



Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features five pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a full page from **Tauck**.

Jewel gets the Gong

CRUISE Wollongong Chair Leigh Colacino has announced that *Norwegian Jewel* will be the first ship to embark on a sailing from Port Kembla on 31 Jan 2021, cruising to New Zealand.

Overtourism probs?

THE number of agents who felt overtourism is a problem in the cruise sector has increased by 8% in 2019, according to *Cruise Weekly's* latest industry survey.

Only 35% of believe there is an issue, while 40% said there wasn't & 25% were undecided.

Avalon maintains NZ dominance

AVALON Waterways is seeing growth out of both Australia and New Zealand, with MD Pam Hoffee telling *CW* last night she was particularly thrilled at the brand's continued leadership in the NZ river cruise sector.

Hoffee, in Sydney for a key Globus family of brands management meeting, attributed Avalon's performance to its strong diversity of product.

"We're really happy with our numbers, and it's great that we are the number one brand in New Zealand in terms of market share," she said.

The varied product range includes Avalon's shorter itinerary offerings, which Hoffee said were allowing travellers to sample a river cruise or fit one in around other European activities, appealing to both seasoned river cruisers and those who may be new to cruise.



There are three-night "Taste of the Danube" and "Taste of the Rhine" Avalon cruises, as well as a five-night itinerary in Germany.

Hoffee also highlighted Avalon's range of "Active and Discovery" voyages, which are attracting a new, younger demographic.

She said the average age on these departures was six years lower than other trips, also attracting multi-generational and

family travellers who "want to do something a bit different".

"There are so many choices of excursions," Hoffee enthused, with activities like bike riding and cave exploring complementing painting and cooking classes.

Also new for 2020 is a handful of "Special Interest" cruises, with itineraries customised for photographers, gastronomes, history buffs and nature-lovers.

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Third cruise terminal for Sydney?

THE New South Wales Government yesterday signalled its intentions to develop a Detailed Business Case (DBC) for options for a potential third cruise terminal in Sydney at either Molineux Point or Yarra Bay (**CW** breaking news y'day).

Led by the Port Authority of NSW and the NSW Treasury, the DBC will consider and assess cruise capacity and industry demand at the potential Botany Bay sites.

As part of the DBC, the Port Authority is seeking registrations of interest from the private sector for a series of one-on-one meetings to understand viability and capability to deliver new cruise infrastructure, scheduled from 08 to 25 Oct.

NSW Minister for Transport, Andrew Constance, and Minister for Tourism, Stuart Ayres, said the market engagement process



would "inform the next stage of delivering more capacity for Sydney's growing cruise industry".

Speaking at Carnival Australia's season launch last night, President of Carnival Australia Sture Myrmell resonated his company's approval for the project.

"Carnival Australia has been advocating for a solution to the congestion for over a decade now," Myrmell told **Cruise Weekly**.

"It's very good to see that we're

moving this forward, it's a great development, and we're going to continue to work with the Government on solving Sydney's infrastructure challenge."

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia also threw its support behind the Government, saying in a release, "CLIA welcomes progress towards achieving a solution to Sydney's current berthing capacity constraints, which are limiting growth in Australia's cruise industry'.

A new Viking to sail

VIKING Cruises has announced *Viking Venus*, its seventh ocean ship, will join the line in 2021.

The 930-guest vessel will spend her maiden season in Scandinavia and northern Europe, sailing popular itineraries such as the 15-day British Isles Explorer, the 15-day In Search of the Northern Lights, the 15-day Into the Midnight Sun and the 11-day Viking Homelands.

"I am pleased to announce that *Viking Venus* will join our fleet in 2021, allowing us the ability to introduce even more travellers to the Viking Way of exploration," said Torstein Hagen, Chairman of Viking.

"Many elements onboard our ships honour Viking explorers, and we are proud to host our guests on itineraries that sail those historic routes."

