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en route to Budapest

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of APT, which this week will formally name the brand new AmaMagna.

APT and its partner company AmaWaterways have just launched the AmaMagna which is sailing from Budapest to Vienna for a VIP christening ceremony this Thu.

Cruise Weekly will be on board along with a host of international dignitaries including APT CEO Chris Hall and the ship's godmother, USTV personality Samantha Brown who will "bless" the one-of-a-kind ship - pics at facebook.com/traveldaily.

Regent launches new travel agent hub

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has announced the launch of a new online trade portal called RegenTrade Hub, a resource that aims to equip travel agents with up-to-date information online via videos and fun quizzes.

New content available to agents also includes toolkits, customisable content, images, videos and a new training library.

Regent Seven Seas Cruises Vice President of Sales, Australia and New Zealand Lisa Pile said the new resource is the result of RSSC's ambition to explore new methods to educate its trade partners.

"Within minutes, our trade partners can update or refresh on their knowledge of our incredible offering by completing educational training modules," she added.

To celebrate the launch of



RegenTrade, RSSC is giving Aussie agents the chance to win two nights' accommodation at the luxury Spicers Peak Lodge in Queensland.

To be eligible to win, agents must sign up to the new portal, complete the new "An Unrivalled Experience" training module, and describe in 20 words or less why Regent's products would appeal to their clients.

The prize also includes, return Economy flights and meals. Access the new online agent hub by **CLICKING HERE**.

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features five pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover wrap from Crystal Cruises.



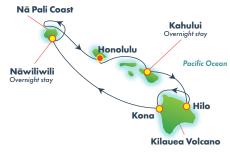
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Discover all RCI's new Spectrum of the Seas has to offer in the July issue of travelBulletin.

CLICK to read travelBulletin

Crystal webinar info

JOIN *Travel Daily's* fearless Editor Jasmine O'Donoghue as she chats with Crystal Cruises' Senior Vice President and Managing Director Australasia Karen Christensen about the cruise line's amazing expedition cruise product in our final webinar in the series.

The latest episode will also feature insights from *Crystal Endeavor's* Expedition Leader David Sinclair about the latest itineraries and expedition experiences available.

Endeavor will explore a range of far flung regions such as Antarctica, the Russian Far East, the North East Passage to Japan, and much more.

The upcoming episode is scheduled to air at 2pm on 17 Jul - see **cover page** to register to watch and earn a chance to win a luxury cruise.

Cheaper in Tahiti

CRUISECO is offering discounted fares on an Oceania Cruises' voyage in Tahiti departing 04 Mar 2020.

Prices for the sailing starts from \$6,960 per person for a Balcony room and includes airfare, transfers, pre-cruise accommodation and the cruise featuring destination highlights such as Bora Bora, Rangiroa, and Fakarava.

For more information about the deal, **CLICK HERE**.

Viking shows passion



VIKING Cruises has released its new 11-day Oberammergau, the Alps & the Rhine cruise and tour experience that visits six countries and includes up to eight guided adventures, including a performance of *The Passion Play*, the story of Jesus Christ enacted only once every 10 years.

The package combines an eightday Rhine Getaway itinerary from Amsterdam to Basel with two nights in Innsbruck, Austria, with one night near Oberammergau in Germany where *The Passion Play* is performed.

Prices for the cruisetour leads in at \$5,895 per person, twin share, with departures scheduled for 01 Jul, 29 Jul and 12 Aug 2020.

The cruise also includes calls

to Kinderdijk in the Netherlands, Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Speyer and Breisach in Germany, as well as Strasbourg in France.

Pictured: Innsbruck, Austria.

Celebrity Brochure

CELEBRITY Cruises has launched a new brochure featuring local sailings scheduled to depart between 2019 and 2021.

Cruises in Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific and Asia are included in the latest compact edition, such as round-trip sailings to New Zealand, Auckland to Fiji voyages, as well as special wine sailing to South Australia.

Also included are previews of *Celebrity Eclipse* multimillion dollar renovation before she arrives in Melbourne in 2020.

The refresh includes exclusive sanctuaries for Suite Class guests, upgraded lounges, revitalised staterooms and redesigned restaurants led by Celebrity's new global culinary ambassador and chef Cornelius Gallagher.

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Mardi Gras cruise

THE American Queen Steamboat Company is offering savings of up to US\$2,000 (AU\$2,863) per couple on a Mississippi River cruise in 2020 that will also take in the New Orleans Mardi Gras festival.

The seven-night sailing will take place aboard the 436-passenger *American Queen*, with shore excursions scheduled for Nottoway, St Francisville and Vicksburg.

The promotion is available for bookings made before 31 Dec 2019 and incudes precruise accommodation, drinks, meals and shore excursions.

For two weeks each year, New Orleans is home to parades, floats, and dancing.

The deal is available through small ship specialist Cruise Traveller, with best contact to be made on 1800 507 777.

Virtual Nature tour

HAPAG-LLOYD has announced the launch of a virtual tour of its new bilingual expedition ship *Hanseatic* nature.

The digital tour of the vessel incudes previews of its cabins and suites, restaurants, sports club, deck areas, pools and spa and sauna areas.

Nature boasts a maximum capacity of 230 passengers and is structurally identical to the cruise line's upcoming Hanseatic inspiration ship.

Take the virtual tour HERE.

Scenic Bastille Day

SCENIC Luxury Cruises and Tours is marking Bastille Day with bonus offers which include a free extra night in Paris or Bordeaux when 2020 cruises are booked by 19 Jul. See more information HERE.

