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Viking opens 2023 for bookings

VIKING'S 2023 river cruises are now open for sale, currently available at 2020 prices.

Cruises now able to be booked include voyages in Egypt, Europe and Southeast Asia, with travellers able to reserve at the current rate until the end of the month.

The 2023 season also features new ships *Viking Osiris*, which will sail the Nile River, *Viking Saigon* (pictured) to debut on the Mekong River, and *Viking Mississippi*, voyaging on its namesake waterway.

Viking's Inclusive Value means one upfront cruise fare covers shore excursion in every port of call; all onboard meals; premium wine & beer served with lunch & dinner; 24-hour tea, coffee & bottled water; unlimited wi-fi throughout the ship, and port fees, tipping and gratuities.



Highlights of the season include the 15-day Grand European Cruise between Amsterdam and Budapest, the 23-day European Sojourn between Amsterdam and Bucharest, the 15-day France's Finest voyage between Paris and Avignon, the 13-day Waterways of the Tsars trip between St. Petersburg and Moscow and

the 15-day Magnificent Mekong adventure between Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

"We know travellers are seeking certainty in order to plan their future travels, which is why we've opened 2023 departures for sale before any other major river cruise line," said Viking Managing Director ANZ Michelle Black.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a front full page from Paul Gauguin Cruises.

Paul Gauguin offer

AN EXCLUSIVE "welcome offer" is today being promoted by Paul Gauguin Cruises, which gives clients \$800 per person on all 2021 departures.

The deal is valid on all bookings made until 30 Aug for clients taking their first cruise with Paul Gauguin.

Head to the **front page**.

Celebration time!

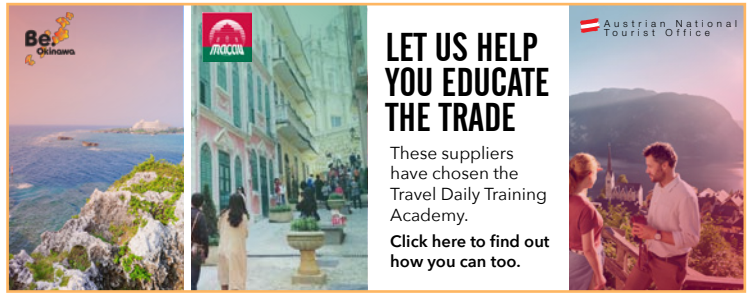
CARNIVAL Cruise Line's next Excel-class ship will be named *Carnival Celebration*.

The new ship will debut in Miami in 2022.

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AUSTRALIA may not be taking visitors right now, but one far-away traveller has recently arrived in our country - and is being welcomed.

A huge raft of volcanic rock has floated across the Pacific Ocean, after spewing up from an underwater volcano, floating the gargantuan trip to North Qld.

Apparently, the rock is here on a working visa, as it is now aiding in revitalising the Great Barrier Reef, with each of the rocks that make up the pumice raft attracting marine organisms, including algae, barnacles, corals, and more, which replenish endangered coral systems.

The last time we were called on by such a visitor was in 2001, when a volcano near Tonga produced another rock flotilla which popped into Australia to say hi.

In our opinion, this traveller can stay as long as it wants.

Crystal-clear

CRYSTAL Cruises has insisted it is not going out of business, after its parent company Genting Hong Kong announced it is pursuing a debt restructuring (**CW** 21 Aug).

"Whatever option our parent company pursues, it will allow Crystal to operate its business," the cruise line said, adding its commitment to its contractual obligations.

She saw Seashore



MSC Cruises has celebrated the float out of *MSC Seashore* (pictured), which will be the cruise line's second new ship to come into service in 2021.

The company's new flagship will build on MSC's design standards with more cabins, bars and restaurants and the highest ratio of outdoor space per guest of any ship in the fleet.

MSC Seashore will also be the company's longest ship, at 339 metres, and has now been moved to a wet dock for work on her interior, ahead of her Jul delivery.

The ship will be the first of two Seaside Evo vessels, with *MSC Seashore* to carry a maximum of 5,877 guests, in addition to possessing the ability to access shore-to-ship power.

Making her debut in the 2021 northern summer season, *MSC Seashore* will offer western Mediterranean itineraries (**CW** 28 Jun 2019).

MSC Managing Director Australasia Alessandro Guerrieri recently told **Cruise Weekly** the line's shipbuilding program remains unchanged, despite the

COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our plan is to add at least eight ships to our fleet in the next 10 years," he said.

"MSC Cruises is, and will remain, the world's fastest-growing cruise line."

Partner up!

FOUR more small ship cruise operators have partnered with specialist travel agency Cruise Traveller.

Albatros Expeditions, Captain Cook Cruises Fiji, Murray River Paddlesteamers and Oceanwide Expeditions have joined Cruise Traveller's 49 other small ship clients.

"Since 2003, we have grown rapidly to become Australia's most experienced small ship cruise specialists, marketing and promoting our partners' river, boutique and expedition cruise products to Australian travellers and travel agents," said Cruise Traveller Managing Director Craig Bowen.

"We are trusted as experts in this field."