

Cruise Weekly today

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

Ponant acquires Paul Gauguin Cruises

FRENCH cruise ship operator Ponant has announced the purchase of Paul Gauguin Cruises (*CW* breaking news).

Ponant said the acquisition would be a good brand marriage, as both cruise lines combine “exceptional itineraries with luxury hotel services and fine cuisine to create memorable experiences at sea”.

The announcement will not see any major structural changes take place at Paul Gauguin Cruises, with its Chief Executive Officer Diane Moore to stay on in the position, along with her team who are based in Bellevue, Washington, USA.

“We are pleased to welcome Paul Gauguin Cruises to our Ponant family,” noted Ponant’s President and founder Jean-Emmanuel Sauvee.

“We share the same core values..the synergy between our



operations makes this the perfect collaboration while preserving the unique DNA of both brand experiences,” he added.

Ponant guests will now have access to a range of new itineraries in French Polynesia and the South Pacific under the deal, with Paul Gauguin’s CEO Diane Moore hailing the purchase as beneficial to both lines’ guests.

“We are excited about introducing our guests to the wider world of Ponant and to welcoming Ponant guests on board Paul Gauguin,” she said.

“As we join the Ponant family, we remain dedicated to our shared passion for authentic experiences, high quality service and sustainable practices”.

Pictured: m/s Paul Gauguin.

Venice cruise ban?

THERE is currently no ban in place preventing cruise ships from visiting Venice, according to a statement released by Cruise Line International Association (CLIA) Europe.

The industry body refuted media reports first put out by *The Financial Times*, that Italian Minister for Transport Danilo Toninelli had announced a ban on ships larger than 1,000 tonnes from entering Venice’s Grand Canal from Sep this year.

CLIA said Toninelli had “set up a working group to look at alternative solutions which could see some ships rerouted to mainland terminals...but no decision has been made”.

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Silversea solo deal

SILVERSEA Cruises is currently offering a 10% single supplement on a select range of its sailings in India, Asia and Central and South America.

The offer is valid for voyages departing between Oct and Dec and includes a 14-day cruise from Tokyo to Hong Kong, a 25-day trip from Lima to Buenos Aires, and an 18-day journey from Mumbai to Singapore.

Voyages on offer include return international Economy flights and overseas transfers, with select sailings also offering US\$1,000 shipboard credit per suite and a one-category suite upgrade.

Call 02 9255 0600 for further information on bookings.

RSSC unveils 27 new ports



REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has unveiled details of its 2021-2022 Voyage Collection Debut, which features 27 maiden ports across Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Africa, South America and the Caribbean.

In total, the collection offers 146 voyages embarking from Apr 2021 through to May 2022, with highlights including a record 116 overnight stays, access to more than 350 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and a return to Indian Ocean hotspots such as the Seychelles, Mauritius and Reunion Island.

"These voyages represent the most stunning and ambitious collection in our company's history," said RSSC President and CEO Jason Montague.

"We are sailing to even more legendary and lesser-known destinations highlighted by... immersive land experiences in every port," he added.

Closer to home the collection includes sailings in Australia and New Zealand with stops in destinations like The Great Barrier

Reef and Milford Sound on board *Seven Seas Explorer*.

Meanwhile new ports of call in Europe include Dunkerque in France, Liepaja in Latvia, Turku in Finland, and Wismar in Germany, while popular routes also feature such as Barcelona (pictured) to London and Oslo to Stockholm.

Regent also has early booking specials in place for the new collection, with bookings by 30 Sep earning 10% discounts on deposits - call 1300 455 200.

Solstice NZ deals

CELEBRITY Cruises is offering three deals on cruises to New Zealand in Nov and Dec on board *Celebrity Solstice*.

With savings of up to \$500 per stateroom on offer, the trio of 12-night cruises include ports of call in popular New Zealand cruise destinations such as Tauranga, Wellington, Akaroa, Dunedin, Dusky Sound, Doubtful Sound, Milford Sound, Auckland, The Bay of Islands and Picton.

P&O UK pulls out

P&O Cruises UK has cancelled its winter program in Dubai and the Arabian Gulf, citing rising tensions in the region as the reason.

The decision follows the detention of a British-flagged tanker by Iranian authorities, with the company stating a cruise line flying the Red Ensign was "not advisable" to maintain its planned cruises.

Guests affected will receive full refunds, with P&O UK to release details of alternative deployments by 20 Aug.



FEEL like modern music can totally harsh your cruise mellow?

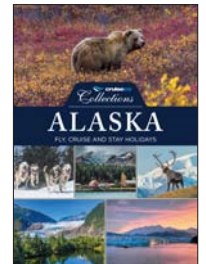
Well, U River Cruises has your psychedelic backs covered, with the cruise line now offering its passengers the chance to boogie to their hearts' content at its floating 70s themed parties.

Lava lamps, flared pants, Leo Sayer-esque hair, and peace bangles are a must at these retro shindigs - groove on dadio!



Brochure spotlight

CruiseCo Collections Alaska



CRUISECO has launched a brand-new Collection, Alaska.

From experiencing indigenous customs to zip lining and wood chopping in between, there is a holiday experience in Alaska to meet every traveller need!

The CruiseCo Alaska Collection features 26 interesting cruise holidays for clients to choose from across multiple cruise line brands, empowering travellers to set their own pace.

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