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### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover wrap from NCL.

### NTIA finalists named

THIS year's finalists for AFTA's National Travel Industry Awards have been released.

Best Cruise Operator Domestic Deployment finalists include Carnival Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, P&O Cruises, Princess Cruises & RCI.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full list.

### NCL musical comp

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is giving away five double passes to musicals in each winner's state to celebrate the release of its 2018/19 Europe Cruising Guide for 2018/19.

See the [cover page](#) for more.

## Pacific Aria to take up Brisbane post

**PACIFIC Aria** will not be based in the Port of Cairns in 2019, with P&O Cruises instead sending the vessel to Brisbane and Sydney.

*Aria* is set to be the Port of Cairns' most regular visitor in 2018 and preliminary bookings had been made for her to return in 2019, but P&O said the "significant change to the make-up of the fleet" due to the sale of *Pacific Eden* (CW 08 Mar) meant *Aria* was needed elsewhere.

*Pacific Aria* will spend most of the year sailing from Brisbane, along with 11 Sydney departures scheduled from late Sep.

The cruise line said no guests were affected by the change, which was made prior to Tue's release of its 2019/20 program (CW 01 May).

Carnival Australia and P&O Cruises president Sture Myrmell acknowledged "there might be some initial disappointment



about *Pacific Aria's* homeporting in 2019," but emphasised "the overall picture for Cairns is very positive knowing that our commitment to the region is as strong as ever".

Carnival Australia has completed discussions with Ports North on the potential for the destination to continue to grow as a cruise hub, noting the progress of the Cairns Shipping Development Project.

The project, which received Qld Govt approval in Feb for its

environmental impact statement, would improve access for large cruise vessels of up to 300m.

In response, P&O has lodged bookings for *Pacific Dawn* and *Pacific Jewel* to berth at the cruise terminal in 2019, instead of anchoring off Yorkeys Knob.

The deployment includes seven two-night calls by the two ships.

Ports North said it would begin preliminary work within the next few months and start the 12-week project in May 2019.

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## NCLH Q1 record

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line Holdings had a record Q1 and is anticipating an all-time high for full year 2018 earnings.

The company reported an adjusted net income of US\$137.8m, compared to US\$91.2m in the prior year.

NCLH president and chief executive officer Frank Del Rio said the year was “off to an impressive start with yet another record quarter of earnings, which exceeded expectations”.

The company said it had witnessed continued strong global demand for its brands, demonstrated by *Norwegian Bliss* entering the fleet as the best booked NCL newbuild in the company’s history.

**MEANWHILE**, the company appointed cruise veteran Derek Lloyd, as national director of sales in Canada.

## Spirit leaves Syd

**THE** next time *Carnival Spirit* sails into Sydney, the Carnival Cruise Line vessel will feature a series of upgrades.

*Carnival Spirit* will embark on a 19-day cruise to Singapore today, ahead of her drydock this month.

The ship will be fitted with new features for kids’ activities including an arts and crafts area named SoulPlay, and an entertainment space designed for teenagers called Warehouse Arcade.

*Spirit* will begin making her way back to Sydney on 06 Jun, on a 19-day cruise visiting ports including Phuket, Bali (Benoa), Darwin & Airlie Beach.

For the remainder of 2018, *Carnival Spirit* will sail from Sydney to destinations such as New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Moreton Island.

Call 13 31 94 for more.

## Myanmar commitment



**SEVERAL** river cruise operators have confirmed they will continue offering cruises in Myanmar after Avalon Waterways cancelled its 2019 departures in the destination, citing reduced demand (**CW** 24 Apr).

APT cco Debra Fox told **Cruise Weekly** the company had seen “steady interest in the Myanmar itineraries resulting in limited cabins left on sailings for the season ahead”.

“APT continues to support the locals of Myanmar by sharing their incredible culture and landscape with guests and will continue to do so into the future,” Fox said.

Marco Rosa, vice pres sales & marketing for Pandaw told **CW** that while there had been a slight decrease from some markets for journeys through Myanmar,

Pandaw had not experienced a significant drop and confirmed it would remain in the market.

Scenic and Evergreen Cruises and Tours also confirmed they would continue to operate cruises to Myanmar.

