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On location on board
Majestic Princess

Today's issue of CW is coming to you from on board *Majestic Princess*, courtesy of Princess Cruises.

TODAY we are Auckland-bound on Princess Cruises' *Majestic Princess* to experience the expanded Across the Ditch program, which teaches pax about Maori heritage and traditional customs.

In Auckland we will be treated to a new "City Highlights & Ice cream" Local Connections shore excursion, which will explore some of the city's iconic destinations, followed by a behind-the-scenes visit and tasting at Giapo Ice Cream.

Tauck launches first Douro cruises

TAUCK has announced it will offer its first-ever cruises on the Douro River in Portugal next year, with sailings to be serviced by a new riverboat specifically designed for the region.

The cruise line revealed the 84-passenger *ms Andorinha* will offer three itineraries on the Douro from "late Jun or early Jul", and will focus on providing more space and ambiance on board than other ships currently servicing the river.

"We measure success by the quality of the experience we provide our guests, and one of the best ways to ensure a warm, relaxing and engaging atmosphere on board is to avoid crowding too many guests into a limited space," said Tauck Chief Executive Officer Dan Mahar.

Mahar added that vessels currently cruising the Douro average 79 metres in length and



typically accommodate as many as 130 passengers.

"You just can't deliver the same level of experience or ambiance with those kinds of numbers," Mahar said.

The new *ms Andorinha* will boast 36 staff including three Tauck Director guides, 12 spacious suites, 20 staterooms, 10 cabins, a Panorama Lounge, and Compass Rose restaurant.

The three itineraries will include 12-, eight-, and seven-day cruise options and further details will be confirmed later in the year.

Pictured: A rendering of the upcoming *ms Andorinha*.

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Princess marks 50 in Alaska



PRINCESS Cruises is marking its 50th year of sailing to Alaska by offering a series of new entertainment, shore excursions and culinary options on board seven ships cruising the region between May and Sep.

The season will also see the debut of *Royal Princess* to the region, the first Princess MedallionClass ship to cruise Alaskan waters.

"As the destination experts, I'm excited about the launch of the new entertainment, shore excursions and culinary offering in celebration of our 50th year cruising the region," said Nick Ferguson, Sales and Marketing Director for Princess Cruises.

"These elements go in to creating immersive experiences that transform into life-long memories for our guests."

New for the 2019 cruisetour



offerings is the opening of Fannie Q's Saloon at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, as well as the new Fireside Patio which features fire pits where guests can roast marshmallows and enjoy the midnight sun.

Guests will also be able to choose from a number of new shore excursions in Juneau, Ketchikan, and Icy Strait, including a Hubbard Glacier & Wilderness Exploration, a self-guided jeep adventure, a visit to Tree Top Adventure Park, and the Seafood Feast & Tribal Dance show. More info can be found [HERE](#).

CLIA incentivises webinar program

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia has announced agents can now earn CLIA Accreditation Points when they participate in its expanded webinar education program.

Kicking off 06 Feb, the refreshed webinar series covers 30 different topics throughout 2019, presented by individual CLIA Cruise Lines and CLIA Executive Partners under the banner "Tune In. Learn. Be Rewarded".

Three CLIA Accreditation Points will be awarded after completion of a short post-webinar quiz, allowing agents to accelerate their path to industry recognition.

"Last year more than 750 travel agents took part in our webinar series, which is an important part of the CLIA industry education program," said CLIA Australasia Managing Director Joel Katz.

"This year's new-look series will have a new format and a stronger emphasis on detailed, need-to-know information, designed to give agents a selling advantage and boost their specialisation in cruise," he added.

Agents will be able to register for the new webinars from Wed 30 Jan.

For more information on the new series, [CLICK HERE](#).

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Celebrity offers perks



CELEBRITY Cruises has announced that guests who book an Oceanview Stateroom or above on select *Celebrity Edge* sailings will receive a range of additional benefits on board at no extra charge.

The special offer was launched to celebrate the upcoming debut of *Edge* in Europe, with the Go Best deal including a premium beverage package, US\$600 of onboard credit,

complimentary wi-fi, & savings of US\$300 per stateroom.

The ship is scheduled to visit more than 25 different European ports during her European sojourn, including Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Malta.