Loved up ecruising

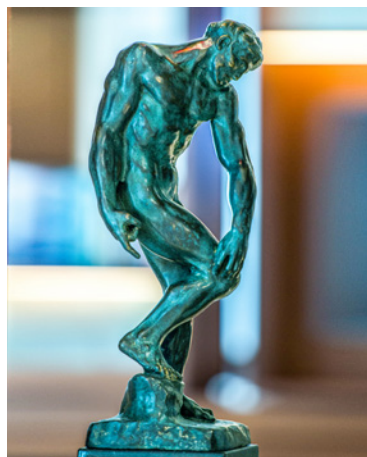
FOR those hoping for a later Valentine's Day, ecruising is advertising its 17-night Wine and Romance package from Barcelona to London next May.

Sailing aboard *Azamara Quest*, the journey comprises a 13-night cruise and two stays of two nights each at the Grand Hotel Central in Barcelona and The May Fair in London - call 1300 369 848 for bookings.

RSSC's Enrichment

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has unveiled eight new Spotlight Enrichment Experiences for select voyages.

Culinary, wine, gardening, flower, Broadway, genealogy, comedy and broadcasting fans will all be pleased by Regent's 2020 Spotlight Collection, which includes features such as Commemorating the World Wars and the World of Harlan Estates.




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Cruise Croatia '20

CRUISE Croatia has released its 2020 brochure, with new itineraries, new departures and new ships all included in the program.

Alongside the release, Cruise Croatia is making a number of incentives available for clients, including earlybird savings of up to \$1,300 per cabin on selected deluxe cruises as well as \$300 per couple in Discover More Travel Vouchers on select cruises and cruise-tours in 2020.

"We have introduced the new deluxe 18-day 'Splendours of Greece and Croatia' cruise-tour, which came about from constant requests for combining the two popular destinations from the Australian market," said Cruise Croatia General Manager of Sales and Marketing Bryce Crampton.

Another new deluxe option is the 11-day cruise-tour from Dubrovnik to Rijeka aboard *MS My Wish*.

Cunard new prog

CUNARD has debuted its new 2021 program, with *Queen Elizabeth*, *Queen Mary 2* and *Queen Victoria* to visit 123 destinations across 39 countries.

The cruise line is highlighting its overnight stays in destinations such as Boston, Funchal, Lisbon, Quebec, Reykjavik, Rotterdam, Shanghai, Singapore and St. Petersburg, and 174 voyages with late evening departures, allowing guests to spend more time at port.

A first for the cruise line in the new season is a maiden visit to Aarhus, Denmark.

"In addition to 31 wonderful round trip voyages from our homeport of Southampton, we are excited that 2021 sees Cunard offer itineraries that span the globe," said Simon Palethorpe, Cunard President.



CARNIVAL Australia launched its Aussie cruise season yesterday, with the arrival of Princess Cruises' *Majestic Princess* into Sydney in the morning, and its departure for Brisbane at night.

Slated to be a record season, with 625 calls to 34 ports around the country, Carnival celebrated with a fun-filled event at the Museum of Contemporary Art in The Rocks overlooking *Majestic*.

Speaking at the celebration, Carnival Australia President Sture Myrmell spoke of his excitement for the company's summer season.

"We're going to have 19 ships sailing in the local waters... there's variety, there's something for everyone, there's a cruise line,

a cruise product for everyone, regardless of what you're looking for," Myrmell told *Cruise Weekly*.

"We're making 50 maiden calls... in total, we will contribute about \$440 million to communities throughout Australia, and it's not just major homeports like Sydney that benefit, it's all the regional ports throughout the country.

"It's also important to acknowledge that it's not just about the summer, we're here year-round, we have eight ships that operate for the full year out of Australia."

Pictured is Myrmell with Princess' Master Mixologist, Rob Floyd, enjoying some of the flavours found fleetwide aboard Princess ships.



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APT Indochina 20/21

APT has launched its new 2020/21 Vietnam and Cambodia featuring Myanmar brochure.

