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Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a full page cover wrap incentive from **Royal Caribbean Cruises** and a full page from **Windstar Cruises**.



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Uniworld previews Mekong river ship

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruise Collection has revealed further details about its new river ship servicing Vietnam, the *S.S. Mekong Jewel*, which will debut on 03 Jan 2020 (**CW 04 Jan**).

The cruise line has announced the vessel will feature all-suite accommodation, an indoor swimming pool (**pictured**), and two restaurants - a main dining room and an al fresco eatery on the upper deck.

She will also boast a length of 10 metres longer than sistership *Mekong Navigator*, however will cater for the same capacity of 68 guests with more space and amenities at the forefront of its design considerations.

The *S.S. Mekong Jewel* will be constructed with sustainable and eco-friendly materials, with a special paint to be used on the hull of the ship which will create less drag caused by bio-fueling,



specially designed ship propellers that increase performance.

"The *S.S. Mekong Jewel*'s design coupled with our unparalleled service and experiences will offer guests the best that river cruising has to offer," said Uniworld President & CEO Ellen Bettridge.

"And this is only the beginning, with a total of four new 'Super Ships' set to launch in 2020 and a commitment to convert our

entire fleet to 'Super Ships' in the coming years, we continue to offer our guests the highest standard in luxury river cruising," she added.

When she launches in 2020, the *S.S. Mekong Jewel* will service a 13-day itinerary which will take guests from Ho Chi Minh City to Cambodian attractions Siem Reap, Phnom Penh & Angkor Wat. See itinerary details [HERE](#).

Hapag-Lloyd learns

HAPAG-LLOYD Cruises has introduced a new concept for digital learning on board the *HANSEATIC nature*, *HANSEATIC inspiration*, and *HANSEATIC spirit* expedition ships.

The touch screen enables guests to research and learn background information about their cruise destinations, shore excursions and Zodiac rides.

To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#).

RCL summer rewards

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises is running its "Summer of Consultant Rewards" incentive for one more week, enabling agents to earn double points or win cruise prizes on every booking made on any Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises and Azamara Club Cruises.

Incentive ends 28 Feb.

See [cover page](#) for more information.

Windstar Grand Prix

WINDSTAR Cruises is offering savings of up to \$6,306 per person on an eight-night Fly, Cruise, and Stay package to Monaco to see the this year's Monaco Grand Prix.

The trip includes a seven-night cruise on board *Star Pride* in an Oceanview Suite in addition to return Economy flights to Rome.

See [page four](#) for more info.



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A trio of Vikings

VIKING has released three new 2020 Danube River cruise itineraries that offer guests the chance to attend the Jesus Christ biopic *Passion Play* in Oberammergau, Germany.

Packages on offer include the 10-day Oberammergau & Romantic Danube priced from \$6,395 per person for a Standard stateroom.

Also available is the 11-day Oberammergau, Salzburg & the Danube option priced from \$6,595 per person in a Standard stateroom, as well as a 12-day Oberammergau, Salzburg & Cruise from Oberammergau to Budapest priced from \$6,995 per person.

As part of Viking's Explorer Sale, guests who book a Viking 2020 Oberammergau river cruise before 31 Mar can fly to Europe for only \$995pp - for more information [CLICK HERE](#).

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Crystal's Arctic Endeavor



CRYSTAL Expedition Cruises has revealed its luxury yacht *Crystal Endeavor* will embark on a sailing from Anadyr, Russia to Tromso, Norway on 18 Aug, 2021.

The 28-night expedition on the 200-guest vessel will visit a range of remote destinations along the way such as the UNESCO World Heritage Site Wrangel Island, Franz Josef Land, and The New Siberian Islands.

"The Northeast Passage is

precisely the type of bold expedition for which *Crystal Endeavor* is designed," said Crystal CEO Tom Wolber.

"She'll accommodate guests in the highest standard of comfort and luxury, even as they travel to the most remote destinations," he added.

The *Crystal Endeavor* Northeast Passage trip is priced from US\$47,749 per person, twin share (A\$67,342).

Stay tuned for CLIA's

THE 18th annual Cruise Industry Awards is almost upon us and *Cruise Weekly*, along with sister publication *Travel Daily* will be there to cover all of the action at the event taking place at The Star in Sydney tomorrow night.

Speaking about the awards event ahead of the cruise sector's night of nights, CLIA Australasia Managing Director Joel Katz doffed his cap to travel agents for their ongoing contribution to cruising.

"This year is set to be the biggest awards night we've ever staged, and that's a sign of the tremendous backing we have from across the travel industry," Katz said.

"The annual Cruise Industry Awards is the biggest event of the year...and we're pleased to have the support of *TD* and *CW* as media partners".

