

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

Paul's 2020 vision

PAUL Gauguin Cruises has released its new 2020 Voyages brochure featuring destinations such as Tahiti, French Polynesia, Fiji, and the South Pacific.

Popular returning cruises include a 16-night Fiji to Bali adventure, as well as 12- and 13-night Fiji, Tonga, Cook & Society Islands sailings.

Sailing aboard the cruise line's Pacific Island specialist vessel, the *m/s Paul Gauguin*, all trips will also include free access to Paul Gauguin's two exclusive retreats offering a variety of amenities such as barbecues, floating bars, and water sports equipment.

Dream Cruises plots global growth

GENTING Hong Kong has revealed plans for the Dream Cruises brand to operate its two upcoming 204,000-tonne Global Class vessels outside of Asia - including Australia, New Zealand, the Baltic Sea and the Mediterranean.

Speaking on board *World Dream* during 25-year anniversary celebrations for Genting, the company's CEO and Chairman Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay said the giant vessels, which are due to start rolling out from 2021, will also debut a range of cutting-edge features and technology.

Notably, Thay revealed the ships will offer the first theme parks at sea, featuring the world's longest roller coaster and largest cinema to be offered on a cruise ship.

"To accommodate the future of cruising, we are in the process of building the cruise ships of tomorrow at our own shipyards in



Germany and we are excited for the upcoming launch of our new, technologically advanced Global Class ships in early 2021," he said.

Further details on board the enormous 9,000-passenger vessels include voice and facial recognition technology, Bluetooth locks, LED mood lighting and climate control functionality, self-guided mobile assistants and authentic Chinese cuisine.

With regard to accommodation, Thay revealed the ships' suites

will be "larger than any other cruise line," boasting 20m² of space configured for either two people or families, including a unique two bathroom design.

"Our investment in new ship construction will ensure that we will have the most modern fleet in the world for our three cruise brands, offering the most variety of itineraries and destinations," Thay said.

Pictured: A render of Dream's upcoming Global Class vessel.



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Viking's major winner

KERRI O'Sullivan from Jays Travel in Newcastle in NSW has walked away with an eight-day Viking Provence and Lyon river cruise after achieving the highest grossing river sales between 21 Jan and 30 Apr.

Viking Cruises Trade Marketing Manager Erin Kramer thanked O'Sullivan (pictured) and all of the agents who supported the company's sales incentive.

"A huge thank you as well to all the agents who took part in this incentive and continue to support our brand," Kramer said.

"We couldn't do what we do without you - and that's deliver incredible cruises for discerning Australian travellers," she added.

O'Sullivan's prize will see herself and a friend sail through



the south of France in 2020 on the Rhone River between Avignon and Lyon, with calls to Arles, Viviers and Tournon.

She will also get to take advantage of Viking's signature inclusions such as free wi-fi and complimentary food and drinks.

ROYAL Caribbean International has announced a \$165 million refurbishment for *Oasis of the Seas* in celebration of the vessel's 10th anniversary.

The refurbished ship is scheduled to service seven-night Caribbean itineraries from Miami on 24 Nov.

The pool deck is the focus of the makeover, set to feature a Splashaway Bay kids aquapark, and a new suite of waterslides.

The Lime & Coconut signature bar will also arrive for bigger kids, as will a new musical hall, while the Portside BBQ and Spotlight Karaoke can be enjoyed by all.

Other enhancements of the renovation include the addition

of El Loco Fresh, which will serve made-to-order tacos, burritos, quesadillas, mini-salads, and salsas, and Sugar Beach, featuring over 200 different types of candy and a new ice-cream window.

"Our Oasis Class ships continue to lead the industry and attract vacationers new to cruising," said Michael Bayley, President/CEO of Royal Caribbean International.

"Now with the ability to disrupt the industry once again, we've gone all-in with our biggest and boldest amplification yet.

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Silversea EU combo

SILVERSEA is offering guests the opportunity to combine two or more of its European voyages into one in 2020.

Departing between Mar and Oct 2020 and spanning 14-36 nights, "Combination Cruises" start at \$489 per person per day, including a 10% early booking bonus.

The current routes include Lisbon to Dublin via Spain, France and Britain, Barcelona to Venice via France, Monaco, Italy, Malta, Greece, Turkey, and Croatia, London Greenwich round trip through Scotland, the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Norway, and Athens to Dubai stopping at Ashdod & Jerusalem.

Cruises will offer butler service and complimentary beverages.

View full list of cruises [HERE](#).

New sun rises for Carnival



FOLLOWING a US\$200 million dry dock (CW 02 Aug 2018), *Carnival Sunrise* was officially named during a lavish ceremony late last week, formally leaving behind her old moniker of *Carnival Triumph*.

The ship's new godmother Kelly Arison, daughter of Carnival Corporation's Chairman Micky Arison, helped welcome the refurbished ship back to Carnival's fleet at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal in New York City.

"To be a part of *Carnival Sunrise's* official naming is more than I could have ever imagined and an experience I'll never forget," Kelly Arison said.

The ceremony also featured a video starring players from the Miami Heat, with Dwyane Wade, Alonzo Mourning, and Miami Heat alumni Shaquille O'Neal congratulating Arison on becoming godmother.

The ship's updated look includes the introduction of new eateries on board such as Guy's Burger Joint, The Chef's Table fine dining experience, and cocktail pharmacy-themed Alchemy Bar.

Sunrise will spend the northern summer in New York operating four- to 14-day voyages.

Pictured: TV host Kathie Lee Gifford, godmother Kelly Arison, and Madeleine Arison.

Cruising in style

MAJOR fashion show fashion2sea will once again take place on board Hapag-Lloyd Cruises *Europa 2* in Aug.

Created by acclaimed designer duo Otto Drogler and Jorg Ehrlich, the event will take place during a cruise along Europe's west coast, showcasing a collection from their ODEEH label.

A pop-up boutique will also open on board in collaboration with leading fashion magazine *Vogue* and curated by the publication's Editor-in-Chief Germany, Christiane Arp.

For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	27 May
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	28 May
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	01 Jun
DARWIN	
<i>Island Sky</i>	28 May
<i>Coral Expeditions 1</i>	30 May
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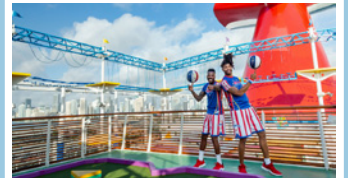
Applications close **Friday 31 May 2019**. Only successful applicants will be contacted. No agencies!



CARNIVAL Cruise Line has announced an exclusive partnership with the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, serving as the group's official cruise line sponsor worldwide.

To celebrate the deal, players Hammer Harrison and Dragon Taylor (**pictured**) showed off their skills by shooting hoops from high above Carnival's SkyRide aerial attraction.

Watch their amazing skills on display [HERE](#).



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