Currently, Smartraveller advice indicates some areas of Myanmar are more prone to civil unrest, politically motivated violence and conflict between ethnic groups and military forces.

For the regions of Myanmar where APT, Pandaw, Scenic and Evergreen Cruises and Tours operate sailings, Smartraveller’s level of advice ranges from the lowest category of “exercise normal safety precautions” to the second of “exercise a high degree of caution”.

Bagan, a river cruise stop along the Irrawady River, is **pictured**.



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Discover the latest river ships setting sail in the May issue of *travelBulletin*.

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## APT releases app

APT and Travelmarvel have each released an app which allows travellers to personalise their travel experience.

The "APT Concierge" and "Travelmarvel Companion" apps can be pre-loaded with personalised travel information and itineraries, and include handy tools such as currency converters, weather forecasts, world time clocks and budget tracking, as well as real time tour updates.

The apps are free to download on Apple and Android devices, and should be downloaded prior to travel.

## PTMs all aboard *Legend*



SIX TravelManagers' personal travel managers spent five nights getting to know *Carnival Legend* recently on a Carnival @ Sea faml from Sydney to Melbourne.

The group took part in a "lunch and learn" session on their second day aboard, to learn about the highlights and selling points of a CCL cruise.

Highlights of the itinerary included a visit to Hobart's MONA Museum and exploring the history of Port Arthur.

"I will definitely be

recommending that my clients allow a full day at Port Arthur to ensure that they have enough time to explore the entire site, including the Isle of the Dead," said PTM Colleen Lacey.

Agents got to know the culinary options on board by experiencing the Dr Seuss breakfast and the four-course Long Lunch at Sea.

CCL host Sharon Grant is pictured (second from right) sharing a toast with PTMs Colleen Lacey, Rosemary Kates, Alma Araullo, Cath Graham and Jane Fowler.



PRINCESS Cruises is going to earn more than just your average gold star when it makes a special appearance under the bright lights of Hollywood on 10 May.

As the original cruise line which starred in the 1970s television series *The Love Boat*, representatives from Princess Cruises will join cast members on the Hollywood Walk of Fame to be presented with a Honorary Star Plaque alongside Hollywood royalty.

The show ran for 10 seasons until 1987 as one of the highest-rated shows in the US.

The award literally cements the cruise company's place in history; we dare you not to get the theme stuck in your head!

## Oceania Cruises releases new menus

OCEANIA Cruises has rejigged its Grand Dining Room offering, introducing new menus with an Executive Chef's Food and Wine Pairing option.

Each night the menu will include "Global Cuisine" dishes, which the cruise line said are "bolder and more adventurous ethnic dishes".

Guests will be able to choose from six appetisers, three soups, four salads, nine main courses, and nine side dishes each evening in the Grand Dining Room.

The new menus are currently available onboard *Riviera* and will be introduced aboard *Sirena* in May, *Insignia* in Jun, *Nautica* and *Marina* in Jul, and *Regatta* in Aug.



## CLIA UPDATE



with Joel Katz  
MD, CLIA Australasia

## Cruise360 earlybird tickets available now

THE Southern Hemisphere's biggest cruise conference is returning for the fifth time in 2018. Tickets are selling fast to the Australasian cruise industry's only trade focused conference, in Sydney on 31 Aug.

The conference will be preceded by a Ship Inspection opportunity & Destination Showcase on 30 Aug. Last year's conference sold out, so ensure that you don't miss out by booking your earlybird ticket now.

Cruise360 Australasia is great opportunity for cruise-focused travel professionals to get together and share insights and knowledge about the booming cruise industry.

Through keynotes, panels and workshops, the educational aspect of Cruise360 will expose agents to new ways of conducting business, provide tips on how to be more productive, and offer plenty of opportunities for networking and relationship-building.

This year we have confirmed keynotes by two of our industry's top leaders, CLIA Global president and ceo Cindy D'Aoust, and Norwegian Cruise Line president and ceo Andy Stuart.

In a survey of previous delegates almost all respondents (98%) rated Cruise360 as a worthwhile event to attend.

To book or for more information visit [www.cruise360.org.au](http://www.cruise360.org.au).



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