

Cruise Weekly today

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

Carnival Spa & Bar

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has extended its Spa & Bar Dollars deal until 02 May.

The offer gives passengers up to \$400 onboard credit to use at a range of the cruise line's spas or bars and lounges and is available on a range of sailings across 2019 and 2020, including the 18-night transpacific journey from Sydney to Honolulu on *Carnival Spirit*, which sets sail on 24 Mar 2020.

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On location in
Vancouver

Today's issue of *CW* is coming to you courtesy of Norwegian Cruise Line and Air Canada.

CRUISE Weekly is today setting off on the inaugural US sailing of Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Joy*.

Over the weekend we'll be joining travel agents from Australia, UK, Latin America and Asia as well as media to explore all this newly renovated ship has to offer.

We're looking forward to enjoying some of the industry firsts that *Joy* has to provide, including an onboard go-kart track, open-air laser tag arena and the musical production of *Footloose*.

We arrived yesterday refreshed thanks to Air Canada's Business class before enjoying Norwegian's welcome cocktail party, see more on [page two](#).

CLIA applauds Auckland wharf decision

THE controversial extension of Auckland's Queen's Wharf (*CW* 13 Mar) has officially been given the green light, after an independent panel came to the agreement that the development would have "positive economic and social benefits" for the cruise industry.

The project, which has been under fire since its original proposal in Nov 2017, will see the addition of a 90m fixed gangway and two 15m by 15m concrete mooring structures fixed to the seabed allowing for the berthing of larger cruise ships.

The official report, released by Auckland developer, Panuku, laid out a range of conditions including a list of environmental best practices, with the stipulation it be removed "after no more than 15 years".

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia Managing Director, Joel Katz, said the decision was not only a step forward for Auckland, but for destinations around NZ.

Adventurer launch

CORAL Expeditions has officially launched its fourth ship, the 120-passenger *Coral Adventurer*, with the ship setting sail for Darwin from Singapore on its maiden voyage on Wed.

The sold-out 18-day In The Trail of Tasman voyage will take its first guests through the Indonesian archipelago as it retraces the historic explorations of Dutch explorer, Abel Tasman.

Following its inaugural sailing, *Coral Adventurer* will arrive in Australian waters with an official ceremonial welcome in Darwin on 12 May, before commencing a 10-night venture through West Papua.

She will then return to Darwin to resume the Kimberley season.



"As the international gateway to New Zealand, Auckland's current berthing restrictions are hampering cruise operations and threatening to limit economic growth both locally and in other regions," Katz said.

"The decision to increase the capacity of Queens Wharf will mean larger ships can safely berth in Auckland and make onward visits to ports all over the country, bringing enormous economic benefits," he added.

Katz continued by saying

Auckland had been "at risk of losing its place in international cruise itineraries" following the introduction of larger ships.

"The solution... ensures NZ's cruise tourism sector continues to thrive," he concluded.

Pictured: Auckland Harbour.

Seabourn Europe

SEABOURN has launched its 2019 Europe Collection cruises, taking guests on a series of itineraries around the Mediterranean, Baltic, Spanish Isles, and more.

The collection includes voyages on board the cruise line's *Ovation*, *Encore*, *Quest* and *Odyssey* vessels, visiting more than 200 destinations on cruises of between seven and 45-days.

"Our voyages are ideal for anyone seeking to take a longer holiday and get the most out of their time visiting beautiful destinations dotting Northern Europe, Western Europe, and the Mediterranean," said Chris Austin, Senior Vice President of Global Marketing & Sales.

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Azamara final call

AZAMARA Club Cruises has announced a final call to save up to 50% on last minute voyages to Alaska, across a range of itineraries and stateroom categories.

Voyages include the eight-night Alaska cruise and the 14-night Japan, Russia and Alaska cruise both onboard *Azamara Quest*.

On the Alaska journey travellers will get to visit destinations including Ketchikan, Juneau, Haines, Sitka & Icy Strait Point before finishing in Seward, Alaska.

Departing Vancouver on 14 Jun, fares begin at \$2,159pp.

Visitors can also opt for the Japan, Russia & Alaska cruise dep Tokyo on 12 May.

Visits include Sapporo and Kushiro in Japan, and Dutch Harbour, Kodiak.

Fares begin from \$3,719pp.

