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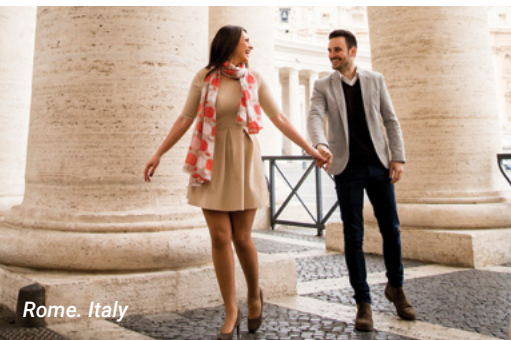
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## Royal Caribbean hit by NZ volcano tragedy

**PASSENGERS** aboard Royal Caribbean's *Ovation of the Seas* have been swept up in the tragic volcanic eruption on New Zealand's White Island, which occurred yesterday at 2.11pm local time while 24 of the ship's Australian passengers were on the island during a tour.

According to the latest updates, three of those Australians are believed to be among five people confirmed dead, while 13 are in hospital and eight are missing, with authorities saying they do not expect to find more survivors.

"The news from White Island is devastating...we are working to help our guests and the authorities in the aftermath of this tragedy in any way we can," said a Royal Caribbean spokesperson.

The cruise line is acting to ensure guests and their families are looked after "in terms of medical help, counselling,



accommodations, and transport", with staff from its Sydney and Auckland offices assisting onsite.

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) released a statement expressing their condolences, stating "in difficult times our industry comes together for support and we will rally around our friends and colleagues, both on board and on shore".

*Ovation* left Sydney on 4 Dec and was due to return on 16 Dec, but will remain docked in the Port of Tauranga "as long as necessary", the ship's captain said.

Family members concerned about the status of relatives travelling aboard *Ovation of the Seas* can call 1300 026 240 (Aus) or 0800 002 141 (NZ).

**Pictured:** The White Island eruption; image supplied to the ABC by David McClelland.

### Cruise Weekly today

*Cruise Weekly* today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover wrap from **Celebrity Cruises**.



## CRUISE WEEKLY

On location in  
**Maui, United States**

Today's issue of *CW* is coming to you courtesy of Norwegian Cruise Line, which is this week hosting its 2019 Legends famil.

**FOLLOWING** an action-filled day yesterday, the NCL's Legends famil takes a slightly more leisurely pace today, allowing guests the opportunity to explore Maui at their own pace.

At night, Legends will reconvene at Jefferson's Bistro for dinner, before being treated to a showing of *Lights, Camera, Music!* at the Hollywood Theatre aboard *Pride of America*.



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Check out everything *Norwegian Encore* has to offer in the December issue of *travelBulletin*.



## A-ROSA E-Motion

**EUROPEAN** river cruise line A-ROSA Flussschiff GmbH has opened up bookings for its E-Motion Ship, which will sail the Rhine from 2021.

The new ship features a battery storage system and air-bubble technology to significantly reduce emissions, and will offer five itineraries, each starting in Cologne, that will call in at destinations such as Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp, and a first for A-ROSA, Dordrecht & Utrecht.

Bookings made by 31 Jan 2020 will receive the Super Early Booking Discount - **CLICK HERE** for more.

## CCC Xmas Cruise

**CAPTAIN** Cook Cruises is offering guests the chance to experience a "cruisey" Christmas aboard its super-cruiser *MV Sydney 2000*, with three Christmas Day lunch cruises including the Sky Deck Lunch, Club Deck Lunch and Show Deck Lunch, featuring views of Sydney Harbour, a five-course menu or buffet feast and a selection of wines, beers and soft drinks.

The cruise begins 12pm, Wed 25 Dec from No.1 King Street Wharf and returns at 3pm, with prices starting from \$249 per adult and \$189 per child - **CLICK HERE** for bookings.

## More of Maui please



**TRAVEL** agent guests headed to the Hawaiian island of Maui for the next stop on Norwegian Cruise Line's 2019 Legends family yesterday.

The group was hosted by Hawaii Tourism Oceania and the Maui Visitors Bureau, who showed travellers some of the island's highlights, including Maui Ocean Centre and Ali'i Kula

Lavender Farm.

Of course a day exploring wouldn't be complete without some delicious food to keep everyone going.

The group enjoyed meals at Kula Lodge (**pictured**) and Fleetwood's on Front Street, owned by eponymous British musician, Mick Fleetwood, who lives on the island.



**THOUGHT** something as banal as a traffic jam couldn't be made into a work of art?

Artist Leandro Erlich would beg to differ, after the city of Miami Beach commissioned him to create a giant traffic jam...made entirely of sand.

It took two years, over US\$1 million and 330 tonnes of sand to create 66 life-sized sculptures of cars and trucks, in a display that "touches on climate crisis".

The surreal seaside traffic jam is on display until 15 Dec.



## MSC opens Ocean Cay private island

**MSC** Cruises has welcomed the first guests to its new private island destination in The Bahamas, Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve (**CW** 15 Nov).

The island offers a range of shore excursions, from snorkelling to spa treatments.

"Having the first guests arrive on the island is a moment of great pride," said MSC Cruises Executive Chairman Pierfrancesco Vago.

"Ocean Cay is not just a holiday island, it is a unique marine reserve where people and nature thrive in harmony," he continued.

MSC also announced it will build a conservation centre on the island, which will "serve as an active base for coral education and research".

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