



One Ocean's *Resolute* ship still stuck

ONE Ocean Expeditions continues to sell cabins on upcoming voyages aboard its *RCGS Resolute*, despite the vessel being currently impounded in Buenos Aires due to money owed.

The company's website still lists availability of a 21 Dec departure of a 10-night Christmas in Antarctica itinerary, priced from US\$12,695 per person.

That's despite the company's CEO Andrew Prossin having already advised travellers aboard the voyage that it will not operate as scheduled - making it the fifth departure in a row which has been cancelled without providing any refunds to customers.

One Ocean's coverage under the AFTA Chargeback Scheme (ACS)



Pictured: OOE's *Resolute* in happier times.

was suspended six weeks ago.

Late last month, an Argentinian judge ordered *Resolute* to stay in the Port of Buenos Aires due to the cruise line being sued for a "significant debt" to an unidentified supplier.

According to the most recent reports, the ship is unable to refuel or leave the port without a ruling on the case.

Some crew, who have been working for the company, also claim they are owed significant

amounts in unpaid wages.

The most recent letter to clients from Prossin, dated last Thu 12 Dec, once again suggests passengers on the aborted 21 Dec Christmas in Antarctica cruise contact their insurance providers, along with a vague undertaking that One Ocean would be in touch about any "compensation possibilities".

Cruise Weekly today

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

Coral extends AGS

AUSTRALIAN Geographic Society (AGS) and Coral Expeditions have deepened their existing partnership, adding four new expeditions of Australia's remote coastlines through to 2022.

New cruises added include a Battles and Beaches: 75th Anniversary of WWII sailing which will travel for 13 nights from 23 Oct, as well as a Coastal Wilds of Tasmania voyage (2021), an Island Outposts of Western Australia cruise (2021), and an unexplored Great Barrier Reef journey (2021).

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Expo 2020 w/ MSC

MSC Cruises will deploy two of its ships to offer cruises during Expo 2020 taking place in Dubai next year.

MSC Lirica and *MSC Seaview* will be in town for the big event, with the cruise line becoming an authorised ticket reseller that will allow its pax on board *Lirica's* seven-day ex Dubai cruise to have the cost of their Expo ticket covered.

MSC Seaview will also be deployed to the Arabian Peninsula for the season, with guests able to purchase official Expo 2020 packages while on board, which include entry tickets and ground transportation.

More than 25 million people are expected to attend Expo 2020 Dubai, which kicks off 20 Oct, and is billed as the largest event ever staged in the United Arab Emirates.

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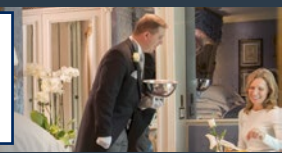
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27 Dec: 9am-6pm	2 Jan: Return to normal



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Delfin for dolphins



ADVENTURE World Travel will run speciality Amazon river dolphin cruises next year.

The Amazon sailings will travel along the iconic river and be dedicated to the observation of the aquatic mammals, and will also welcome aboard Pink River dolphin specialist Joanna Alfaro to provide pax with the opportunity to participate in research & gain primary insights.

Sailing aboard *Delfin III* (pictured), pax will also learn how to deploy acoustic seapods to collect and record sounds of the dolphins, learn how to identify dolphin species, and how to collect and record data by using a distance lamp and a thermometer.

Starting at \$5,185ppts, the four-night cruise next departs 24 Mar and 28 Apr.

PRINCESS Cruises has revealed further details of its 2021 Japan season, which will include the longest season in the Asian country to date, sailing aboard *Diamond Princess* (pictured).

Voyaging from Mar to Dec 2021, newly unveiled highlights include Spring Flowers cruises and Festival cruises, with sailings going on sale today.

Ranging in length from four to 19 days, the season visits 44 destinations in total, such as Hong Kong, Taiwan and Vietnam.

Other itineraries featured in the season include Circle Hokkaido cruises, Fall Foliage sailings, Japan Explorer adventures and Southern Island trips.

Departing from Kobe and Yokohama, new inclusions for 2021 feature eight festivals across six voyages, 29 new tours in 19 new ports, and five new calls for *Diamond*: Hitachinaka, Jeju, Omaezaki, Shimonoseki and Ube.

