



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Mardi Gras delayed

THE delivery of Carnival Cruise Line's *Mardi Gras* vessel has been knocked back by two and a half months to 14 Nov, with the first eight sailings from 31 Aug now cancelled.

The reason for the delay at the Meyer Turku shipyard in Finland was to "make sure all of the ship's systems, features and technology will be fully operational" by the time she launches, Carnival said.

Dropped sailings include European, transatlantic, NY, and Port Canaveral itineraries.

Carnival is giving affected pax a 25% discount on a future booking in cruise credit, plus a refund on cancelled sailings.

## S.S. *Sphinx* delayed by major fire damage

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruises has been forced to push back the launch date for its highly anticipated *S.S. Sphinx* following the breakout of a fire on board the ship during its construction in Cairo.

Originally slated to debut on the Nile in Egypt in two weeks' time on 06 Jan, the damage to the vessel sustained in the fire was sufficient to knock back her launch date to the start of the 2020/21 season on 26 Sep.

Uniworld said it would use alternative ships to cater for guests already booked on all *S.S. Sphinx* sailings through to May 2020, including *S.S. Sphinx's* all-suite sister ship, the 82-passenger *River Tosca*, which will accommodate many of the affected bookings.

Uniworld has also reached out to affected passengers and agents to organise alternative travel



arrangements, with the cruise line also noting it was currently in the process of conducting a thorough investigation into how the incident occurred.

"A full investigation to determine the cause of the fire is underway," a spokesperson for Uniworld said.

"Thankfully, no one was on board at the time and there are no injuries to report".

The composition of accommodation on board the *S.S.*

*Sphinx* includes four Royal Suites, 20 Grand Suites, and two Suites, and will boast five decks.

She will also offer two gourmet dining venues, a swimming pool, massage room, and authentic Egyptian-style furnishings such as artworks and fabrics.

When she eventually debuts in Sep, *S.S. Sphinx* will operate 12-day itineraries from Cairo, boasting 12 land excursion of the country's famous monuments.

**Pictured:** Render of *S.S. Sphinx*.

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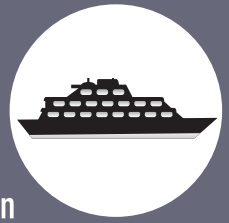
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## Cruise Calendar

This week's port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	23 Dec
<i>Maasdam</i>	23 Dec
<i>Maasdam</i>	24 Dec
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	25 Dec
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	26 Dec
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	26 Dec
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	27 Dec
<i>Viking Orion</i>	27 Dec
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	27 Dec
<i>Viking Orion</i>	27 Dec
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	28 Dec
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	29 Dec

BRISBANE	
<i>Viking Orion</i>	24 Dec
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	27 Dec
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	28 Dec
<i>Sea Princess</i>	29 Dec

MELBOURNE	
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	23 Dec
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	24 Dec
<i>Maasdam</i>	26 Dec
<i>Boudicca</i>	26 Dec
<i>Vasco da Gama</i>	26 Dec

PERTH	
<i>Sun Princess</i>	23 Dec
<i>Regatta</i>	27 Dec

DARWIN	
<i>Seven Seas Voyager</i>	29 Dec

HOBART	
<i>Vasco da Gama</i>	23 Dec
<i>Maasdam</i>	28 Dec
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	29 Dec
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	29 Dec
<i>Boudicca</i>	29 Dec

AUCKLAND	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	23 Dec
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	27 Dec
<i>Ruby Princess</i>	27 Dec
<i>Golden Princess</i>	29 Dec
<i>Explorer Dream</i>	29 Dec

## Carnival's collision



Source: Twitter

**TWO** Carnival Cruise Line ships have collided in the port of Mexico's Caribbean resort of Cozumel, with *Carnival Glory* making contact with *Carnival Legend* while attempting to reposition on the weekend.

The impact, which was caught on camera by multiple witnesses, has seen moderate damage sustained to *Legend's* stern and

minor damage to *Glory's* bow.

Carnival said that preliminary investigations suggested the extent of the impact was minor.

"We are assessing the damage but there are no issues that impact the seaworthiness of either ship," the cruise line said.

Carnival also confirmed that its itineraries would not be affected & nobody was seriously injured.

## Cool new trip added

**LINDBLAD** Expeditions has revealed the details of a new 18-day Antarctica and Patagonia itinerary, exploring the icy continent's peninsula, southern Patagonia and the Chilean fjords.

Prices start from \$29,600ppts, with a single departure date of 04 Nov.

For further information about the sailing, **CLICK HERE**.



**WE HAVE** all observed relationships which have appeared to be all at sea, but Princess Cruises is gearing up to change that perception.

The cruise line has revealed it will attempt to shatter the romantic record by hosting the largest multi-location vow renewal aboard its ships.

The mass wedding renewals will take place on 11 Feb, with two official *Guinness World Records* adjudicators on hand to formally verify the feat.

The very first *Bachelorette* couple in the United States, Trista and Ryan Sutter, will also be on board to officiate one of the ceremonies, because as we know, nothing says long-term marriage more than reality TV.



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