



Cruise Weekly today

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

Splendor's first

CARNIVAL Splendor has celebrated her first Australian sailing, returning from the south Pacific on Thu.

Outfitted specifically for the Australian market, *Splendor* is the newest and largest ship to currently homeport in Australia.

"There's a great fit between Carnival and Australians...so much so that Australia has quickly become Carnival's second largest market after the USA," said Vice President and General Manager Australia Jennifer Vandekreeke.

2019's last CW

TODAY will be the final sailing of *Cruise Weekly* for the year - we will be back in the office on 02 Jan for our next edition - happy holidays!

Carnival reports US\$20b sales record

CARNIVAL Corporation & plc has released its financial results for the year to 30 Nov, confirming record levels of sales and profit.

The cruise giant's array of brands including P&O Australia, Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America, Cunard, Seabourn, Princess and Costa, recorded a 10% increase in sales to a total of US\$20.4 billion, while adjusted net profit was also a record US\$3 billion for the 12 month period.

The company's Chief Executive Officer Arnold Donald (**pictured**) said a strong fourth quarter had helped the company overcome the impact of "a high number of unusual events, compounded by a significant downturn in leisure travel demand for our large source markets in Continental Europe".

The last 12 months have been difficult for the cruise sector, with Hurricane Dorian, the Trump administration's ban on cruising to Cuba, and multiple shipyard delays.

Donald said the outlook was strong, with the company entering 2020 with a "record



booked occupancy position".

He said based on current trends, Carnival expects a 5% increase in net cruise revenues next year, with capacity growth of 6.6%.

Donald said 2020 would also see a significant increase in Carnival's usage of Marine Gasoil to 40-45%, compared to 21% this year, while the company's usage of Heavy Fuel Oil was expected to comprise 50-55% of its total fuel consumption.

The Carnival CEO also flagged unspecified actions to slow the pace of new ship deliveries to adapt to reduced European demand.

Donald noted the importance of "sustainable and transparent operations" for the company's reputation and success, with recent initiatives including a fleetwide commitment to install food waste digesters, Carnival's membership of the Getting to Zero Coalition, plus pilot programs for fuel cell technology and battery systems.

"We remain committed to being a leader in the development of environmentally friendly fuel solutions, as demonstrated by the introduction of the first cruise ships with the ability to be solely powered by LNG," he said.

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A new Shadow

SILVERSEA has unveiled the refurbished *Silver Shadow*, with the 388-passenger ship now featuring reinvented spaces (**CW** 15 May).

In addition to a new livery - the first time the new two-tone look has been employed on a Silversea ship - all suites have enjoyed floor-to-ceiling renovations, a new atrium has been created on deck five, the Casino and Connoisseur's Corner have moved decks, and the La Dame Restaurant has been reimagined.

"Elegant, understated, recognisable, *Silver Shadow*'s new aesthetic echoes our cruise line's character," said Silversea's Jose Vuolo.

Hurtigruten's eclipse

HURTIGRUTEN has released its 2021 Antarctica Solar Eclipse itineraries, which it is labelling a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience.

Guests on the cruise will be able to view the total solar eclipse from one of two expedition ships, with the 04 Dec eclipse the only one in the next 75 years to be visible from Antarctica.

"We will sail both the world's first hybrid expedition ship, the *MS Roald Amundsen*, and her sister ship, the *MS Fram*, to prime positions outside the South Orkney Islands aiming to see this spectacular natural phenomenon, if weather permits," the cruise line said.



CruiseCO forecast

CRUISECO has predicted the “ship within a ship” concept will be the hottest trend in cruising in 2020.

The term refers to spaces on vessel for just a select group of people, often offering luxury services such as 24/7 butlers.

The company also forecasts more growth in the expedition cruise space, closely followed by themed cruises.



GUESTS aboard P&O Cruises' *Pacific Explorer*, *Pacific Aria* and *Pacific Dawn* this festive season will certainly have their sweet tooth satisfied, with more than 400 gingerbread houses on display throughout the three ships - that's a record-breaking number for the cruise line!

P&O chefs will also serve up one tonne of turkey, 400kg of ham, 100kg of dried fruit within the traditional fruit mince pie or spiced dried fruit cake, and 400kg of prawns during Christmas dinner alone.

Herbivores haven't been forgotten either, with the new Spiced Pumpkin and Chickpea Bake set to debut on the Christmas menu this year.

Happy Feasting!



A CMV Vasco voyage



CRUISE & Maritime Voyages hosted 20 travel agents on board the *Vasco da Gama's* maiden Australian voyage, which departed Sydney on 01 Dec and arrived in Melbourne on 04 Dec.

Agents enjoyed day excursions, including an exploration of the Dandenong Ranges aboard the *Puffing Billy*, as well as morning

pilates classes in the onboard spa and wellness centre, nightly musical performances from the ship's theatre troupe, and more.

Pictured: Julie O'Grady, Exclusively Cruising; Jennifer Williams, Delphinus Cruises; Denise Prowd and Janene Rubins, The Travel Store & Cruise Specialists.

It's a bird, a plane

NO, IT'S a drone show put on in Melbourne by Cunard - the city's first ever - to welcome *Queen Elizabeth* for her first Christmas Down Under.

Sun morning saw 60 of the unmanned aerial vehicles take to the skies above Port Melbourne to mark the ship's first Christmas voyage from Australia.

Melbourne is *Queen Elizabeth's* main Australian home port for the summer season, with the luxury ship making eight visits to the city taking more than 16,000 passengers on voyages to southern Australia and New Zealand between Dec and Feb.

View a video and images of the show on Facebook **HERE**.

Four on the go!

LAST week saw the first time four large cruise liners had docked simultaneously at Port Zante, in the eastern Caribbean nation of Saint Kitts & Nevis.

Anthem of the Seas, *Britannia*, *Celebrity Summit* and *Seabourn Odyssey* brought in a combined 12,000 guests.

Located in the capital Basseterre, the port has been upgraded with a second pier using the country's Citizenship by Investment program.

The country's Tourism Minister Lindsay Grant said it was “a great facility, it costs a lot of money and we expect to see millions coming to our shores on an annual basis”.

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