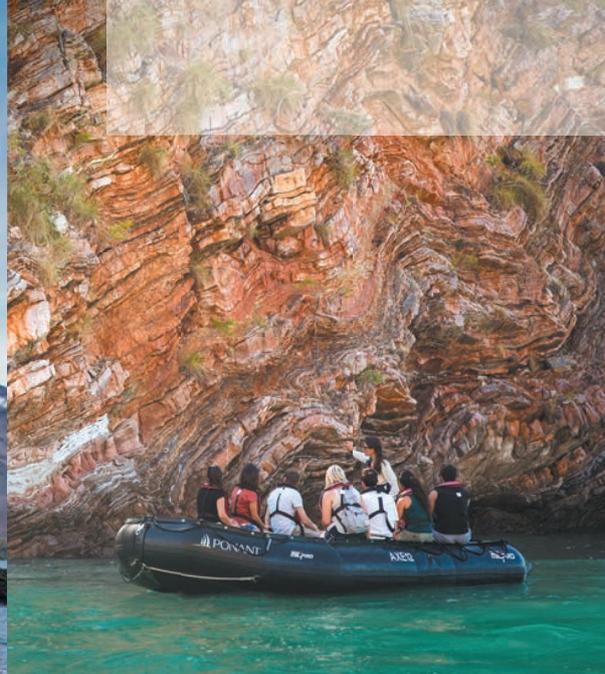


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Cruise Weekly today

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

Ponant, National Geographic savings

PONANT is offering savings of up to 30% on several expeditions under its new joint program with National Geographic (**CW** 09 Aug).

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For details see the **cover page** of today’s **Cruise Weekly**.

Silversea orders three new vessels

SILVERSEA Cruises overnight announced orders for two “Evolution Class” vessels, as well as *Silver Origin*, a new expedition ship which will cruise in the Galapagos.

The move confirms heavy hints by the company’s newly minted MD for Australasia, Adam Armstrong, who just last Fri cited an “action-packed new chapter” for Silversea under its new majority ownership by Royal Caribbean (**Travel Daily** 08 Oct).

Silver Origin will be delivered in Mar 2020 by Dutch builder Shipyards de Hoop, while the unnamed Evolution ships will come starting in 2022 from Meyer Werft which described them as “a new generation of environmentally friendly ships in the ultra-luxury cruise market”.

Armstrong, **pictured** with Marketing Manager Leanne Fonagy, said the recent debut of



Silversea’s extensive new 2020/21 program (**CW** 04 Oct) had resulted in the “biggest Australian booking month for Silversea in history”.

There’s keen interest in Silversea with the upcoming arrival of the company’s flagship *Silver Muse* in Australian waters in late Dec, while the program for 2019/20 will see *Muse* cruise locally for an

even longer deployment.

The programs for 2020 include complimentary flights and transfers on most voyages, which comprise 191 itineraries visiting 572 destinations in 84 countries.

Enhancements to the program mean all cruises of eight days or more also include an overnight stay in port, Armstrong noted.

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Regent expands Cuba



River Cruise week

CRUISE Lines International Associations' (CLIA) #ChooseCruise month this week moves into its second phase, focusing on river cruising.

CLIA Australasia managing director Joel Katz said river cruising was one of the industry's fastest-growing segments.

"A river cruise is a great value and comfortable way to explore a region, whether it's a meander along the Mekong, exploring Europe via its medieval highways or an adventure along the Amazon," Katz enthused.

He noted the wide variety of river cruise options available to suit solo, active, senior and millennial travellers.

"There really is a vessel and an itinerary to suit every traveller, and a CLIA travel agent is in the best position to match holidaymakers with the right river cruise for them," he added.

See cruising.org.au.

Evergreen Africa

EVERGREEN Cruises & Tours has launched its 2019 Africa brochure featuring a 29-day Cape Town to Cairo itinerary that includes a Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River.

The four-night sailing on board the *MS Hamees* boasts the hosting services of an Emerald Waterways Cruise director and on board entertainment.

The package is priced from \$15,565 per person, with earlybird discounts on select cruises available until 31 Jan. Access the brochure [HERE](#).

