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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 **Celebrity Cruises**.

#### Celebrity comp

**CELEBRITY** Cruises is giving agents the chance to win a cruise for two on *Celebrity Edge* when any registered Celebrity cruise booking is made before 30 Apr. See **cover page** for more.

#### Carnival Q2 results

**CARNIVAL** Corporation has recorded a record revenue result of US\$4.4 billion for the second quarter of 2018, a 12.8% bump on the previous corresponding period.

Results were driven primarily by an increase in pax demand.

## Carnival reveals fresh Aussie Spirit

AFTER spending 14 days in dry dock in Singapore, *Carnival Spirit* sailed into Sydney Harbour yesterday boasting a host of new enhancements and attractions for the Australian market.

Highlights aboard *Spirit* include the brand new creative studio SoulPlay, inspired by the unique interests of Australian passengers.

The new creative space caters to families, offering craft activities and classes on how to create colourful pieces of art.

Also new to the vessel is the video game hub called The Warehouse, an arcade of games tailored to the appetites of tweens and teens.

For passengers passionate about the art of the "selfie", The Pixels



Digital Photo Gallery has also been added which offers guests the opportunity to purchase photos taken on smart devices via an upgraded kiosk.

To celebrate *Spirit's* new amenities, Carnival is reminding agents its 'Shiny Ship Sale' on select cruises is running out, which includes up to \$300 of onboard credit per cabin and free cabin upgrades for bookings prior to 29 Jun for sailings between 05 Jul and 30 Dec this year.

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Royal lands in Noumea

**ROYAL** Caribbean Cruises has announced a series of new evening shore excursions for its first-ever overnight call to New Caledonia's capital Noumea.

Quantum Class ship Ovation of the Seas is scheduled to arrive at the South Pacific destination on 17 Nov where passengers will be able to explore the city after sunset for the first time.

The new shore excursions available include dinner at the beachside restaurant Dukes, followed by a traditional Tahitian dance performance.

Another option for passengers is a seven-hour adventure to the island's south, visiting the church of La Conception, the prison ruins of Prony, and a nature walk and picnic at La Madeleine waterfalls.

The new opportunities are part of a nine-night Royal Caribbean South Pacific cruise departing Syd on 14 Nov 2018, which also visits Mystery Island in Vanuatu.

For more information about the new land excursions, **CLICK HERE**. **Pictured**: A Noumea reef.

#### Costa Cruises welcomes China specialist

**COSTA** Cruises has celebrated the float out of *Costa Venezia*, the brand's first ship specifically designed and constructed with Chinese passengers in mind.

The ceremony was held at Fincantieri's shipyard in Monfalcone, Italy, with the vessel scheduled to begin servicing the Chinese market from May next year.

The *Costa Venezia* will provide a "unique vacation experience…for Chinese guests," said Costa Group Asia president Mario Zanetti.



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#### Uniworld appoints

**UNIWORLD** Boutique River Cruise Collection and U by Uniworld have appointed two new members to join their sales team.

Bradley Pallant has been made head of sales for Uniworld and U by Uniworld.

He most recently was director of account optimisation with Travel Leaders in the United States.

In NSW, Alice Ager has been appointed as senior sales manager and will also oversee key partnerships in South Australia.

Ager has worked with luxury cruise partners, joining Uniworld from Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings.



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## Celebrity previews terminal



**CELEBRITY** Cruises has unveiled renderings of the line's first ever brand-designed cruise terminal, Terminal 25, located at Port Everglades in Hollywood, Florida. "When designing the revolutionary *Celebrity Edge*, we knew we wanted to design a terminal that perfectly



complemented the ship and matched its one-of-a-kind experience," said Celebrity Cruises ceo Lisa Lutoff-Perlo.

The illustrations show the front entrance (**top**), Grand Plaza (**below**), check in (inset **above**), and the Crew Lobby (inset **left**).

The terminal is due to be completed by Oct this year.





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#### Scenic Canada comp

**TO CELEBRATE** its 2019 Canada, Alaska & USA season, Scenic is offering the Aussie agent who sells the most of its 2019 Canada, Alaska and USA season products a place on an eight-day East Coast Canada famil in Oct 2018.

Scenic will also treat the topselling agency to a Fairmontstyle dining experience.

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#### Europe river cruise

**CRUISECO** has released an exclusive 18-night 'Heart of Europe' fly/stay/cruise package that includes return flights from Australia, a two-night pre-cruise stay in Budapest, a 14-night Danube cruise to Cologne and a two-night postcruise stay in Cologne.

The river cruise, on Riviera Travel's *MS Emily Bronte*, departs Budapest 29 Oct 2018, with highlights including a guided tour of Vienna followed by an onboard string quartet performance, visits to Melk Abbey and the Roman city of Mainz, and scenic cruising through the Rhine Gorge.

Prices start from \$7,395ppts, until sold out.

#### Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
Pacific Explorer	20 Jun
Pacific Eden	22 Jun
Pacific Explorer	24 Jun
Carnival Spirit	25 Jun
BRISBANE	
Pacific Eden	20 Jun
Pacific Explorer	22 Jun
Pacific Dawn	23 Jun
Pacific Eden	24 Jun
CAIRNS	
Silver Discoverer	22 Jun
DARWIN	
Coral Expeditions 1	21 Jun

Mariner flaunts fit-out

**FOLLOWING** a US\$120 million (A\$162 million) makeover, Royal Caribbean's *Mariner of the Seas* is now sailing short getaway cruises to the Bahamas out of its new home at Port Miami.

The 4,000-passenger ship has been upgraded under Royal's US\$900 million 'Royal Amplified' program that will span 10 ships over four years.

Mariner's activities and threeand four-night itineraries are designed to appeal to time-poor millennials.

The ship's new features include the Sky Pad, a virtual reality bungee trampoline experience; Royal's first Polynesian-inspired, tiki-chic bar, The Bamboo Room; glow-in-the-dark laser tag; three-deck-high waterslides; and the line's newest escape room challenge.

"With the combination of more thrills than you can count and visits to tropical destinations, *Mariner* is changing the game and taking the short getaway experience to a whole new level," said RCI president and chief



executive Michael Bayley.

Signature restaurants such as Jamie's Italian, Playmakers Sports Bar & Arcade and Izumi Hibachi and Sushi have been installed on *Mariner* and all staterooms have been upgraded.

Beginning in May 2019, Mariner will sail to the new Perfect Day at CocoCay, the first destination in Royal's recently announced collection of private island experiences around the world.

**Pictured** above *Mariner of the Seas* and **inset** a passenger riding the waves of Flowrider.

#### Murray on sale

**CAPTAIN** Cook Cruises is currently offering reduced single supplements of between 25%-30% on all three-, four- and seven-night cruises on SA's Murray River.

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The traditional paddlewheeler *Murray Princess* accommodates up to 120 passengers, and there are weekly departures for the three-night Discovery Cruise, four-night Outback Heritage Cruise and seven-night Murraylands.

Fares for the three-night Discovery Cruise start from \$1,107 (single fare).



WHEN people think of taking a cruise, it generally evokes the soothing sounds of the ocean and calming sea views, however one man from Brisbane recently claimed his experience was far from a sleepy affair.

Brendan Ritson had sailed on an 11-night South Pacific cruise in Dec 2016, and told a Brisbane court he deserved a refund because the occupants next door "snored and spoke loudly," according to a report in *The Brisbane Times*.

The court ultimately dismissed the case stating Ritson was "unreasonable" because he was offered a new room but refused to take it because it meant downgrading his cabin.

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