A circular promotional graphic for Norwegian Cruise Line. It features a map of Europe with a cruise ship sailing across the Atlantic. The text inside the circle reads: "DISCOVER EUROPE WITH NORWEGIAN", "WIN 1 OF 5 WEEKLY PRIZES", "Plus ENTER WEEKLY TO WIN THE MAJOR PRIZE", "HURRY LAST CHANCE TO WIN", and "ENTER NOW". At the bottom, it says "NCL NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE Feel Free™". A pink banner in the top right corner says "FINAL WEEK ENDS THIS SUNDAY".

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Galapagos fly free

LINDBLAD Expeditions-National Geographic has launched a fly free to Galapagos offer, available until 30 Jun on select 2019 departures.

Free return Economy airfares are included when travellers book select Galapagos itineraries aboard the *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander* with Lindblad Expeditions.

Trips start from \$9,120pp, twin share for 10 days and the offer is only valid on select departure dates between 06 Jul and 09 Nov.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details.



JAPAN has been welcoming record numbers of foreign cruise ship visitors over the past two years thanks largely to an easing of government regulations.

However, with the influx of cruise ships has also seen a surge in the number of foreigners deciding not to make their return trip, instead opting to stay on and work illegally in the Land of the Rising Sun.

In 2018, 106 foreign cruise passengers who got off their ship in Japan never came back, nor have they been recorded leaving the country by any other means.

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Splendor making waves



REGENT Seven Seas Cruises' latest luxury ship *Seven Seas Splendor* recently celebrated a major construction milestone as she floated from her dry dock to touch the sea for the first time.

The special float out celebration held at Fincantieri's shipyard in Ancona, Italy, included carrying out maritime traditions such as flooding the basin where *Splendor* had been under construction since Jun 2018, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the ship's godmother Francesca Giovagnoli.

"One year from now, guests will begin immersing themselves in elegance and hospitality, while fully discovering the hundreds of destinations around the world *Splendor* travels," said RSSC's



President and Chief Executive Officer Jason Montague.

Due to debut in Feb 2020, the 55,000-gross-tonne-ship will boast one of the highest staff-to-guest ratios in the industry.

Pictured: Fincantieri Shipyard Director Giovanni Stecconi and **inset** Graham Sadler, Managing Director, Europe, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, godmother Francesca Giovagnoli, and Fincantieri's Giovanni Stecconi.

P&O cruise delayed by tropical cyclone

P&O cruise liner *Pacific Dawn* has been forced to stay at least one extra night at sea and delay its call into Brisbane to avoid the rough seas and high winds caused by Tropical Cyclone Oma.

Recent forecasts have forced the vessel to wait out the weather in the seas off the coast of New Caledonia where she is currently experiencing five-metre swells.

P&O Cruises has been reportedly updating its passengers on board via captain's announcements as it negotiates the tough conditions.

Win Dom Perignon

OCEANIA Cruises is offering a bottle of Dom Perignon to the first 50 agents who book any 2019 Oceania Cruise.

The incentive runs until 31 Mar and is only open to travel partners in Australia and NZ.

"We always look to reinvent the ways in which we can incentivise our valued travel partners who are such an important part of our success in the local cruise market," said Steve McLaughlin, VP of Sales, Australia and New Zealand for Oceania Cruises.

The incentive was inspired by Oceania Cruises' The Dom Perignon Experience.

India river savings

ADVENTURE Resorts and Cruises (ARC) and small cruise specialist, Cruise Traveller is offering 25% off on five Brahmaputra River cruise departures.

Travellers can choose one of five- or seven-night cruises aboard ARC's boutique, 46-guest river ship, *MV Mahabaahu*.

Highlights include visiting sacred monasteries, tea plantations, local villages, palaces and bonfires on deserted river islands at night.

Guests will also go on a wildlife safari in Kaziranga National Park, home to elephants, water buffalo, rhino and the elusive Bengal tiger.

Prices begin from \$2,948pp twin-share in a twin superior cabin, a saving of \$982pp.

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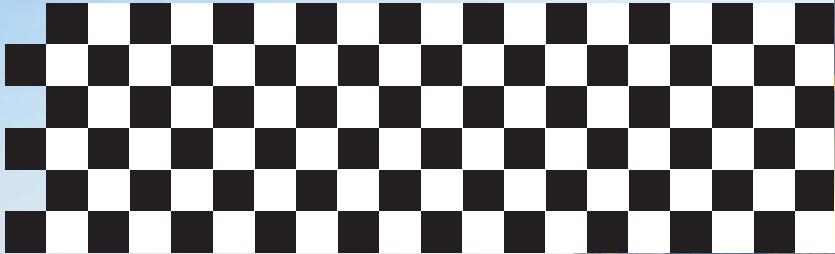
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