

### Cruise Weekly today

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

### More suspensions

**ROYAL** Caribbean Group has extended its suspension of cruises departing from Australia and New Zealand through to the end of Apr, while Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings has joined them with all cruises through to the end of Feb.

Globally, Royal Caribbean Group is extending the suspension of sailings through to the end of Feb, excluding sailings from China and Singapore, but crucially, it will miss out on Australia's summer season.

Both companies are working toward requirements needed to resume sailing.

## Silversea reveals Kimberley 2021

**SILVERSEA** Cruises has unveiled new voyages to Australia's Kimberley region for next year.

Alongside opening an exclusive pre-sale on its itineraries in the Kimberley for 2022/2023, Silversea has now added a trio of new nine-day sailings in the region ex May and Jun 2021.

Hosted aboard the 144-guest *Silver Explorer*, the additional sailings offer travellers the chance to discover the Kimberley on three Darwin (**pictured**) to Broome sailings.

The first voyage, departing 28 May 2021, will feature a maiden call to the secluded birdwatcher's paradise of Lacepede Islands, which is also an important breeding area for green turtles.

The voyage also includes the King George River, Wyndham, Vansittart Bay & Jar Island, Hunter River, Montgomery Reef, Raft Point, and Talbot Bay, as well as



an overnight in Yampi Sound.

The second trip, departing 06 Jun 2021, will showcase waterfalls, Aboriginal cave paintings and mangrove ecosystems, and will also call at Talbot Bay, Adele Island and Koolama Bay.

Travellers will enjoy Zodiac tours through Montgomery Reef, home

to sea turtles, epaulette sharks, and rare migratory birds.

The third itinerary, departing 15 Jun 2021, will overnight in Talbot Bay, with guests able to journey up the King George River on Zodiacs to admire the King George Falls.

For more about Silversea's Kimberley cruises, **CLICK HERE**.



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**LEBRON** James has blocked plenty of fellow basketball players over his career, but he's now apparently added Carnival Corporation to his victims.

James recently shut down Carnival's trademark application in the United States for the phrase "King James", which the company had applied for in Aug 2019.

Carnival were forced to make multiple changes to the application, and initially got the go-ahead from the federal government in Jul, but after James got involved, Carnival quickly dropped the fight.

The Los Angeles Lakers forward has gone by the nickname King James for years, and interestingly enough, Carnival's Chairman Micky Arison is the owner of the Miami Heat, the team James used to play for.

## Celebrity Alaska 2022



**A RANGE** of new 2022 Alaska sailings have been announced by Celebrity Cruises.

Highlights of the season include every sailing visiting the glaciers of the Inside Passage, with Celebrity to start this Alaska season earlier than it ever has.

One of the highlights of the cruise line's three-ship season in Alaska will be *Celebrity Eclipse's* round trip sailings from Vancouver, on seven-night itineraries featuring the Hubbard Glacier (**pictured**), as well as Juneau, Ketchikan and either Sitka or Icy Strait Point, with a post-sailing land tour of the Rockies also able to be added.

Celebrity has also introduced a Pacific Coastal itinerary travelling from Vancouver to Los Angeles, visiting Victoria, Astoria, San Francisco, and Catalina Island, aboard the "revolutionised" *Celebrity Millennium*.

Homeporting from Seattle, *Solstice* will sail seven-night itineraries calling on Endicott Arm Fjord, Dawes Glacier, Victoria,

Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan.

All 2022 Alaska cruisetours range from nine to 13 nights, and include a visit to Denali, and a ride on the Wilderness Express, while Canadian Rockies cruisetours travel to Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Calgary and Jasper.

All 2022 Alaska and Pacific Coastal sailings are now on sale - call Celebrity on 1800 754 500.

## Lofoten leaving

**HURTIGRUTEN'S Lofoten**

is set to leave the fleet and become a training ship.

*Lofoten*, which has been sailing the Norwegian coast for nearly six decades, will change hands next year, although Hurtigruten will retain the right to charter her.

She will be passed to the country's Southern Maritime High School, which has trained mariners since the 1920s.

*Lofoten* is set to welcome her first students in Aug.



**NZCA  
UPDATE**

with Kevin O'Sullivan  
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## Next season

**NEARLY** 90% of cruise ship calls have been cancelled for New Zealand ports this (mostly non-existent) 2020-21 season.

There are still a handful of bookings remaining, and there is still hope for some winter cruises.

We are now looking to the 2021-22 season, from Oct to Apr, which is shaping up to be a good one in terms of forward bookings.

There are hurdles to get over before ships can come back in the next season, however.

Once we have domestic cruising under way with modest numbers, possibly before Apr 2021, we need to be looking to our biggest source market - Australia, to provide additional numbers to fill bookings from Oct 2021.

With the combination of our two countries' passengers we will have a viable New Zealand cruise industry.

This week I listened to a talk about what's happening with flights - both Australia and New Zealand flight numbers are a small fraction of the pre-COVID numbers.

It will not be a simple matter to switch on international travel and fly in passengers, but cruise ships can provide good numbers of international travellers arriving from Australia by sea to bolster our tourism economy.

## New shipyard

**FINCANTIERI** is set to build a shipyard in Mexico, with cruise ships to be accommodated.

The shipbuilding company has signed a letter of intent with Mexico's Ministry of Economic Development & Labour of the Yucatan State for the yard, which will be located within the Port of Progreso.

Fincantieri will be granted a 40-year concession for the exclusive management of the new shipyard.



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