



Cruise Weekly today

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

Sun sets on *Pacific Dawn* and *Aria*

P&O Cruises Australia yesterday revealed *Pacific Encounter* would be the name of its next 3,000-guest ship, to join the fleet in 2021, when it will also be bidding farewell to *Pacific Aria* and *Pacific Dawn* (pictured).

The fleet update is part of the cruise line's previously announced strategy of ship replacement, with *Dawn* and *Aria* departing in Feb and Apr 2021 respectively.

Pacific Aria cruises from A114 onwards have been cancelled, while *Pacific Dawn* sailings from W106 have also been called off, with guests having access to a full refund or rebooking.

"When we embarked on this transformation two years ago, we committed to refresh the fleet over time and to set the brand up for continued success...we have a clear picture of the P&O fleet of the future and it is a very



exciting prospect with the brand well positioned to continue to lead in this dynamic market," said Carnival Australia and P&O Cruises Australia President Sture Myrmell.

"P&O's *Pacific Adventure* will be introduced with the our distinctive look and feel along

with some new onboard features that means P&O Cruises remains the driving force for cruising in Australia and New Zealand."

The cruise line is also giving guests the opportunity to sail on *Dawn* and *Aria*'s final cruises, with three options aboard each ship to go on sale from 03 Dec.

Star Clippers brox

NEW routes and port calls for Star Clippers all feature in the line's Summer 2021 preview brochure, such as the three lesser known Greek Islands of Chalki, Kastellorizo and Symi.

The barquentine cruise line will also pay visit to Fethiye in Turkey, with all four new ports included in *Royal Clipper's* roundtrip sailings from Athens in Jul 2021.

For the remainder of the summer, *Royal Clipper* will sail to Mediterranean destinations such as Corsica, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro and Slovenia, as well as beaches and harbours along the French Riviera.

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CroisiEurope ocean ship under repair

PASSNGERS aboard CroisiEurope's 120-passenger *La Belle des Oceans* have been taken off the vessel in Phuket, Thailand while the ship undergoes repairs after reportedly damaging its hull on an "uncharted rock" in the Andaman Sea near Phi Phi Island.

The ship, acquired by CroisiEurope earlier this year after previously sailing as Silversea's *Silver Discoverer*, is expected to be offline for about a week following the hull-breaching incident.

La Belle des Oceans managed to refloat by its own means and reached Phuket under its own power, with the close supervision of the Thai navy.

The ship, which has also formerly sailed as *Clipper Odyssey*, was en route from Penang to Phang Nga Bay.

No passengers were injured during the incident.

Celestyal Black Fri

CELESTYAL Cruises has released a two-for-one Black Friday & Cyber Monday deal, offering guests the chance to embark on five-night cruises for \$1,920 for two guests.

The offer incorporates a variety of cruises, including a multitude of new itineraries, also allows travellers to take 50% off the first guest's cruise fare for a third and fourth family member.

Valid for new bookings made from 28 Nov to 08 Dec for qualifying 2020 and 2021 sailings, all prices are based double occupancy, with highlighted itineraries including the seven-night Eclectic Aegean route, the seven-night Romantic Adriatic venture, the seven-night Three Continents cruise and 14-night immersive sailings.

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SEABOURN is highlighting some of the experiences and locations for its autumn 2020 through to spring 2021 sailings, a program which features over 60 unique sailings.

Some of the new destinations the cruise line will visit aboard its *Seabourn Odyssey* and *Seabourn Sojourn* ships include Caribbean locations such as Charlestown, Nevis; Iles des Saintes, Guadeloupe and Rodney Bay, St. Lucia.

Those aboard *Seabourn Encore's* (pictured) sailings from Athens to Dubai will pay visit to Israeli destinations Ashdod, Bethlehem, Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, as well as the Petra ruins in Aqaba,

Jordan and the popular Caviar in the Surf and Beach BBQ event on Sir Bani Yas Island in the United Arab Emirates.

In southeast Asia, *Seabourn Ovation* will offer overland programs from coastal Sihanoukville in Cambodia to the country's Angkor Wat temples, as well as a visit to over 400 tour options in UNESCO World Heritage Sites in more than 70 countries, such as a visit to Ha Long Bay, Vietnam.

"Each year, we're layering [itineraries] start-to-finish with engaging offerings and new and notable destinations for our guests to experience the world," said Seabourn's Chris Austin.

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Smeralda aces tests

COSTA *Smeralda* has passed its liquefied natural gas (LNG) propulsion tests.

The new Costa Cruises flagship is the second cruise ship in the world to use the fuel both in port and at sea after fellow Carnival Corporation brand AIDA Cruise's *AIDAnova*.

"The fuelling of cruise ships with LNG is an innovation in which we were the first to believe five years ago, when we ordered the *Costa Smeralda*, setting an example for the sector, which has since been followed by other companies," said Costa Cruises President Neil Palomba.

"It is a safe and reliable technology, which is currently the most effective and feasible solution to ensure a significant reduction in the environmental impact of cruise ships in port and at sea."

Costa Smeralda's first cruise will depart Savona on 21 Dec.

