



Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news - now delivered daily!

Borg now NCL Director of Sales

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has today confirmed the departure of its Australasian Vice President Sales Nicole Costantin after more than two decades with the company.

The move follows the appointment of Damian Borg as NCL's Director of Sales Australia and New Zealand, which was part of the recent restructure of the business, which is now led by MD APAC, Ben Angell (**CW** 18 Oct).

Norwegian Cruise Line has just celebrated the launch of its new *Norwegian Encore* in Hamburg (**CW** yesterday).

MSC Cruises celebrates double delight

MSC Cruises has marked two major milestones in its history, taking delivery of *MSC Grandiosa* (pictured) and cutting the first steel on its newly named World Class ship *MSC Europa*.

The double celebration took place on Fri at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in France.

The line's new flagship, *Grandiosa* is one of the most environmentally friendly ships at sea, featuring a hybrid exhaust gas-cleaning system to reduce sulphur emissions by 98%, and a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system which helps cut nitrogen oxide by 90%.

All other MSC ships currently under construction will feature the SCR technology, including *Grandiosa's* sister ship, *MSC Virtuosa*, due in Oct 2020, as well as *MSC Seashore*, also under construction.

The cutting of *Europa's* first



steel, the first of five LNG-powered MSC ships, was performed by MSC Cruises Exec Chairman Pierfrancesco Vago.

"MSC Cruises has since its inception embraced a commitment to environmental stewardship and ways to minimise and improve

continuously our environmental impact both at sea and ashore with the use of innovative, leading-edge and effective technologies across our fleet of ships," said Vago.

"With each new ship we raise the bar of environmental performance."

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ECRUISING'S new Two Queens - Asia Enhancement package is now on sale, taking guests onboard both *Queen Victoria* and *Queen Elizabeth*.

The 47-night journey takes guest aboard *Victoria* on a 25-night tour from Sydney to Singapore, followed by a 19-night cruise aboard *Elizabeth* from Singapore to Tokyo.

Departing 28 Feb 2021, the tour will include stays at Singapore's Fullerton Hotel and The Intercontinental Tokyo Bay.

In all, the cruises will hit destinations such as Brisbane, Airlie Beach, Darwin, Bali, Ho Chi Minh City, Nha Trang, Hong Kong, Singapore, Hue, Da Nang, Manila, Hualien City, Keelung City, Naha and Hiroshima.

Leading in from \$12,399ppts, all accommodation, transfers in Singapore and a one-way international Economy flight from Tokyo to Australia are included.

Azamara exclusive

CREATIVE Cruising has launched an exclusive travel agent package with Azamara, offering a free upgrade.

Valid until 27 Nov, consultants booking a Creative "New Zealand Intensive" trip departing in Feb 2020 will receive a free stateroom upgrade, a one-way airfare, a five-star hotel stay, private transfers and more.

Those who book the 17-night In-depth New Zealand Voyage from \$5,199 per person can also save over \$3,300 per cabin.

Departing from Auckland, the cruise sails to the Bay of Islands, Tauranga, Napier, Wellington, Picton, Christchurch, Milford Sound, Dunedin, Oban, Doubtful Sound, Hobart and Sydney.

For more information see book.creativecruising.com.au.



CHIMU Adventures recently wrapped up its Small Ship Cruising Roadshow, which hit Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth between 15 and 29 Oct.

Attendees heard about Chimu's destinations and vessels, as well as receiving exclusive product offers and a marketing pack to help sell Chimu's adventures.

Presentations which took place on the roadshow included Seaman & Sea Star Journey,

Galapagos Island cruises, Australis Patagonia Fjord cruises, Delfin Amazon cruises, Antarctica Expedition cruising aboard the *Ocean Endeavour*, and Chimu's Arctic expeditions with Hurtigruten.

The audience also heard from Chimu's airline partner LATAM, as well as special guest, Australian wheelchair racer Kurt Fearnley.

Pictured are Ruth Wilson and Julio Salazar from Chimu Adventures.



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CARNIVAL Cruise Line has plenty of experience in managing ocean voyages - but we didn't know its expertise had military applications.

US website *Business Insider* has revealed details of a meeting between US Naval Sea Systems Command Chief Vice Admiral Tom Moore and the Carnival Cruise Line team to discuss "how we have been able to do shipyard maintenance as quickly and effectively as we do," according to a Carnival spokesperson.

Apparently the Navy is struggling with ongoing maintenance issues, which have stranded the majority of its aircraft carriers in a non-deployable status.

Military officers confirmed the meeting, saying Navy Secretary Richard Spencer believes his department "must make every effort to retain and expand our competitive edge".

A big salute Carnival!

Viking 2021 river sales open



VIKING Cruises has opened bookings for a slate of its 2021 river cruises, including the 11-day Passage to Eastern Europe, the 15-day France's Finest and the 23-day European Sojourn, all selling at 2020 prices for a limited time.

Both the Passage to Eastern Europe and European Sojourn journeys now also feature a new call in Golubac, Serbia, where guests can tour the Golubac Fortress, built in the 14th century in a strategic position on the Danube where the river narrows into the Iron Gates gorge.

Departures up to 2021 are now available to book, with Viking's

entire range of river product featuring destinations such as China, Egypt, Europe and Russia.

Pictured is the Aquavit Terrace available on all Viking's longboats. For more info call 138 747 (AU) or 0800 447 913 (NZ).

Celebrity earlybird

CELEBRITY Cruises has extended its earlybird offer on 2020 European itineraries.

Guests can cruise from \$1,999 and receive up to \$400 onboard credit.

For more details and to view sailings, **CLICK HERE**.

CMV Rocky delay

CRUISE & Maritime Voyages' (CMV) inaugural "Rocky Point" cruises from Mexico have been rescheduled from Dec to Jan.

According to the company, an "unforeseen and extended dry-docking requirement," has forced the delay of three voyages, which were set to explore the Gulf of California from Puerto Penasco.

Affected passengers can get a refund or alternate departure.

The voyages will sail on the venerable 550-pax *Astoria*, built in 1948 and refurbished in 1994, the second oldest cruise ship currently sailing.

RSSC + Sotheby's

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises is partnering with Sotheby's to sponsor five episodes of Tim Marlow's "Must-See Museum Shows" which feature monthly recommendations of the best exhibitions to visit.

RSSC CEO Jason Montague said many of the line's guests are art lovers, with the shows "opening up a new world of culture" - see sothebys.com.

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