At the forefront of the collection is the 13-day Vietnam & Cambodia Highlights cruise, featuring a sailing up the Mekong River aboard the new *RV AmaMekong* from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City and visiting popular tourist destinations such as the Angkor Archelological Park.

The cruise is priced from \$7,995ppts.

Another highlight is the 17-day Vietnam & Cambodia Discovery cruise from Hanoi to Siem Reap, priced \$10,495 per person twin share.

Bookings made before 29 Feb can take advantage of a special Fly Free offer - for more, call 1300 196 420.

Seabourn + UNESCO

SEABOURN and its guests have contributed more than US\$1 million to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) since the inception of the pair's partnership in 2014, which has just been extended for another five years.

"We're incredibly proud to continue our relationship with UNESCO as their official cruise partner, building on the work we have completed together in recent years," said Richard Meadows, Seabourn President.

"Together we share a common view that the preservation of cultural and historic sites around the world has lasting impact on travellers for generations to come."

The pact will continue on its goal to protect world heritage, and foster wider support and understanding for UNESCO in the travel industry.

Enchanted floats out



PRINCESS Cruises has celebrated the float out of *Enchanted Princess* with her recently-minted madrina, Doris Magsaysay Ho.

The ship met the ocean for the first time, floating out at the building dock Fincantieri Shipyard in Monfalcone, Italy.

Ho, President and Chief Executive Officer of Magsaysay Group, will serve as the ship's madrina - Spanish for godmother - having been at the helm of a long-standing partnership with Princess to recruit, train and develop crew members who work onboard the cruise lines' global fleet. "Ho's passion for the ship-

manning business and our seafarers led her to grow Magsaysay into the successful business it is today and we're proud to employ more than 7,000 Filipino crew members onboard our ships," said Jan Swartz, Princess Cruises President.

"We're honoured to reflect on our successful partnership and proudly name her madrina of *Enchanted Princess*."

The ship will now be moved to the outfitting dock, where final construction and interior furnishings will take place.

She is set to debut on 19 Jun, embarking on a season in the Mediterranean.



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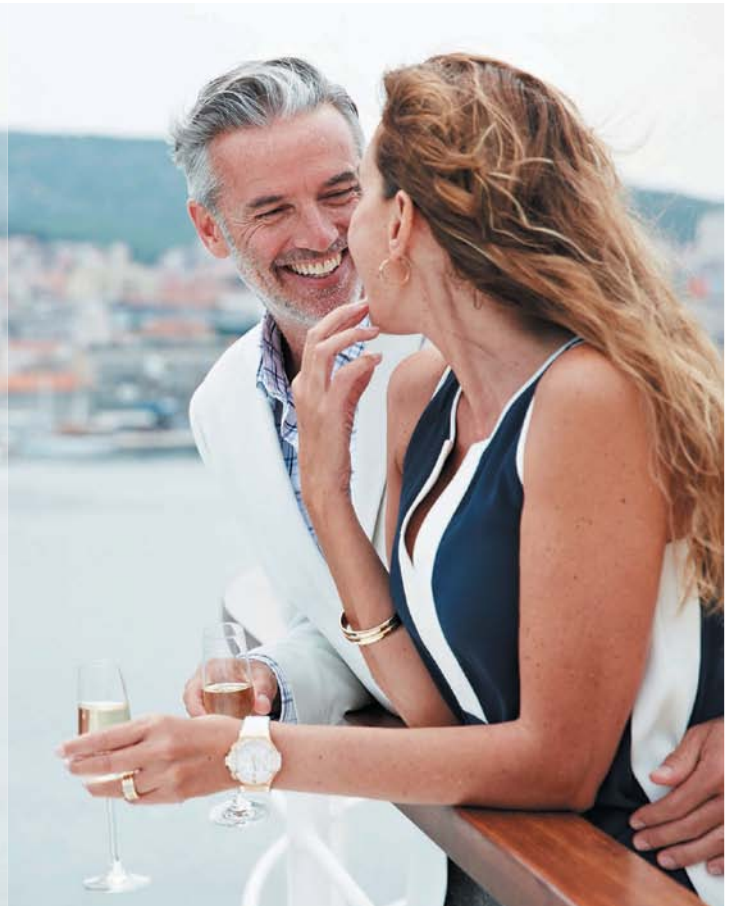


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To be discovered

A **HOST** of “undiscovered” itineraries exploring Italy & Great Britain have debuted in Globus/Cosmos’ new brox.