The More Ashore program also offers late-night stays in

Akita, Aomori, Busan, Hakodate, Hong Kong, Kobe, Kochi, Osaka, Tokushima and Wakayama, while the Highlights of Japan Cruisetour adds five days on land exploring Kyoto and Tokyo.

Past Princess guests booking before 30 Apr can receive discounts of up to \$200pp.

MEANWHILE Princess Cruises has changed the deployment details for select local cruises on board *Sapphire Princess* in 2021.

These include changed dates for two Asia and Australia cruises and one Australia gateway sailing, all originally scheduled to leave in May, as well as the cancellation of two Papua New Guinea & South Pacific voyages departing 29 Apr & 01 May 2021.

Princess has also added Sydney to Brisbane and vice versa cruises to the 2021 program.

Booking notifications will be issued and there will be no commission protection for agents, however \$25 bonus commissions will apply for rebookings.

Paradise launches dedicated Vietnam cruise

PARADISE Cruises has announced it will introduce new sailings in 2020 dedicated to highlighting Vietnamese culture.

Cruising the picturesque Ha Long Bay, the cruise line's new Paradise Sails program will offer passengers a "culturally-enriching cruise on a classic wooden junk", introducing one- and two-night

itineraries from 01 Jan.

Experiences will include a royal "Bao Dai" dinner which boasts Vietnamese favourites such as deep-fried crab spring roll, and grilled chicken in lime leaves, as well as interactive cooking demonstrations, sunrise tai chi on the upper deck, and mountain hikes - for bookings, [CLICK HERE](#).

P&O Cruises kicks off retail campaign

P&O Cruises has launched a major new marketing push promoting the tag line "Like No Place on Earth".

The campaign is running across TV, digital and social media channels, and focuses on the cruise line's "floating

islands of water slides, cocktails and ice cream".

The push is being supported by P&O's new Oh Buoy Sale, which includes \$1 deposits and up to \$450 of onboard spending money for cruises departing from 11 Feb.



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THESE days cruise lines are all about the land excursions, but this next story perhaps buries into the concept a little too deeply for most passengers.

Advances in ground-penetrating radar recently revealed an ancient Viking ship hidden beneath the topsoil of a farm near the former town of Edoy in western Norway.

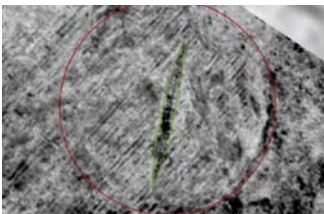
Archeologists are hopeful the find could offer a wealth of historical knowledge about ancient shipbuilding and Norse burial rites.

Not surprisingly, the farmer who owns the land, Per Hassle, was "surprised" to learn an ancient ship was buried beneath his crops, but according to Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research archeologist Dag-Oyvind Solem, Hassle is taking the major marine discovery in his stride.

"We couldn't have wished for a more agreeable landowner," he said.

"He [Hassle] is very interested in history, especially local history, and is very enthusiastic about the project," Solem added.

Now the more important question remains; where is the buried treasure!!?



The best view in Sydney



CAPTAIN Cook Cruises will operate several special New Year's Eve cruises on the evening of 31 Dec, allowing pax to watch Sydney's iconic fireworks display from one of the best vantage points in the city.

Prices for a cruise on board *Sydney 2000* (pictured) start from \$1,299 per person and will depart from Circular Quay Wharf 6 at 7.30pm and disembark at

1am, with a dinner, live band and access to the open top deck all included.

Also on offer is a DJ Party cruise aboard *Matilda 3*, which will provide canapes, a buffet featuring a selection of meats, seafood, vegetarian options and desserts, as well as an open bar of wine, standard spirits, and local and imported beer.

Prices start from \$990pp.

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It's been a great year for our CLIA cruise community in every sense, and a fantastic way to end a decade of achievement. As we head into 2020, we can be confident of yet further success ahead thanks to the passion and dedication of our travel agent community.

From all of us here at CLIA, we wish you all a very happy holiday season and all the best for a prosperous new year ahead.

