: Paul Chacko, exec director; Mark Fifield, group gm; Gary Wilson, senior master; & Frank Krone, newbuild manager (right); with the Vard Team (in white) Erik Hellan Sandnes, yard director and Bernhard Hansen, project manager.

A FULLY-THEMED Cartoon Network cruise ship is slated to debut in late 2018, media giant Turner and Singapore-based cruise management company Oceanic Group have announced.

To be called *Cartoon Network Wave*, the 11 guest-deck, 2,000-passenger ship will homeport in Singapore and sail to 13 destinations in the Asia Pacific region including Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, China, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan.

The vessel's entertainment, activity and recreation features, retail, food and beverage options will be inspired by characters from *Adventure Time*, *Ben 10*, *The Powerpuff Girls* & *We Bare Bears*.

Cartoon Network Wave will offer 800 cabins and suites,

including two "world's first triplex suites" and cruises will be priced from US\$150 a night.

Renderers of the vessel (**pictured**) sparked speculation online over the weekend, with unconfirmed reports claiming the *Cartoon Network Wave* was P&O Cruises' *Pacific Jewel*.

A P&O Cruises spokesperson said *Jewel* "appeared to have been used as a 'canvas' for simulated art work" without the line's authority and that *Jewel* remained part of the line's fleet.

The spokesperson said *Jewel* is about to undergo a drydock to refresh the ship ahead of her planned deployment later in the year from Auckland and Brisbane.

Bookings for *Cartoon Network Wave* will open later in the year.



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Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	30 Jan
<i>Sun Princess</i>	30 Jan
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	31 Jan
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	01 Feb
<i>Noordam</i>	01 Feb
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	02 Feb
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	02 Feb
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	03 Feb
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	04 Feb
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	05 Feb
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	05 Feb

MELBOURNE	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	30 Jan
<i>Noordam</i>	03 Feb
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	04 Feb
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	05 Feb
<i>Azamara Journey</i>	05 Feb

BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	02 Feb
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	03 Feb
<i>Sea Princess</i>	04 Feb

CAIRNS	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	05 Feb

FREMANTLE	
<i>Astor</i>	02 Feb
<i>Crystal Symphony</i>	05 Feb

ADELAIDE	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	31 Jan
<i>Azamara Journey</i>	03 Feb

HOBART	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	30 Jan
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	01 Feb
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	03 Feb

AUCKLAND	
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	31 Jan
<i>Sea Princess</i>	31 Jan
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	01 Feb
<i>Maasdam</i>	01 Feb
<i>Amsterdam</i>	02 Feb
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	03 Feb
<i>Regatta</i>	05 Feb

Ovation suite reveal



DETAILS on the accommodation options to be on board *Seabourn Ovation* when it launches in May have been released.

The *Seabourn* vessel will have 300 all-veranda oceanfront suites, leading in at the Veranda Suite, at nearly 27.9m² and with a private balcony of up to 6.9m².

The largest, Wintergarden Suites, will stretch across close to 93m² plus a 18.6m² veranda.

Other options include Penthouse Suites, Penthouse

Spa Suites, Owners Suites and Signature Suites.

The rooms will evoke "a residential atmosphere" and feature marble bathrooms and guests of Penthouse Suites will be able to close a patterned glass wall to the living room to create a separate bedroom space.

Premium category guests will have access to a Guest Service Manager, private car transfers on embarkation & disembarkation & complimentary internet service.

Uniworld system

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruise Collection has announced the Australian debut of an online booking engine for travel agents called "River Currents".

The system is now live and can be used to book itineraries from both Uniworld and sister cruise line U by Uniworld.

Agents will need to register the first time they login to River Currents using their agency's store phone number.

The portal can be accessed at currents.uniworld.com.

Silversea academy

SILVERSEA has added My Photo Academy on sailings to Antarctica on *Silver Cloud*.

The academy will offer guests private and group lessons on digital photography in the ship's new Photo Studio.

Topics will include an introduction to photography, social media, and the use of software tools to edit images.

MEANWHILE, the countdown is on for *Silver Muse's* Australian debut on 26 Dec in Darwin, which is less than a year away.

Crystal downsizes

CRYSTAL Cruises has confirmed it has reduced the size of its three newbuilds announced in 2015 and that the 48 private apartments planned for the top deck of each would not materialise.

Originally slated to be 100,000 gross tonnes and cater for 1,000 passengers, the ships will now be between 60,000-65,000 tonnes and have a maximum passenger count of 800.



CARNIVAL Cruise Line guests got their dose of giant Kangaroos before heading to the South Pacific on *Carnival Legend* last week.

In true Australia Day spirit, the cruise line sent two giant kangaroo characters (pictured) to greet passengers at Sydney's Overseas Passenger Terminal. During the eight-day cruise the ship was dressed with Australian-themed decorations and guests were gifted with temporary Australian flag tattoos & mini Australian flags.