New for 2020 are Globus’ four-night Southern Italy and Greece Cruise, as well as the eight-day Cosmos Sicily tour.

Commenting on the new undiscovered tours, Globus MD Gai Tyrrell said “This series of touring holidays invites our travellers to leave behind the crowds and forget the familiar, trading them for places beloved by the locals.”

For more information on the brochure, **CLICK HERE**.

Sunsail lagoon catamarans



SUNSAIL has debuted Lagoon catamarans in the Mediterranean, making six new yachts available for next Jun.

Guests can book this product immediately for charters in Croatia, Greece and Spain.

The yacht charterer will also expand its Caribbean options to 15 by the end of 2019, available for booking in the Bahamas, Belize, British Virgin Islands, St. Lucia and St. Martin.

“The new Sunsail Lagoons complement our existing fleet of Robertson and Caine (Leopard) catamarans,” said Josie Tucci, Vice President of Sales and Marketing

for Sunsail.

“Lagoon’s popularity in destinations like the Mediterranean and the Caribbean, presents us with a unique opportunity to expand our fleet and meet the demands of charter guests.”

The Sunsail Lagoon 242 and 464 are now available to charter; the 242 features four en suites, a single-level deck and air conditioning, while the 464 offers a four-cabin, four-head configuration with a skipper cabin and air con.

To book, call 1800 803 988, or **CLICK HERE**.



THERE are very few celebrities around the world more popular in *Cruise Weekly* than a message slipped inside a bottle, but the Loch Ness Monster is one of those.

Le Boat is suggesting two itineraries in search of the famed Scottish beast - a three-night Laggan to Fort Augustus trip, taking in the beauty of the Ben Nevis and Grey Colliers mountains in Gairloch, from \$567, and a seven-night Laggan to Inverness journey, visiting historic Fort William and taking in misty canal walks in Foyers, from \$1,592.

If you’re interested in tracking Nessie down, **CLICK HERE** to go to Le Boat’s offerings, and keep your eyes peeled.

Windstar expands upon shore excursions

WINDSTAR Cruises has expanded its slate of shore excursion programs, as well as launching Beyond Ordinary Tours.

The new excursions will explore 2,500 tour choices in 330 ports on sailings through to 2021.

The increase is a direct result of the line’s expanded global deployment to new regions like Alaska, Southeast Asia, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Egypt.

Beyond Ordinary Tours is a group of 10 bespoke experiences, call 1300 749 876 for more information.



WHEN a gleaming white cruise ship glides into port, it is undoubtedly the star of the show but there are always many people working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this moment come to life.

Such was the case last Sun when *Pacific Explorer* was the first vessel to come alongside at our new cruise wharf in Eden.

This event was the culmination of almost 15 years of passionate effort and planning by the local community through Cruise Eden, which rallied together to support the port project.

Fast forward to a sunny Sun morning with those same community volunteers dressed in their now very recognisable red shirts excitedly raising the marquees and managing the final preparations.

From students to seniors, they turned out to welcome the passengers onshore.

Working closely with the Bega Valley Shire Council, community volunteers also staged a fabulous food festival showcasing the local produce from the region.

A range of ACA members were also in force to make this event a success operationally.

This was the first of many arrivals into Eden’s new cruise wharf and while there may not be as much fanfare, we know that each one will be greeted with the same enthusiasm from the community, recognising the important role their port plays in the development of the industry.



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