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HOLLAND America Line is giving agents the chance to win a cruise for two people when bookings are made on any of its 2019 European cruises.

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Scenic Eclipse “extraordinary lengths”

SCENIC has essentially taken on the role of the shipyard which was meant to build its groundbreaking new *Scenic Eclipse*, with the company's founder Glen Moroney citing the “extraordinary lengths Scenic has gone to to complete the ship”.

A statement from Moroney was read to attendees at the Scenic Night of Stars gala dinner in Sydney on Sat night, in which he confirmed that financial issues at the shipyard had resulted in more than 14 weeks of lost time due to strike action and other disruptions.

The delivery of *Scenic Eclipse* has already been delayed twice, with the ship currently scheduled to debut on 13 Apr 2019.

Moroney said many workers at the Uljanik shipyard in Croatia were leaving due to being owed outstanding wages, with Scenic stepping in to now directly



employ more than 100 specialist employees as well as overseeing over 500 subcontractors who are working to complete *Eclipse*.

“Despite the shipyard’s challenges, the quality of workmanship is exceptional and there are many pleasant surprises in store for our guests...the workers are extremely proud to

be working on *Scenic Eclipse*.”

Moroney thanked the Australian travel trade for its ongoing support of Scenic despite this “extremely challenging time”.

He said when the ship arrives it will be “everything we have promised and much more,” adding he would provide a further update in mid-Feb.

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Evergreen Euro brochure

EVERGREEN Cruises & Tours has announced the release of its latest 2019/2020 European River Cruising brochure.

The latest collection features a range of eight- to 15-day itineraries across France, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania and Portugal.

"Now is the time to secure the best rates for our remaining 2019 departures and our early release 2020 departures," said Evergreen Cruises & Tours Director of Sales and Marketing Angus Crichton.

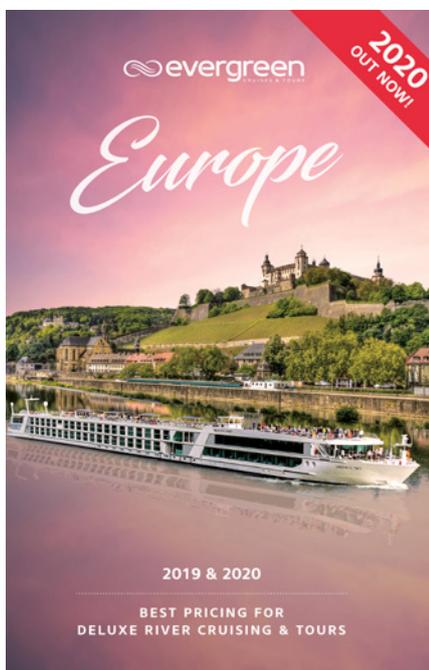
"A true gem of our European program is our Portugal product...we have been cruising the Douro River for two years and continue to get rave reviews and feedback from our guests around the world," he added.

The eight-day Secrets of Douro, Porto to Porto cruise includes explorations of six towns, an excursion to the Coa Valley Museum, and dinner at Douro Valley wine estate.

The package is priced from \$4,545 per person.

MEANWHILE Evergreen Cruises & Tours has launched its Time to Travel campaign, offering savings of up to \$2,500 per couple on select cruise packages in Indochina.

Special prices are available for



the company's 13-day Majestic Mekong Discoverer River Cruise tour which features a seven-night luxury cruise on board *Emerald Harmony* - departing Aug.

The trip visits popular tourist hubs in Vietnam and Cambodia and is priced from \$3,485pp.

Also available at a discounted rate is Evergreen's 21-day Grand Tour of Vietnam and Cambodia package which launches in Aug and boasts a two-night cruise in world heritage listed Ha Long Bay in Vietnam, as well as visits to Hanoi, Hoi An, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City and Siem Reap.

The package will lead in at \$6,525 per person.

Celestyal PR change

GREEK Islands and Mediterranean cruise operator Celestyal Cruises has appointed Gate 7 to look after its public relations in Australia.

"Celestyal Cruises is thrilled to partner with Gate 7 to create widespread Australian awareness of our cruise discovery experiences through the enchanting Greek Islands," said Celestyal Cruises APAC Regional Manager Stewart Williams.

The cruise line operates two mid-sized vessels and has flagged Aussie trade activity including educational workshops starting in Mar, and the launch of a new 2019 brochure available **HERE**.

Windstar South Pac

WINDSTAR Cruises has announced a new collection of South Pacific itineraries in 2020 starting from \$2,322 per person twin share.

For further information on the latest trips see **page five**.

Blue Lagoon comp

BLUE Lagoon Cruises is running a new agent incentive which offers the winner a trip for two to Fiji.

Each Blue Lagoon cruise sold will earn one entry into the draw, with upgrades from a Hibiscus Cabin to an Orchid Cabin earning double points.

The comp ends 30 Jun & is open to Aussie & NZ agents.

Royal bans "reckless" passenger for life

ROYAL Caribbean International has banned a man for life after he jumped from the eleventh floor of *Symphony of the Seas* last week.

Nick Naydev had his friends film the incident which has since gone viral, showing him laughing before plunging into the water when the vessel was docked in Nassau, Bahamas.

"This was stupid and reckless behaviour and he and his companions have been banned from ever sailing with us again," the cruise line said in a statement to *Fox News*.

Naydev was not allowed to reboard the ship after the stunt, with Royal Caribbean instructing him that he would need to find his own way home from the Bahamas.



