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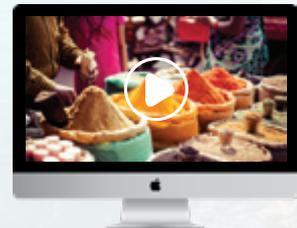
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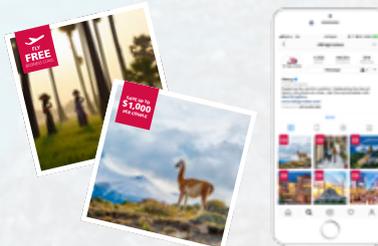
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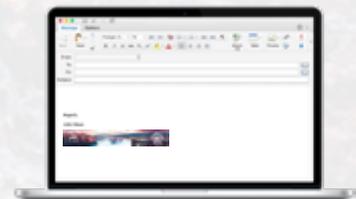
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CLIA welcomes push for alternate canal

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has welcomed statements made by the Mayor of Venice that demand an “urgent solution” to allow cruise vessels to enter via an alternative route to the city’s Giudecca Canal.

The comments come following last weekend’s incident which saw the *MSC Opera* crash into Uniworld’s *River Countess* while attempting to dock (*CW* 03 Jun).

“The cruise industry has worked diligently with the Mayor of Venice, the Veneto Region, the Port Authority and many others, to find viable solutions to allow larger cruise ships to access



the Marittima berths without transiting the Giudecca Canal,” said Adam Goldstein, Chairman of Cruise Lines International Association.

“We are in agreement with the solution developed by Comitatore in 2018 to utilise the Vittorio Emanuele Canal as the best and most prudent means to move larger cruise ships away from the Giudecca,” he added.

The association, which has

been in support of the rerouting “for a considerable time”, is urging all parties in Venice to reach a conclusion to start the preparation work to dredge the Vittoria Emmanuele Canal and begin rerouting larger ships.

The number of cruise visitors to the city has declined since 2014, when a voluntary limit on ship size was placed on the canal.

Pictured: Cruise ships docked in Venice.

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news, a front cover wrap from **Viking Cruises** and a full page from **Cruiseco**.

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On location on board
Spectrum of the Seas

Today's issue of *CW* is coming to you at sea, somewhere between Shanghai and South Korea

THIS inaugural sailing has given us the opportunity to explore the amazing new Quantum Ultra Class ship, including the exclusive Golden Suites enclave.

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See the **cover page** for more.

A full Spectrum of fun at sea



ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) has officially christened its newest ship, *Spectrum of the Seas*, following a lavish ceremony in Shanghai earlier this week.

The second ship to be homeported out of China, the new Ultra Quantum Class vessel has been specifically designed for the Chinese market, and offers a range of updated locally inspired restaurants and dining

options as well as a selection of well-appointed staterooms and facilities.

A group of key Aussie agents were on board for the inaugural sailing to soak up all the new ship has to offer, hosted by a team from RCI.

Pictured: Wayne Callaghan, Samantha Langton, Victoria Chapman & Jessica Jones from Royal Caribbean International.

Save with RSSC

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has launched its Suite Sale, offering up to 55% off a selection of over 25 itineraries.

The deals offer passengers the chance to book a last minute 2019 cruise holiday to a number of destinations, including the Mediterranean, the Baltic, Asia, Alaska, and the South Pacific.

Sale highlights include savings of 55% on the 10-night Alaska: Seward to Vancouver journey departing 14 Aug; 25% off the 10-night The Baltics: Oslo to Stockholm trip, departing 20 Aug; and a 30% discount on the Mediterranean: Athens to Barcelona voyage, departing 16 Oct.

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See why NCL's new *Joy* is perfect for Aussies heading to Alaska in June issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Scenic 2020 brox

SCENIC has released its 2020 Canada, Alaska and USA brochure, with this year's changes seeing smaller group touring options, more immersive experiences and the reinvigoration of the line's signature collection.

The small group option is the Greater Rockies and Stunning Scenery Alaskan Cruise - a 23-day cruise and tour from Vancouver to Seattle.

Scenic has also added a new tour, Wildlife Wineries and the Rockies, travelling from Calgary to Vancouver over 16 days, starting at \$12,695pp.

Equinox refreshes

CELEBRITY Cruises has announced its ship, *Celebrity Equinox*, is the latest vessel in the fleet to undergo a dramatic refurbishment as part of the cruise line's *Celebrity Revolution* program.

Equinox is the third ship to experience the update, which includes enhancements such as the addition of The Retreat and The Retreat Sundeck private accommodation, a completely reimagined Passport Bar, a new bar called Craft Social, as well as a range of new science and S.T.E.M focused activations thanks to a new partnership with the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science.

Celebrity Silhouette is the next ship scheduled to undergo the *Celebrity Revolution* treatment, slated for completion on 31 Jan 2020.

Silversea races to Monaco



GUESTS aboard Silversea's *Silver Shadow* were recently able to enjoy a two-day experience at the Monaco Grand Prix, hosted at the prestigious Princess Grace Dance Academy.

Offered as a free shore excursion, guests participated in a full Mediterranean lunch and perhaps the best garnish of all - a prime view of the 77th Monaco Grand Prix, alongside former F1 driver Felipe Massa.