ANZAC Day at sea

CARNIVAL Spirit hosted an ANZAC Day dawn service at sea yesterday, during its eight-night cruise to New Caledonia.

As part of the service, retired serviceman, Lieutenant Colonel Campbell Paine, read the ANZAC poem, 'ANZAC Cove', written by his great uncle, Leon Gellert.

Guests had the opportunity to enjoy a 'Gunfire Breakfast', play backyard cricket, a game of Two-Up and view a screening of Gallipoli throughout the day.

"The dawn service serves as a moment of reflection and remembrance & celebrates the ANZAC Spirit," said Carnival Cruise Line's VP Australia, Jennifer Vandekreeke.

"We thank Lieutenant Colonel Campbell Paine for leading us in marking this important day."

TRAVEL agents from Australia, the UK, Latin America and Asia were welcomed last night to Vancouver for the inaugural US sailing of *Norwegian Joy*.

Travellers arriving yesterday morning were treated to a city tour and lunch, before watching *Joy* sail into Vancouver in the early evening.

The ship was first built for the Chinese market in 2017, but late last year underwent a US\$50 million dollar renovation, transforming her to be almost identical to sister-ship *Norwegian Bliss*.

She will now join *Bliss* sailing in Alaska from May 2019, before she

cruises the Mexican Riviera, and Panama Canal from Miami and Los Angeles in 2020.

Over the three-night sailing, guests will have the chance to sample all the exciting activities and mouth-watering dining options that the ship has to offer, with 16 dining venues and 17 bars and lounges.

Pictured at the welcome event last night are Amber Kelly, Manager Product and Marketing, Express Travel Group; Nicole Costantin, Vice President Sales, Australia and New Zealand, Norwegian Cruise Line and Laura-Jean Lyons, Product Administrator, CruiseGuru.com.au.

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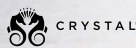
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The special is available from 01 May to 30 Jun with travel until 31 Mar 2020.

All fares include shipboard accommodation, all meals, guided village, school and island tours, snorkelling and glass bottom boat excursions, daily island stopovers and water activities, hikes, kids club, and onboard wi-fi.

CLICK HERE for info on prices.

Viking Sun guests give back



VIKING Sun guests and crew have donated US\$50,000 worth of food, clothing, shoes, linen and other supplies to the victims of Cyclone Idai in Maputo, Mozambique.

Guests onboard the ship, which is currently sailing Viking's 128-day World Cruise itinerary, began to collect items to contribute at the beginning of Apr.

Following the ship's inaugural visit to Madagascar, she called on Maputo on 11 Apr, where 15 pallets of donations were unloaded and presented to Red Cross aid workers.

Among the donations were hundreds of baby hats, hand-knitted by a dedicated group of Viking world cruise guests (**pictured**).

Virgin's coffee fix

VIRGIN Voyages has partnered with Intelligentsia Coffee, whose "sustainability aligns with [Virgin's] vision when it comes to caring for people and the planet".

The partnership will feature a Virgin Voyages blend The Nauti Blend using coffee beans from farms in both the Northern and Southern Hemisphere.

The other offerings will generally be globally grown single origin with a focus on "organic or shade grown" meaning from a specific farm and not a blend.

Some regions include Central America & Northern Mexico, South America, and both northern & central East Africa.

Intelligentsia will also be training baristas to design creative coffee activities, like coffee cocktail tastings.



YOU know that feeling you get when you never want your cruise to end? Well, thanks to innovative US cruise line, Blue World Voyages, it literally doesn't have to.

The "first active lifestyle" cruise line is officially selling a selection of upscale residences on board a new, unnamed ship set to make its debut in 2020.

The luxury one- and two-bedroom units, known as "Owners Residences", are on sale from a whopping US\$.2.2 million, offering cashed up cruisers the chance to see the world from the comfort of their own home.

Don't believe us? See for yourself - **CLICK HERE**.

Adv Canada Arctic

ADVENTURE Canada is offering guests looking to explore the Arctic Circle's Northwest Passage savings of more than US\$7,000 per couple on board its *Ocean Explorer* vessel.

The cruise, which departs from either Greenland on 21 Aug 2020 or Canada on 06 Sep 2020, takes guests on a journey crossing the Arctic Circle, cruising along the icebergs at Ilulissat Icefjord, the chance to see the remnants of the Franklin Expedition, and Devon Island.

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