



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### HAL cancellation

A **TECHNICAL** issue with one of *Nieuw Amsterdam's* two Azipod propulsion systems has caused the cancellation of Holland America Line's (HAL) 14 Dec cruise from Fort Lauderdale.

Scheduled to cruise the Caribbean, HAL made a request to sail with just one of the propulsion systems, but it was not approved in time for a "satisfactory itinerary", the cruise line said in a statement.

"[HAL] is working with guests to assist with travel arrangements and provide support," the statement read, with several guests rebooked on other cruises.

## Princess rejigs Aus/NZ sales team

**PRINCESS** Cruises Australia's sales team has made a series of "strategic changes" designed to "strengthen trade relations", promoting Lachlan Brett to National Account Manager; Shaun Kavanagh to Key Account Manager and Brett Wendorf to Head of Sales Operations.

Wendorf, previously Australian and New Zealand National Sales Manager, will oversee all Business Development Managers in Australian and New Zealand markets, while Brett will oversee national accounts across the market.

Kavanagh will oversee cruise specialist accounts, including key wholesaler partners.

"These promotions are key to Princess Cruises local growth story and providing the best service to our key accounts," said Princess Cruises Director of Sales and Marketing Nick Ferguson.



"We have made this change to ensure the continued success for the Princess Cruises' business in the Australian market for the years ahead."

Princess Cruises recently introduced its Ocean of Offers promotion for its 2020 itineraries, which provides guests with a

multitude of special packages on its 2020 itineraries, which includes Australia, Alaska, the Caribbean Europe, Japan and New Zealand (**CW** 13 Dec), which lasts until 12 Mar.

**Pictured** are Brett Wendorf, Nick Ferguson, Shaun Kavanagh and Lachlan Brett.

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## Ponant's release

**PONANT'S** Antarctic voyages for its new polar ship *Le Commandant Charcot* have been released for its inaugural season.

The 12 trips will sail aboard what the cruise line is dubbing "the world's first limited-capacity cruise ship to be propelled by liquified natural gas", with the first season lasting from Nov 2021 to Apr 2022.

Highlights include The emperor penguins of the Bellingshausen Sea; The Ross Sea and The Weddell Sea & Larsen Ice Shelf - for more, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Off into the sunset



**THE** 2019 Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) Legends family came to an end in Honolulu over the past two days, with agents treated to some of the best of Oahu.

Attendees explored Ala Moana Center, International Market Place and Kualoa Private Nature Reserve, where they enjoyed a private movie site tour, lunch at Kualoa Ranch, and were able to enjoy some leisure time relaxing on Secret Beach.

Staying at Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger, the group also toured Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort, and had farewell dinner and dinner in Waikiki.

**Pictured** about to visit the *Jurassic Park* filming location are Cameron Sanderson, Cruise Deal Finder; Jacinta Baker, NCL; Ambar Riedmann, Cruise1st;

Kelly McHugh, Imagine Cruising; Matt Clements, Bicton Travel; Kim Buckley, My Cruises and Leah Giri, Ecrusing, while **inset**, CruiseAway by Dreamlines' Teresa Pinto hangs 10!



## Auckland's Dream

**DREAM** Cruises celebrated the maiden arrival of *Explorer Dream* into Auckland on Sun.

The special arrival at Queens Wharf was attended by a range of delegates, including Auckland Tourism Events and Economic Development Chief Executive Nick Hill and Port of Auckland Cruise Operations Manager Leigh Robins.

The cruise line recently cruised outside of Asia for the first time with *Explorer's* arrival into Sydney (**CW** 28 Oct), where she will homeport for the season.

*Explorer Dream* will sail a range of roundtrip NZ adventures departing from Auckland between 15 Dec and 26 Jan.



**OAKLAND**, California is facing a quite serious homelessness problem, and as they are employed to do, a local politician has come up with a unique way of tackling it.

According to CBS, City Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan told a council meeting on Wed that Oakland should consider housing up to 1,000 homeless people on a cruise ship, which would dock at the city's port - one of the busiest in the country.

Kaplan claims to have been contacted by cruise lines about providing a ship for the emergency housing situation, but it is not yet sure whether such a ship could be docked.

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