



Cruise Weekly today

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

Explorer gone

PRESIDENT of Carnival Australia Sture Myrmell has slammed New South Wales Police, which ordered P&O Australia's Sydney-homeported flagship *Pacific Explorer* to leave the state's waters.

The Carnival boss has issued another video address, in which he emphasised the unprecedented manner in which P&O Australia had been treated, given the thousands of jobs the company supports, in addition to regional communities - view [HERE](#).

Myrmell earlier this week led an impassioned plea for the thoughts of the Aussie cruise community (*CW* yesterday).

HAL guests allowed to disembark

BELEAGUERED Holland America Line (HAL) ships *Rotterdam* and *Zaandam* (pictured) have been approved for disembarkation at Port Everglades in Florida, after being denied entry to multiple South American countries.

Broward County and the Unified Command have granted permission for the two ships to drop off fit passengers, while staff, as well as those who are exhibiting symptoms will remain on board the docked ships.

Among the 808 guests on board *Rotterdam*, 72 are Australian, while there are 60 Aussies amongst the 442 passengers aboard *Zaandam*.

233 passengers aboard *Zaandam* are showing with influenza-like symptoms, and four have died, in addition to 17 ill on *Rotterdam*; it is not known how many Australians are among



those numbers.

"We are so happy to be able to get our guests home and assist those few who need additional medical services," said Holland America Line President Orlando Ashford, who published an opinion piece for *Cruise Weekly*

on Wed (*CW* 01 Apr).

"The COVID-19 situation is one of the most urgent tests of our shared humanity, and we must do everything we can to ensure we continue to act in ways consistent with our common human dignity."

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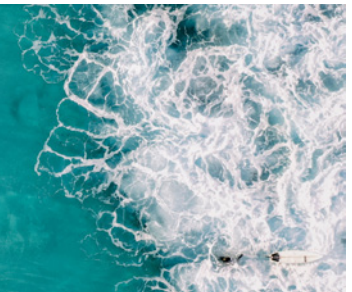
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Chimu second flt

A **SECOND** charter flight organised by Chimu Adventures has brought more Australians and New Zealanders home from South America (**CW** 31 Mar).

The flight, which departed Uruguay on Wed local time, landed this morning, with 136 Aussies aboard, as well as eight Kiwis, who will transit directly through to Auckland.

“We quite literally found ourselves in uncharted waters, in this unprecedented time, as we entered a long process of navigating multiple governments and restrictions in a bid to get our travellers home,” Chimu Adventures co-founder Greg Carter said.

“Working with wildly fluctuating currency dollar rates, ever changing travel and border restrictions, lawyers, insurance companies, governments, airport and port authorities, made piecing the jigsaw together incredibly difficult...we are so relieved, after working around the clock for two weeks” he added.

COVID-19 aboard Greg



COVID-19 has been confirmed in the 60-year-old passenger who disembarked Aurora Expeditions' *Greg Mortimer* (**CW** yesterday).

The man was exhibiting “early signs of pneumonia”, Managing Director Robert Halfpenny told the ship’s passengers yesterday, and was allowed to disembark to seek medical care in Uruguay, despite the country refusing *Mortimer’s* (pictured) requests to dock.

Three new cases of fever have been confirmed aboard the ship

in the past 24 hours, bringing the total cases onboard to nine.

Aurora has since formally escalated its discussions with the Uruguayan Ministry of Health to allow the vessel to dock.



THERE are a lot of ships around the world with very little to do at the moment, two of which are Dream Cruises' *Explorer Dream* and *Genting Dream*.

Both are currently tendering in Langkawi, off the coast of Malaysia, with only essential crew on board, and while waiting for cruising to resume, the ships have been busying themselves in crafting a message for the cruise community.

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