Passengers were offered champagne to the back drop of live music, before sampling a

buffet of local cuisine and taking in the race from the venue's top floor with some canapes.

Health and beauty treatments were also on offer including massages, nail treatments and 3D body photography.

"There is no occasion quite like Monaco's Grand Prix, the atmosphere is incredible," said Adrian Bono from Silversea.

Silversea will run the experience again in May 2020 on board *Silver Spirit*.

Pictured: Guests watching the Monaco Grand Prix this year.

RSSC extends Med

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has announced the extension of several 2020 cruises around the Mediterranean, offering guests fewer repeat ports, more overnight stays, and free unlimited shore excursions in each destination.

Extended itineraries include the 22-night Byzantine Empire Heritage voyage which includes up to 124 free excursions; the 22-night Hometowns, Heritage & History journey that takes guests to spots such as Venice, Sicily, and Corsica; the 14-night Bella Italia voyage visiting Split, Corfu, Sorrento, and Tuscany; as well as a 17-night itinerary on board *Seven Seas Voyager* taking in the sights of Barcelona, Marseille, and the Amalfi Coast.

For more, call 1300 455 200.

Silversea incentive

SILVERSEA Cruises is offering agents a bonus 5% commission on all new bookings made between 01 and 30 Jun on its range of expedition voyages in 2020.

In addition, any agents making new bookings on Silversea Cruises' 2020 expedition sailings will also be entered into a draw to win one of four cruises for two.

The winners will explore South America, Antarctica, the Arctic or the Caribbean and Central America on board either *Silver Wind*, *Silver Explorer*, or *Silver Cloud*.



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In addition, Cruiseeco and Royal Caribbean International are offering the chance to win one of seven balcony twin cabins on the updated *Voyages of the Seas* ship, departing Sydney on 30 Nov.

For more info, see the **back page** of today's *Cruise Weekly*.

FACE-2-FACE: Faye Larrarte

Business Development Manager,
NSW & QLD - Cruise & Maritime
Voyages



1. What is the favourite part of your job?

Training! I love presenting the CMV product to our agent partners. Their enthusiasm when I point out our amazing itineraries and the exceptional value is very satisfying.

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

My love of the ocean and being at sea with no land in sight is my favourite thing about cruising. The people, the ship experience and the travel opportunities have been an absolute bonus.

3. What is the biggest challenge facing the industry?

Over populating small islands and remote destinations during port calls.

4. What was your best famil?

I am so lucky to have experienced some amazing trips, with incredible agent partners who I now call friends. But I would have to say, hands

down, Antarctica. It was a life-changing experience.

5. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Cruising from Singapore to London on board *Vasco da Gama's* 45-night cruise with a G&T in hand.

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

My husband Joe loves cooking and is a great chef. We usually have friends over, dine on his gourmet cuisine, paired with great wine and laugh...a lot!

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

Magda Szubanski. She makes me laugh and could offer good intellectual conversation as well.

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

It's what's inside that counts. Caring and attentive service, great dining, like-minded people and comfort all around.



SO FAR, someone from every American state has booked a cruise aboard Virgin Voyages' *Scarlet Lady* - all except one.

The rogue region: the state of South Dakota.

Not known to take these sorts of affronts lying down, Virgin Group Founder Richard Branson has pulled out all the stops to ensure someone from the Mount Rushmore state books a ticket onboard the new ship, significantly sweetening the deal with a massive incentive.

The first South Dakotan to sign up will win an exclusive prize pack, featuring plane tickets, a hotel stay, a limo ride to the ship and US\$605 to spend once onboard - the number being a reference to the area code of the state's largest city, Sioux Falls.

Excuse us while we pack up and move cities...

Carnival reaches US\$20 million settlement

CARNIVAL Corporation has agreed to pay a US\$20 million penalty after the cruise line admitted it was responsible for probation violations stemming from a prior environmental case (**CW** 12 Apr).

The cruise line acknowledged it had violated terms of a 2016 criminal conviction for dumping oil and waste from its Princess ships and covering it up, admitting it had since discharged "gray water" in prohibited places including Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park.

The settlement will see Carnival undergo ongoing audits.



CLIA UPDATE

with Joel Katz
MD, CLIA Australasia

Action for Venice

THE weekend's incident in Venice has understandably raised concerns and our thoughts are with those who were injured, particularly as safety has always been the cruise industry's top priority.

Fortunately, events like this are rare and have declined. A study by GP Wild shows that from 2009 to 2018 the number of operational incidents in the cruise sector fell 37%, despite a 55% increase in capacity.

It's also important to note that the cruise industry is especially sensitive to the heritage significance of Venice and has worked closely with authorities to address local issues.

Since 2014, cruise lines have enacted a voluntary limit on the size of ships visiting Venice via the Guidecca Canal, meaning vessels larger than 96,000 tons do not call. This has reduced cruise passenger numbers, who make up only 5% of overall visitors to Venice.

CLIA also backs plans to create a new route which will avoid the Guidecca Canal, and we are encouraging local authorities to move this plan forward.

Venice is a world treasure that requires careful consideration, and the cruise sector will continue to engage with local communities to maintain responsible tourism management for the city.



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