



Cruise Weekly today

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

Atlas announces

ATLAS Ocean Voyages this week announced its 2021/22 Antarctica Luxpeditions season, which features a range of expanded destinations.

Sales for the season have begun ahead of schedule to help travel agents take advantage of the cruise line's Get Paid Now initiative, which immediately assists them with up to US\$750 per deposited booking.

Agents clients can also receive up to US\$2,000 savings and more on an journey aboard *World Navigator*, Atlas Ocean Voyages' first expedition ship, launching in mid-2021 (CW 16 Jan).

Emerald Azzurra & Luna on track

EVERGREEN Cruises & Tours and sister company Emerald Cruises have showcased the buildings of its new superyacht *Emerald Azzurra* (CW 02 Feb) and new river ship *Emerald Luna* (pictured), with both scheduled to launch on time in 2021.

"While there are some delays in equipment delivery from Europe and China, we continue to work with the shipyard on how to minimize that impact," said Scenic Group Chairman Glen Moroney.

"The entire Emerald Yacht Cruises team is excited to see [Azzurra] progressing, and look forward to welcoming guests onboard this magnificent yacht as it begins cruising the Mediterranean in 2021."

"*Emerald Luna* is progressing well and at this point, all construction and equipment delivery is on schedule."

Announced at Scenic's Night of



Stars in Sydney in Feb, *Emerald Azzurra* will be the first vessel owned by the new Emerald Yacht Cruises brand, and alongside Emerald Waterways, will be one of the two brands which make up the Emerald Cruises portfolio.

She is scheduled to set sail from Aug 2021 on 47 itineraries.

Luna, set to be the new addition to Emerald Waterways' Star-Ship river fleet, will commence sailing in the northern spring of 2021.

View the video [HERE](#).



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SPORTS leagues are scrambling to formulate harebrained schemes in a bid to restart their competitions, and former basketball star-turned sports broadcaster Jay Williams has an interesting solution.

The ex-Chicago Bull wants to see the NBA take to the high seas, holding the remainder of its season on cruise ships.

Williams' plan involves testing every player and their family, splitting the league in two, and letting the hoopin' begin.

We know a number of cruise lines, such as Carnival, Royal Caribbean and Princess feature basketball courts on their ships, but we think this plan is an air ball.

Quark Antarctica

QUARK Expeditions has officially launched its Antarctica 2021/22 season.

The season boasts a large number of firsts and once-in-a-lifetime unique expeditions, according to Quark, including *Ultramarine's* inaugural Antarctica sailings, and witnessing a total solar eclipse in the White Continent on one of the cruise line's two special guest-accompanied voyages.

Sales Manager APAC Sarah Arane will also be hosting a webinar for the trade on the upcoming season on 23 Apr at 11am AEST - [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

CMV booking updates



CRUISE & Maritime Voyages (CMV) is continuing to encourage new bookings, by expanding its flexible travel policy.

All bookings made until the end of May can see passengers change their reservation at no additional cost.

The update comes with CMV Australia still seeing strong bookings for the European 2021 summer season, which is up 55% for the year, with the majority of those still made by travel agents.

Cruises to see the Aurora, and Arctic voyages to Iceland, Greenland and Scandinavia also remain popular throughout Feb

and Mar.

"We know that keen cruisers still want to cruise, so we want to ensure that travellers can return to travel when they are ready and that they can have something to look forward to when this is all over," said CMV Australia Managing Director Dean Brazier.

"To help restore confidence in cruising and reassure our guests about their future travel plans, we will be relaxing our booking conditions to allow guests to consider their future travel now... we are ensuring that cruisers can book now and transfer later".

Pictured: Amy Johnson.

Burnie ban on cruise ship arrivals?

BURNIE Councillor Ken Dorsey is campaigning to ban cruise ships from the Tasmanian town for next season due to COVID-19 concerns.

Dorsey is seeking support for his proposal, and said: "in the interest of the health of the volunteers and the residents of Burnie, it is a precautionary requirement for this city to act in the best interest of its citizenry."

Cruise ships are currently banned from the state entirely, with Premier and Minister for Tourism Peter Gutwein saying a review would be undertaken at the conclusion of the current ban.

CLIA UPDATE



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Cruise lines make a huge contribution

IT HAS been incorrectly claimed recently that cruise lines do not contribute to taxation and spending in Australia. The fact is, cruise lines pay hundreds of millions of dollars in fees and taxes in Australia while at the same time generating strong economic returns for communities around the country. In Australia, cruise lines contribute more than \$220 million a year in port fees and charges alone, which are set at some of the highest levels in the world. In total, cruise lines spend more than \$1 billion a year in Australia, on costs including food and beverages, fuel, administration, fees and charges, tour operations and other operating expenses. This is part of the cruise industry's total economic contribution in Australia of more than \$5 billion a year.

It is also wrong to claim cruise ships are registered in overseas flag states to avoid regulation. Regardless of where they are flagged, CLIA cruise lines are required to operate at or above compliance with strict laws that govern the industry worldwide, from the global regulations of the International Maritime Organization to the laws of Australian state and federal governments. Australia's regulation and oversight on areas like health, customs, environment, immigration and other border requirements are applicable to all cruise ships operating in the country.

