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#### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

#### Ponant launches 29

FRENCH cruise line Ponant has released 29 additional cruises exploring northern Europe, the Mediterranean, and Atlantic Islands departing between Mar and Nov 2021. Newly added itineraries

include a 10-night Black Sea Odyssey roundtrip from Istanbul on Le Bougainville.

Departing 31 Jul 2021, the itinerary explores the shores of Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia and Georgia, with prices starting from \$7,730ppts.

Also new is an eight-night cruise of Norway's fjords and islands from Bergen to Tromso, starting at \$6,040ppts. For more info, CLICK HERE.

Residents say no way to Yarra Bay THE catchcry of "Yarra Bay, no way" was chanted fervently by protestors at the Yarra Bay Sailing Club yesterday, with more than 1,000 local residents gathering to rally against a proposed \$500 million cruise terminal at the site.

Organised by The Save the Bay Coalition, the protest saw politicians in attendance, with the Federal Member for Kingsford Smith Matt Thistlethwaite calling on Prime Minister Scott Morrison to squash the proposal.

"We want the PM to stand up for Botany Bay, to stand up for the people in his community who are going to be affected by this proposal," he told the crowd.

"It was our former PM Malcolm Turnbull who ruled out Garden Island...if Scott Morrison reconsiders Garden Island and seriously has a look at it, we can avoid Yarra Bay's destruction," Thistlethwaite added.

Also taking centre stage was former NSW Liberal leader Peter Collins, who said the Fed Govt's view that a port at Garden Island would be a "threat to national security" was baseless.

"Malcolm Turnbull went on TV as PM and said this is not happening because of national security...I take offence as somebody who has stood in Navy uniform for 37 years," Collins said.

"If that's the case, the govt had better close down Newcastle Airport tonight because it shares the same runway as Australia's F35 strike aircraft," he added.

Putting across the govt's case was acting CEO of the Port of Authority of NSW Philip Holliday, who tried to assure protestors their concerns and questions were being taken seriously.

"There has been some criticism that we have not yet provided any answers, however, that is because we are still working to ensure we have all the

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questions," Holliday reasoned. But despite his conciliatory tone, Holliday all but ruled out a return to Garden Island as a potential site for a new terminal.

"The Defence Force's position has never really changed, irrespective of attempts by the NSW Govt to request access...the narrow portion of land that RMS holds is simply too thin to operate a berth for cruise ships," he said.

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## Don't take it away from us



LITTLE Bay resident Eva Gunning believes the construction of a cruise terminal at Yarra Bay would destroy her family's "little slice of heaven".

Speaking to *CW* from the protest event held at Yarra Bay yesterday, Gunning said the government's plans would see a key community hub destroyed for local residents.

"Cruise ships coming here will mean dredging 30 metres

down, all of the beach will be concreted over...to think that cruise ships could come along and take all that away from us," she said.

"I don't believe cruise pax are really going to want to come in here anyway and look at the cemetery and look across at the port, then jump on a bus and go 45 minutes into town - they want to go through the heads to the city," Gunning added.



**ROYAL** Caribbean International has announced that its collection of newly released Europe cruises in 2021 will feature 70% new itineraries.

On offer in the latest program are sailings on board the line's highly anticipated ship *Odyssey of the Seas*, which is scheduled to debut in 2020 (*CW* 06 Feb), with the ship slated to visit Turkey and Greece on numerous itineraries.

Further highlights of the collection includes new itineraries from Southampton, United Kingdom, to Norway on sevenand 14-night cruises, including several new port visits such as Norway's Stavanger (**pictured**) and Copenhagen. The voyages will take place on board *Anthem of the Seas* and will also visit a range of new ports in France for the first time.

Meanwhile Harmony of the Seas will set sail for the western Mediterranean, offering sevennight cruises that include late night stays in Florence/Pisa and Rome, Italy, as well as roundtrip sailings from Rome.

The British and Baltic regions are well catered for as well in 2021, with *Jewel of the Seas* departing Amsterdam on a series of trips to the British Isles and Baltics, boasting overnights in Edinburgh, Scotland and St Petersburg, Russia; as well as visits to Liverpool, England.



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# iExpedition wins again



**CRUISE** agency iExpedition beat out a fierce field of competitors to take out the Transfers and Tourism award for the second consecutive year at the 25th Sunshine Coast Business Awards.