RCI's Black Fri

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises is hosting a Black Friday sale across its three brands.

Royal Caribbean International's flash sale extends from 27 Nov to 01 Dec, offering up to \$500 bonus onboard credit per stateroom, which can be combined with the cruise line's Nov offer of up to 40% off every guest (**CW** 08 Nov).

Meanwhile, Celebrity Cruises guests can book for just a \$25 deposit, with travellers to receive up to \$500 cruise credit also.

Azamara is also offering up to \$500 onboard credit, per stateroom, for voyages booked until 01 Dec, which is another offer which can be combined with the line's Double Upgrade Offer for Europe in 2020.

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LATITUDE 33 has recently completed an exclusive 13-day Sepik Warriors sailing and charter of *True North*, inviting 36 lucky guests to experience Papua New Guinea.

Cruising from Cairns from 10 Nov, lucky attendees visited volcanoes, enjoyed helicopter tours, and took part in some fishing, swimming, snorkelling and diving.

The tour commenced with two nights in Port Douglas at Balinese inspired villa Niramaya Villas & Spa, before the group flew Qantas to Papua New Guinea for a 10-night expedition cruise of the Sepik River; they also witnessed the crocodile scarification



ceremony, visited the stilt houses on Lake Kambaraumba, and enjoyed use of the vessel's six expedition boats.

The trip ended with one night in the Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina, Cairns.

Pictured is the group aboard *True North*, while **inset** is ecruising Asia Pacific Chairman & founder Brett Dudley mixing it with the locals.

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Hungry for *Oasis* adventure?



ROYAL Caribbean's game-changing *Oasis of the Seas* has just undergone a US\$165-million upgrade which has added a range of new features to what was the world's largest vessel when it launched in 2009.

Additions include "The Ultimate Abyss" (pictured), a massive 10-storey waterslide, along with an all-new pool deck and a refreshed adults-only Solarium area.

Dining options have also been expanded, with the addition of the Portside BBQ restaurant along with a Bionic Bar with robotic bartenders, ice-cream at Sugar Beach and El Loco Fresh, with Mexican street food.

"To see a 63-day \$165 million effort come to life on a ship as iconic as *Oasis of the Seas* is remarkable," said Royal Caribbean International President & CEO, Michael Bayley.



CRUISE Croatia recently hosted 18 agents from around Australia on an eight-day cruise aboard the new deluxe *MS Bella* to experience cruising Croatia's coastline first-hand.

The famil was arranged to educate agents on the variety of deluxe vessels in Croatia now available to the Australian market.

Round-tripping from Split, the cruise visited ports such as Bol, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Mljet, Omis and Puscica, and included plenty of time for activities on the boat, such as sunrise yoga on the sundeck, and going for a dip in the Adriatic Sea.

Beyond Travel Chief Operating

Officer Tony Gattari expressed how impressed he was with the enthusiasm and success of the famil, and announced the company would charter another ship in Apr 2020 to host Australian agents.

"This activity has proven highly successful, with many travel agents securing land and charter bookings for groups for the 2020 and 2021 season on their return," he said.

"This has affirmed our belief that we need to continually educate agents on our destinations and products".

Cruise Croatia also recently released its 2020 brochure (**CW** 18 Sep).



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Wellington spill

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protection authorities responded quickly to an incident in Wellington Harbour yesterday in which about 100 litres of fuel spilled during the refuelling of Royal Caribbean's *Radiance of the Seas*.

According to the *Dominion Post*, the diesel leaked out of shore-based pipe work, with "quite a bit" finding its way to the water, said Harbour Master Grant Nalder.

Tugs were brought in to help agitate the water and break up the diesel, with the public asked to be on the look out for any penguins which may have been affected.



DON'T stop reading dear **CW** consumers, but it's another message in a bottle porthole.

This tale sees the concealed communicate cross two oceans to land on a beach in Brown Bay, SA, where a local man stumbled across an old Gatorade bottle containing a freezer bag, which in turn held four pages of Spanish dated 05 Mar 2017.

After consulting Google Translate, the man uncovered an e-mail address, which he messaged, receiving a reply around 36 hours later, from a man in Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina.

We promise, no more of these for the rest of the year!

Harvey on Coral



AUSTRALIAN country music singer Adam Harvey (**pictured**) will venture aboard *Coral Princess* in Apr, exploring New York, Central America and the Panama Canal.

The tour will begin with two nights in New York City and Miami before embarking aboard *Coral* for a fully escorted 15-night cruise to Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, San Juan del Sur, Puntarenas, Panama City, and Cartagena.

On the cruise, Harvey will perform a range of musical interludes, featuring local Central American and Mexican acts.

The cruise sails from \$8,999 ppts - call 1800 630 343 for more.

Carnival's Kulture

CARNIVAL has become the first cruise line to be certified "sensory inclusive" by disability nonprofit KultureCity, with *Conquest*, *Horizon*, *Magic*, *Sensation*, *Sunrise* and *Victory* all achieving the certification.

The rest of the fleet will be given the tick in Mar, with all Carnival staff aboard certified ships having been trained to understand sensory need.

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