CMV's sweet deal

CRUISE & Maritime Voyages is offering savings of up to 60% on suites aboard *Astor* cruising ex Sydney, Adelaide & Fremantle in the upcoming season - call 1300 307 934.

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has announced the introduction of a second Cuban voyage in 2019 after selling out an itinerary launched last month.

The new Cuban offering includes a full day and evening in the country's capital Havana, as well as overnight stays in Santiago de Cuba and Cienfuegos.

"RSSC is moving rapidly to meet this demand," said the cruise line's ceo Jason Montague.

"Regent was the first North American luxury cruise line to sail to Cuba...and we are excited to make these additional Cuban destinations beyond Havana accessible to luxury cruisers".

The 10-night Cuban exploration departs Miami on 22 Oct 2019 aboard *Seven Seas Mariner* and is priced from \$6,980pp with unlimited shore excursions and drinks included.

For further info, [CLICK HERE](#).

Royal Caribbean reviews group bookings

FOLLOWING complaints from passengers about a party of 1,300 men on board a recent *Voyager of the Seas* cruise, Royal Caribbean has stated it will be examining its group booking policies to ensure they are "suitable" and are "applied appropriately".

The three-night sailing from Singapore on 06 Sep allegedly saw a group of businessmen engage in a "wild bucks party" on board.



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Viking Egypt grog

VIKING is now offering its Silver Spirits Beverage Package on the popular 12-day Pharaohs & Pyramids river cruise and tour of Egypt.

The \$200 package offers unlimited premium wines, beers, cocktails, juices & soft drinks, but due to high import taxes items such as prosecco, Champagne and some vodkas and whiskies are not included.

HAL Blue Planet II Live



HOLLAND America Line has been confirmed as a Gold Sponsor for *Blue Planet II Live In Concert*, taking place in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in Mar.

Using footage from the BBC Studios Natural History TV series *Blue Planet II*, the concert will be narrated by UK celebrity Joanna Lumley and accompanied by the original music produced by Hans Zimmer, Jacob Shea and David Fleming, performed live by an Australian symphony orchestra.

Blue Planet II Live In Concert is a premium concert event and

we are delighted to have found alignment in our partnership with Holland America Line, which shares an interest in helping people explore all corners of the globe and in providing enriching experiences," said BBC Studios ANZ head of live entertainment Chantal Bindley.

The sponsorship package seeks to further strengthen Holland America Line's existing fleetwide partnership with BBC Earth, which launched in 2017.

Tickets go on sale 15 Oct and can be purchased online **HERE**.

HAL correction

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) is offering US\$300 in bonus on-board credit per stateroom - not US\$400 as was stated in *Cruise Weekly* last week (**CW** 04 Oct).

The deal was launched to celebrate Choose Cruise week.

MSC bring a friend

MSC Cruises is offering pax a chance to save 50% on the second guest, for 2018 bookings made by 31 Oct.

Guests who book a balcony cabin or suite receive a Cirque du Soleil dinner and show on board *MSC Meraviglia*.



IF SOMEONE told you that you could sail on board a cruise ship and take in the musical stylings of an 80s rock icon, most would probably say you were living on a prayer.

But that's exactly what Norwegian Cruise Line is offering with its Runaway to Paradise cruise in Apr, with the one and only Jon Bon Jovi pledging he will make pax attending his floating concert have a nice day.

"We want to continue that tradition in Runaway's fully immersive vacation trips - get ready and we'll see you out there," the ageing rocker said.

The *Norwegian Jade* will sail from Miami to the Bahamas and offer more than just the tunes, with Q&A sessions and memorabilia viewing also scheduled.

With a fusion like this, NCL certainly can't be accused of giving cruises a bad name, so we suggest you take your bad medicine and make sure you get a ticket - dead or alive!



Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY

Radiance of the Seas 09 Oct
Majestic Princess 10 Oct
Pacific Eden 10 Oct
Carnival Legend 13 Oct
Carnival Spirit 14 Oct

MELBOURNE

Majestic Princess 12 Oct

BRISBANE

Pacific Aria 09 Oct
Pacific Dawn 13 Oct
Pacific Jewel 14 Oct

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Coral Discoverer 12 Oct

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Sea Princess 11 Oct

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