The deal applies to eligible *Edge* sailings between 12 Feb and 31 Dec 2019 and for bookings made by 31 Jan.

For more information on the Go Best deal, [CLICK HERE](#).

Viking unveils Valhalla Club



Nyhavn waterfront in Copenhagen.

VIKING Cruises has announced the details of a new sales incentive that will see 20 top performing travel agents rewarded with a stateroom on a cruise for two people.

The cruise line's new Valhalla Club will recognise the best sales performances between 01 Jan and 30 Nov this year, offering the top 10 agents a stateroom on board Viking's 11-day Scandinavia & the Kiel Canal ocean cruise from Amsterdam to Copenhagen, departing 23 Mar, 2020.

Travel agents ranked 11th to

20th will score a stateroom on board Viking's eight-day Iberian Explorer ocean cruise from Barcelona to London, departing on 03 Jan, 2020.

"We are constantly looking for new and exciting ways to reward our valued trade partners for all of their hard work, and the Valhalla Club is the perfect way to kick off the new year," said Viking's National Sales Manager Keira Smith.

Flights are included in the cruise prizes - for more information call 138 747.



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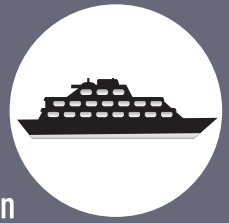
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Check out the 2019 Cruise Guide for a comprehensive tool.

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HAL's EU comp

HOLLAND America Line is giving away a seven-day European cruise for two, including \$2,000 Flight Ease credit per person, to the agent who completes the most bookings of the brand's 2019 European cruises.

To enter, agents must make an eligible deposited booking via the POLAR Online platform using their personal login or via the Holland America Line Reservations line.

Access entry forms [HERE](#).

A banquet for the senses



SCENIC Luxury Cruises and Tours offers its passengers a diverse culinary experience aboard its ships, with a wide range of restaurants available and all boasting upmarket cuisine that caters to a pastiche of palates.

Portobellos (**top**) provides an exclusive and intimate atmosphere, presenting a menu of Italian, French or Portuguese options.

L'Amour (**inset right**) boasts the best vantage point at the front of the ship and showcases



regional specialities and fresh local produce.

For a lighter meal, sit down for a bite at the River Cafe (**inset left**) which has a menu of light meals, snacks, refreshments and tasty desserts like gelato.

For a luxury experience, Diamond Deck guests are invited to enjoy some time at Table La Rive (**bottom**), where they can feast on a six-course degustation menu with sommelier paired wines.



More Carnival Fun

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has added a raft of new offers to its Funbelievable sale, valid on select cabin categories until 13 Feb.

Guests can receive free cabin upgrades as well as savings of up to \$800, plus a 50% reduced deposit per person.

Passengers booking voyages on board *Carnival Spirit* and *Carnival Legend* will receive an upgrade from an ocean view cabin to a balcony cabin, while bookings made on *Carnival Splendor* will receive an upgrade from an interior cabin to an ocean view cabin.

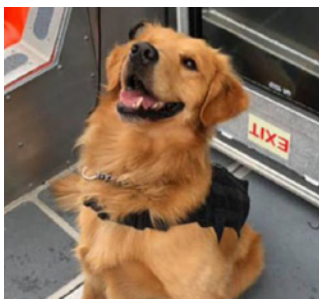
For more information on the sale and its terms and conditions, [CLICK HERE](#).



TALK about getting a high from your job, Jake the police dog (**pictured**) needed to take medication to reverse an overdose he suffered in the line of duty while working at Port Canaveral, Florida.

The experienced drug sniffing canine became wise to a cruise passenger carrying drugs, when he started to have seizure-like symptoms and lose motor skills.

Thankfully Jake is now reported to be on the mend.



Euro Waterways major upgrade

EUROPEAN Waterways has announced a \$700,000 fleet-wide renovation ahead of its 2019 season.

The upgrade program will include refreshed cabin designs, modernised bathrooms, and enhanced deck areas.

On board *Enchante*, which sails the Canal du Midi in France, guests will be treated to a new built-in saloon bar serving cocktails before dinner.

A new spa pool deck has also been installed aboard the *La Bella Vita*, servicing the cruise line's Venice itineraries.

Discounts of up to 20% are available on select 2019 trips - [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

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