

Cruise Weekly today

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

NCL Hawaii deals

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is offering a promotion on its seven-day roundtrip cruises from Honolulu departing Sep. When booked before 31 Jul, guests can choose from several offers including one-night pre-cruise hotel accommodation or US\$500 in onboard credit. For further info [CLICK HERE](#).

APT Antarctica deal

A **BONUS** \$1,000 is on offer when bookings are made on APT's 2019 Antarctica cruises before 31 Jul. The 15-day Classic Antarctica journey is priced from \$16,490ppts departing either 29 Jan or 08 Feb 2019.

Ponant launches its first Explorer

PONANT this week celebrated the inauguration of *Le Laperouse*, the first vessel in its "Ponant Explorers" series.

The gala event took place in Hafnarfjordur, Iceland, with the 92-cabin all-suite, all-balcony ship said to combine "exceptional comfort, a sleek line and state-of-the-art technology".

Le Laperouse is the first of six vessels in the Explorers series, and will be followed later this year by *Le Champlain*, and in 2019 by *Le Bouganville* and *Le Dumont d'Urville*.

In 2020 the fleet will further increase with the launch of *Le Bellot* and *Le Surville*, with the rapid expansion set to see Ponant offer a growing range of destinations, the company said.

Tue's *Le Laperouse* debut also saw the unveiling of the world first "Blue Eye" underwater passenger lounge (**CW** 01 Jun



2017), with two large portholes allowing guests to comfortably view the sub-aquatic world.

Integrated digital screens also project images filmed live by three underwater cameras positioned strategically around the vessel, and passengers are also able to listen to the ocean via specially developed hydrophones integrated into the keel.

The "natural symphony of the oceanic world" can also be felt through "Body Listening" sofas.

Ponant still has space available for 2018/19 & 2019/20 Antarctic sailings, as well as limited Kimberley staterooms for 2019, with 5% bonus commission plus a \$500 consultant incentive for new bookings deposited before 31 Jul - for more info call 1300 737 178.

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MSC new Miami terminal



MSC Cruises will boost its presence in the North American market, announcing plans to construct a new cruise terminal in Miami.

The company recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Miami-Dade County to build the new Cruise Terminal AAA at PortMiami, with construction scheduled to be completed by Oct 2022.

MSC Cruises, which uses PortMiami as its exclusive homeport in the US, requires a larger terminal that can accommodate its next-generation MSC World

Class cruise ships that carry up to 7,000 passengers.

"The new agreement...is another key step forward in the business growth of MSC Cruises, as we continue to strengthen our global footprint, with a strategic focus on North America," said MSC Cruises executive chairman Pierfrancesco Vago.

The cruise line has also expanded its exclusive berthing rights deal to two days weekly, adding Sun in addition to Sat.

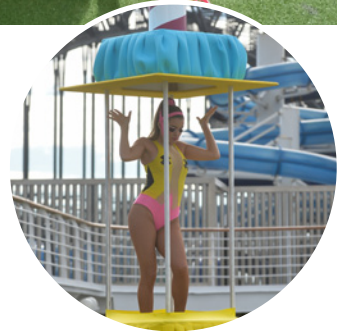
Pictured: A rendering of an MSC World Class cruise ship currently under construction.

Pacific Explorer turns one



P&O Cruises left no colour off the palette during a party that featured acrobats, jugglers and dancers to mark *Pacific Explorer's* first birthday in Sydney last weekend (CW 10 Jul).

The performers from the ship's burlesque show *Love Riot* emerged from a giant cake on the top deck that stood an impressive three meters tall,



a confection the cruise line claims was its "biggest birthday cake at sea".

The raunchy *Love Riot* show boasts dance, comedy, and circus acrobatics in an extravaganza created by Aussie director Scott Maidment.

To celebrate *Pacific Explorer's* 12-month milestone, P&O is offering two people the chance to win a three-night cruise - enter before 20 Jul **HERE**.



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Hop onboard Norwegian Bliss with us in the July issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Seabourn talks

SEABOURN has announced a range of new guest speakers to join its upcoming Extended Explorations voyages kicking off in Oct.

The experts will hop aboard the cruises as part of its Seabourn Conversations experience, and will include specialists in the fields of anthropology, space exploration & military history.

Speakers include NASA engineer Frank Buzzard, music critic Ted Libbey, cooking author Sam Choy, and military historian Colonel Gerald McCormack.

Beatriz sails Galapagos



PEREGRINE Adventures' first custom-built expedition vessel (*CW 29 May*), *Grand Queen Beatriz* (pictured), has commenced cruising the waters of the Galapagos Islands as part of her maiden season.

The trip follows in the footsteps of biologist Charles Darwin, offering a hike on the isle of Bartolome, iguana spotting, and the chance to see the giant

tortoises on San Cristobal Island.

The *Grand Queen Beatriz* offers intimate cruise adventures of 16 guests and eight crew.

"While we have been cruising the Galapagos for more than 20 years, now that we have our own boat, we can offer an even more authentic Peregrine experience," said Peregrine Adventures' general manager Filippos Venetopoulos.

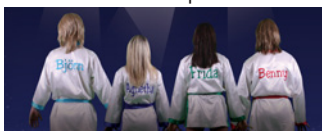


MAMMA Mia, here we sail again, my my, how can you resist this cruise!?

The Mamma Mia band will be performing on the new Rhythm Boat ABBA-themed cruise sailing around Sydney Harbour on 14 Jul.

The evening of platinum 70s madness includes a stage show, three-course meal and an array of retro singing and dancing that will have you thanking anyone within earshot for the music.

No restrictions apply but perhaps don't shout the words to S.O.S. too loudly, it rarely bodes well on a ship.



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with Joel Katz MD, CLIA Australasia

Responsible Environmental Practices

MAKING a true commitment to preserve and protect the environment is not only fundamental to the success of the cruise industry, it's also the right thing to do.

Cruise ships represent less than 1% of the global shipping fleet, however are leading the way when it comes to sustainability investment.

The cruise industry takes sustainable tourism seriously by constantly evaluating ways to protect our planet's oceans and communities and leads the way in recycling, new technology and alternative fuels.

Key is developing and refining responsible environmental practices and innovative technologies that lead the world's shipping sector in reducing emissions and waste.

The global cruise industry has invested billions in new technologies and cleaner fuels to reduce ships' emissions; and in the design and development of lower emissions and higher energy efficiency cruise ships.

Cruise lines strive to ensure that each new generation of ships is more eco-friendly than the previous one and our members are committed to fitting existing ships with the latest technology as part of continued sustainability improvements across the industry.

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