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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, a front cover wrap from **PONANT** and a full page from **Windstar**.

Newcastle cruise terminal funds withdrawn

PROPOSED government funding of \$12.7 million allocated to the construction of a new cruise terminal in Newcastle (*CW* 30 Nov 2017) has been terminated, according to a statement released by the Port of Newcastle yesterday.

"While disappointed construction of the terminal facility cannot proceed at this time, we respect that funding is no longer available," the statement said.

"Our consultations with the cruise industry have been beneficial in better understanding its needs and ensuring that the design of any future infrastructure will be well-informed by the industry."

The project reportedly hit tough times last Jun, when a stand-off emerged over the price of the construction.

According to the *Newcastle*



Herald, the Port said it was unable to build the planned terminal within the state funds set aside close to two years earlier, with then-Port of Newcastle Chief Executive Geoff Crowe seeking "less than \$4 million" in additional funds.

Several months later, the government said it would not be spending more on the project, with issues deepening in Feb after

claims the terminal was unlikely to include a homeport capability.

Despite the funding pull, the Port of Newcastle says it will continue to support the Hunter's tourism sector by berthing incoming cruise ships in port as well as "coordinating the many wonderful volunteers dedicated to welcoming visitors to our city".

Pictured: An artist's impression of Newcastle's doomed terminal.

Small ship trips

PONANT and National Geographic have partnered to offer a range of unique and new expedition cruises to a range of global destinations.

The partnership offers guests a choice of 23 voyages, including the seven-night Adventure in the Caribbean itinerary, the 10-night Emblematic Antarctica journey, and the 11-night Fernando de Noronha & the Bijagos Archipelago adventure.

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Crystal tees off

CRYSTAL Cruises has announced the lineup of golf pros who are set to tee off on board the cruise line's series of golf-themed Experiences of Discovery voyages in 2019.

Ex-PGA Tour player Dave Stockton will join guests on board *Crystal Serenity*, cruising from London to Reykjavik on 10 Jun, while US top 10 player from 1989-1994, Tom Kite, will mingle with cruisers on board the Lisbon to Monte Carlo journey on 12 Aug.

Don Pooley, best known for his million dollar hole in one shot at the 1987 Bay Hill Classic, will join guests on board *Crystal Symphony* on a round trip from San Diego on 21 Dec.

Crystal Cruises' golf cruises offer guests the chance to play at courses around the world, for more info [CLICK HERE](#).

Windstar's Med

WINDSTAR Cruises is today promoting its range of 2020 Mediterranean itineraries, including a brand new Egypt addition.

Highlights of the updated journeys include the 10-night Mediterranean Island Hopping Adventure, and the 10-night Corinth Canal & Western Epicentres of the Ancient World - see the [back page](#).

Vasco da Gama to set sail



CRUISE and Maritime Voyages (CMV)'s newest ship, *Vasco da Gama*, **pictured**, is on track to sail on her maiden voyage from Singapore to London next Tue, with the 44-night voyage completely booked out.

The ship, which is the fifth vessel to join the cruise line's fleet, will arrive in Sydney in Dec, making calls at destinations such as South Australia, Tasmania, Australia's north west, and south east Asia.

Managing Director of Cruise & Maritime Voyages Australia, Dean Brazier, said he is excited to have *Vasco da Gama* as the company's primary Australian ship during the summer cruising season.

"This ship will offer Australians more destinations at affordable prices, giving our guests the chance to explore their own backyard and beyond in a new

way," Brazier said.

"With *Vasco da Gama*, we will become the first cruise line ever to visit Wallaroo, and our other maiden visits for us will include Kuri Bay, Broome, Portland, Phillip Island and Sandakan in Borneo."

The ship's inaugural Singapore cruise will visit destinations including Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Mumbai, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Morocco and Portugal, before arriving in London Tilbury.

To celebrate the vessel's launch, Cruise and Maritime Voyages are offering guests \$222 free onboard credit in Oceanview cabins and above on selected voyages.

Bookings must be made by 06 May, with eligible cruises including the Bali and Treasures of the Northwest itinerary, the Broome and Treasures of the Northwest trip, & Tropical Escape.

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

Oceania's record

OCEANIA Cruises experienced the "single best booking day in the brand's 16-year history" on 17 Apr, following the opening of bookings for its 2020/21 winter season voyages.

The day, which recorded a 20% increase in bookings over the previous winter season launch "underscores the increased demand we are experiencing from loyal repeat guests and new guests alike", said President and CEO of Oceania Cruises, Bob Binder.

The season features 85 itineraries, including sailings to Australia and New Zealand.

Cuba restrictions

THE US Government has reportedly imposed restrictions on cruise and air travel to Cuba, limiting nonfamily travel to the Caribbean island.

While details of the restrictions are not yet clear, the *New York Times* has reported it is expected to "seriously hurt the tourism sector on the island".

A spokesperson for Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings said the company is "closely monitoring" the developments.

"The company's itineraries, which include Cuba...will continue as scheduled," it said.

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Highlights from the 18th annual CLIA cruise industry awards in the April issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Galapagos wildlife

WORLD Expeditions has launched a new cruise taking guests to the Galapagos archipelago on board its 16-passenger vessel, *Solaris*.

Guests will have their choice of 11 cabins, offering private facilities and ocean views, as well as a sun deck, outside bar and lounge areas.

Naturalist expert, Jaime Dominguez will be on board to offer guests his expertise in the region, to find out more [CLICK HERE](#).

Four days of fun with Carnival



CARNIVAL Cruise Line took 40 agents on a "Fun Size" four-day cruise from Sydney to Moreton Island onboard *Carnival Spirit* earlier this month.

The agents sampled a range of entertainment options including Playlist Productions, Harry Potter Trivia, Punchliner Comedy Club & the Rock n Glow deck party.

Travel agents also had the

chance to experience a backstage Galley tour and an interactive cooking activity of how the Warm Chocolate Melting Cake is made.

Carnival's Business Development Managers Lance Dye and Sarah Miller enjoyed showing off the 45+ daily activities and 16 bars and lounges on offer.

Pictured: Agents enjoying the "fun sized" cruise.



WHAT'S in a name? Plenty, according to the good people at Travelmarvel.

The cruise and tour operator has launched a nation-wide competition inviting the public to submit names for the brand's three new, technologically advanced European river ships.

The winning suggestions will be prefixed with "Travelmarvel", with entrants asked to come up with a series of three names they feel would suit the brand's new Contemporary Class ships.

The most creative answer will win a cabin for two people on the first of the ships, sailing from Amsterdam to Budapest on the company's European Gems itinerary in 2020.

Entries must be submitted by Fri 10 May via the link [HERE](#).

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