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Viking 2020 river brox

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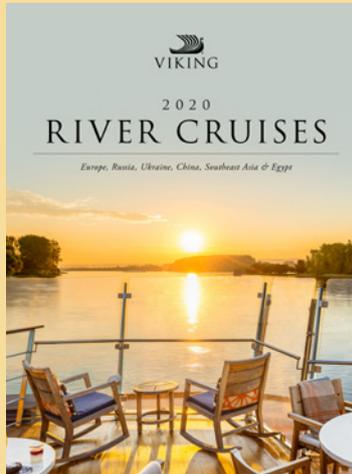
Highlights from the latest edition include the 12-day Kiev, Black Sea & Bucharest package exploring Romania and Ukraine and priced from \$5,795ppts.

Another popular tour featured is the 10-day Holland & Belgium river cruise itinerary which sails both countries' many inland waterways.

Price leads in at \$5,195ppts and has been expanded beyond the tulip season.

To mark the launch of its 2020 brochure, Viking has announced it will offer free air travel to guests who book a 2020 river cruise of 12 days or longer on select itineraries.

"Not only have we released



our brand-new brochure and updated itineraries, but we currently have some amazing river cruise deals on offer," said Viking's Managing Director Michelle Black.

For more information, view the new brochure online [HERE](#).

JOINT Australian-UK start-up Horizon Sail has announced it will commence cruising in Jun, targeting "young professionals" and "adventure seekers" seeking cruises of the Croatian coast.

Horizon Sail co-founder Wes Baimbridge believes the company can capitalise on a market niche in the increasingly popular European cruise destination.

"What we found was that there was a real gap in the market for young professional travellers who want to experience culture, history and gastronomy and not just party all day every day," Baimbridge said.

"The Croatian cruising market has been growing steadily for

years now and it is really easy to see why with its beautiful coastline, enchanting medieval streets, excellent food scene, laid-back culture and fantastic nightlife," he added.

Horizon Sail said it will offer a "wide range of trip inclusions" and be the first sustainability-focused Croatian sailing company in the market.

"We have found that while many environmental concerns unfortunately haven't yet gained much local attention in Croatia, the majority of our passengers do care about these things," Baimbridge said.

The first cruise departs 16 Jun - for more info [CLICK HERE](#).



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

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<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	21 Jan
<i>Sun Princess</i>	22 Jan
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	24 Jan
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	24 Jan
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	25 Jan
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	25 Jan
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	26 Jan
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	27 Jan

MELBOURNE

<i>Pacific Eden</i>	21 Jan
<i>Golden Princess</i>	23 Jan
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	24 Jan
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	26 Jan

BRISBANE

<i>Seven Seas Mariner</i>	22 Jan
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	22 Jan
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	26 Jan

CAIRNS

<i>Seven Seas Mariner</i>	25 Jan
<i>Europa 2</i>	27 Jan

DARWIN

<i>Europa 2</i>	23 Jan
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FREMANTLE

<i>Astor</i>	25 Jan
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ADELAIDE

<i>Golden Princess</i>	25 Jan
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HOBART

<i>Carnival Legend</i>	26 Jan
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AUCKLAND

<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	21 Jan
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	22 Jan
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	22 Jan
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	24 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	26 Jan

FACE-2-FACE: Liz Sawers

National Sales and Distribution Manager, Coral Expeditions.

1. What is the favourite part of your job?

The passion and pride with which the team at Coral Expeditions operates is infectious. A defining spirit and culture is underpinned by a dynamic team who are passionate about small ship expedition cruising and exploring remote destinations far off the well-trodden tourist trails.

2. Why did you choose a career in the cruise industry?

I am an enthusiast of nature-based tourism experiences and have travelled the world holidaying and working in some of the world's most spectacular destinations. The opportunity to visit Australia's more remote destinations, as well as areas including PNG, the South Pacific, Indonesia and Sulawesi, is so exciting!

3. What is the biggest challenge facing the industry?

The splendour of tourist destinations and their natural beauty is essential to maintain the industry's enormous growth, and the impact of tourism on the environment continues to be a pressing issue. Working for a pioneering small ship cruise line who ensures minimal impact on the destinations and communities



visited aligns with my values and feels good.

4. What was your best family?

I recently had the opportunity to explore the beautiful Great Barrier Reef. Champagne, oysters and an amazing sunset whilst unwinding on Sudbury Cay left a lasting impression. I'm now looking forward to upcoming adventures to remote coastal Tasmania and Papua New Guinea this year.

5. What should the cruise ship of the future look like?

That's an easy one, *Coral Adventurer*, our newest ship which will be christened in Apr.

6. When not at work, how do you spend your time?

Being new to Cairns, I'm taking every opportunity to explore like a tourist. I have been enjoying walks through the rainforest, snorkelling and diving the reef, and exploring the food trail in the Tablelands. I can't wait to spend some time visiting the many waterfalls and creeks this stunning region has to offer.

7. How do you wind down after a busy week?

Being only five minutes' walk from the beach, my fave thing to do is to catch up with friends with a glass of wine and watch the sunset over the Coral Sea.

Japan slows down

THE number of cruise ship visitors to Japan dropped 3.3% in 2018, according to the country's Transport Ministry.

The downturn represents the first dip in cruise passengers to Japan since 2013, attributed mainly to a significant drop off in cruise ships from China.

Despite the decline, Japan anticipates it will achieve its goal of attracting five million cruise ship visitors in 2020.



CHECKING in to your cabin on a cruise ship for the first time should be a memorable experience full of many nice surprises, however being confronted with a mound of moving human flesh is rarely one of them.

Unfortunately that's what faced a couple from Northern Ireland recently as they opened up the door to their cabin on an Norwegian Cruise Lines cruise from Singapore to Thailand.

"I could see the back of a man on the bed who was directly facing us and it was obvious he was in the middle of having sex with a woman," Mary Jackson told Scotland's *Sunday Post*.

"I was traumatised and I needed a glass of water," she added.

NCL told *The Post* it was investigating the incident.

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