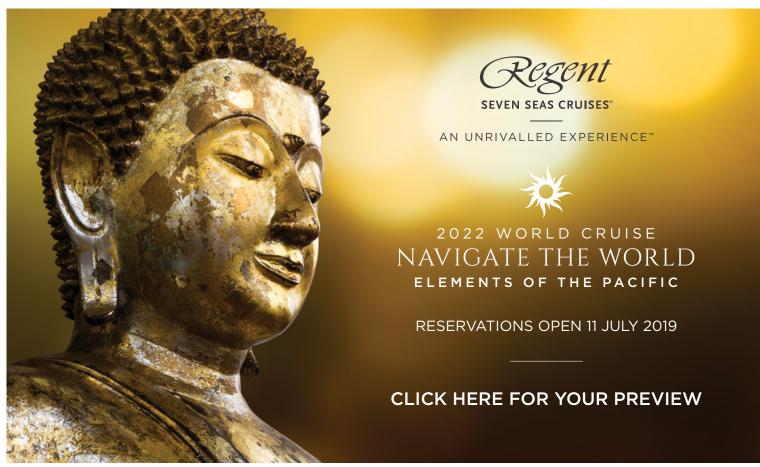
Branson shows his pride



Partnering with Alantis Events, the event saw celebrities Billy Porter, Courtney Act, Ginger Minj and Deborah Cox join the Virgin Voyages team in some moving festive fun which included many DJ tunes, drag performances, drinks and prizes.



the streets on board a party bus.



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Anouvong opens

HERITAGE Line has revealed it has opened up reservations aboard its new luxury ship *Anouvong*, which will begin servicing itineraries along the Laotian Mekong River in 2020.

The vessel's first cruise is scheduled for 29 Sep 2020, and will include a three-night Golden Triangle Traverse sailing which travels between Huay Xai and Luang Prabang (or vice versa).

Rates for the cruise lead in at a special 20% introductory reduced rate of US\$1,044 per person (AU\$1,495).

Anouvong is also scheduled to undertake a seven-night cruise between Huay Xai and Vientiane (or vice versa), with prices starting from US\$2,368 per person (AU\$3,390).

MEANWHILE Heritage Line's *Ylang* is scheduled for her maiden voyage on 17 Aug.

P&O shows some heart



WHEN 35-year-old paramedic trainee Jerome Sese suffered a heart attack recently, contributions to the P&O Pacific Partnership were used to aid with his treatment and recovery.

Jerome is now thankfully well on the path to a full recovery following cardiac surgery. "There is a real sense that in helping to save Jerome's life, the lives of others in Vanuatu might also be saved as he continues his paramedic training and service," said P&O Cruises Australia President Sture Myrmell.

Pictured: Jerome Sese recovering after surgery.

HAL sailing south

FOUR Holland America Line (HAL) ships are set to explore South America and Antarctica during the 2019-20, including 29 separate voyages in the Southern Hemisphere.

Between Amsterdam, Koningsdam, Volendam and Zaandam, HAL will cruise to a variety of popular cruise South American destinations including the Amazon River, Santiago, Chile, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"The contrast of cultures, climates and landscapes throughout South America is a draw for explorers seeking a wide variety on a single itinerary," said Holland America Line President Orlando Ashford.

From Sep through Apr 2020, HAL will offer cruises ranging from 14 to 48 days.



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Need help wading through the huge variety of cruise options out there?

Check out the 2019 Cruise Guide for a comprehensive tool.

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Cruising is cheaper by the Russian

CRUISE Russia is offerings savings of up to \$1,000 per couple on all deluxe *Volga Dream* 2020 departures when bookings are made and deposited by 29 Aug.

The 13-day Volga Dream itinerary is now priced from \$4,930ppts, and includes stays at five-star hotels located in the heart of Moscow and St Petersburg, as well as daily sightseeing tours of no more than 25 guests.

Amenities on board the 56 stateroom *Volga Dream* includes a large panoramic lounge bar with live music, sundeck with unobstructed views, wireless internet throughout, fitness centre, sauna and massage room.

There are 12 guaranteed departures between Jun and Sep 2020 - more info **HERE**.



FACE-2-FACE: Annabelle Brown

Business Development Manager - Oceania Cruises VIC/TAS/SA.

1. What is the favourite part of your job?

The best part is aiding in the crystallising of people's dreams to make plans become reality.

2. What attracted you to a career in the cruise industry?

Cruising the world has always intrigued, inspired and romanced me all at once. Spying ships in port fills me with enthusiasm and adventure.

3. What is key to success in the cruise industry?

Have passion. My mother always said, "if you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life".

4. What was your best famil?

A wonderful voyage in the Caribbean on *Marina*. My favourite port was Key West.



5. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Still totally immersed in the cruise industry. The beauty of this industry is, as I mature, I remain relevant and very much represent a segment of the cruise market.

6. The celebrity you would most like to cruise with?

Barack Obama (for intellect), George Clooney (call me shallow - I know he's not available), or Robin Williams (I know he's not available for other reasons).

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

I don't want ships to stop being "ships". The cruise ship of the future should continue to look like a "cruise ship".



Cruise pax stranded

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has apologised to passengers affected by a technical failure on board *Norwegian Pearl* which left 2,732 guests stranded in Barcelona, Spain last week.

The vessel departed Amsterdam on what was supposed to be a 13-day sailing with stops in Belgium, France, Spain and Monaco.

NCL is giving all guests on the trip a 50% refund and 50% future cruise credit based on how much they originally paid for the trip.



THERE are now more reasons to love the return of *Pacific Princess* to Sydney, with Ted Lange of *The Love Boat* fame in town this week to help the cruise line celebrate.

Lange played bartender Isaac Washington on the iconic romantic series, and he will be in town to give Princess Cruises' guests a taste of his signature cocktail, The Isaac.

"I'm so excited to return to Australia, I first fell in love with the country while I was filming an episode of *The Love Boat* in Sydney back in the 1980s," Lange gushed ahead of his visit.



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