"We couldn't have done this without our phenomenal team, our magnificent and supportive client base and, of course, our highly valued adventurers who, together, all consistently step out of their comfort zones to deliver - and embark on - expeditions to some of the most remote corners on earth," said iExpedition founder Ben Alexander.

iExpedition specialises as a polar expedition agency, however this year, added a range of warmer cruise destinations to its list, including Indonesia, PNG, the Solomon Islands, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Galapagos Islands.

**Pictured**: Business owners Jess and Ben Alexander.

#### Radiant countdown

**ROYAL** Caribbean

International is reminding the Australian market that it is less than 12 months to go before its *Radiance of the Seas* vessel arrives in Brisbane.

She is scheduled to return to Australia on 16 Nov 2020, docking at the brand new International Cruise Terminal at Luggage Point in Brisbane.

The ship features a nine-hole mini golf course, self-levelling pool tables and indoor cinema.



### Crystal 2022 opens

**CRYSTAL** Expedition Cruises has officially opened the books for *Crystal Endeavor's* 2022 and Jan 2023 itineraries.

On offer are luxury voyages of nine to 19 nights in length, to destinations such as Antarctica, Svalbard, Iceland, Greenland, and Chilean fjords.

Commenting on the cruise line's latest selection, Crystal's Vice President & MD Australasia Karen Christensen said the sailings travel to remote places that have "rarely seen human explorers".

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#### Virgin's sneak peek

VIRGIN Voyages has launched two new "Sneak-a-Peek" sailings on board *Scarlet Lady* prior to her first official inaugural voyage.

The first of the two three-day cruises will sail on 26 Mar, bound for Virgin Voyages' private resort the Beach Club at Bimini, with the second trip departing 29 Mar.

Bookings for Virgin Voyages' newly released preview sailings can be made **HERE**.

Scarlet Lady's formal debut will take place 01 Apr, 2020, where she will offer cruises to destinations in the Caribbean and Bahamas from Miami.

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### Windstar adds 2021

WINDSTAR Cruises has added seven new itineraries for 2021, including voyages to Greece, Israel & Egypt on *Star Pride*, and an 11-night Northern Japan Adventure.

## Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
Pacific Explorer	18 Nov
Radiance of the Seas	19 Nov
Celebrity Solstice	20 Nov
Carnival Spirit	21 Nov
Ruby Princess	22 Nov
Pacific Explorer	22 Nov
Ovation of the Seas	23 Nov
Explorer Dream	24 Nov
MELBOURNE	
Celebrity Solstice	22 Nov
Golden Princess	24 Nov
BRISBANE	
Maasdam	18 Nov
Pacific Aria	19 Nov
Explorer Dream	22 Nov
Pacific Dawn	23 Nov
Sea Princess	24 Nov
CAIRNS	
Sea Princess	21 Nov
Coral Adventurer	24 Nov
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DARWIN	
Voyager of the Seas	21 Nov
ADELAIDE	
Golden Princess	19 Nov
AUCKLAND	
Majestic Princess	23 Nov
Noordam	23 Nov

# Dame dares to Dream

ADHERING to proper etiquette will be the order of the day when Dame June Dally-Watkins joins passengers on board *Explorer Dream* this week.

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Dally-Watkins will be running a series of talks discussing the issues of fine etiquette, positive body image management, health, beauty, as well as the secret of eternal youth, as part of the cruise line's Dreamscapes enrichment program.

The complimentary initiative allows its guests to spark new passions and deepen existing interests through interactive activities, as well as hear from a wide list of world-class speakers.

Previous presentations have ranged from topics such as photo journalism, world exploration,



cooking and pizza acrobatics. Previous students of the Dally Institute include Nicole Kidman, Crown Princess of Denmark Mary Donaldson, Miranda Kerr, as well as seven wives of former Australian Prime Ministers.

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## Viking awards goal

VIKING Cruises has awarded 18 Australian and New Zealand rugby fans a share of 100,000 Rewards by Viking points for correctly guessing South Africa as the winning team of the recent Rugby World Cup tournament held in Japan.



**CUNARD'S** *Queen Elizabeth* recently welcomed a very special guest aboard, allowing Santa Claus himself to prepare passengers to celebrate the luxury ship's first Christmas Down Under.

The festive character will make calls in Lisbon, Tenerife, Walvis Bay in Namibia, the South African ports of Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, Saint-Denis, Reunion Island and Port Louis, Mauritius, before arriving in Australia in early Dec.

Queen Elizabeth will undertake a record 101-day deployment in local waters this season.

The ship hosts 2,092 passengers, that's a lot of gifts this poor bloke has to carry.



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