



View & Verandah

HOLLAND America Line is offering stateroom upgrades, free gratuities, one-night speciality dining, beverages and reduced kids fares with its View & Verandah sale.

Cruise bookings made by the end of Feb will be able to access the savings, with guests who book by 05 Jan able to receive all six of the incentives, plus free gratuities.

The View & Verandah deal applies to the first and second guests in a stateroom, and includes most of Holland America's global itineraries, and the cruise portion of Alaska Land+Sea Journeys - call on 1300 987 322.

Cruise Weekly today

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

False positive on RCI

ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) has welcomed the news from the Singapore Tourism Board of a false positive result for coronavirus for a recent *Quantum of the Seas* passenger (**CW** y'day).

Guests began disembarking from *Quantum* on Wed night, after she returned to Singapore that morning following the detection of a suspected coronavirus case on board.

The patient, an 83-year-old male, reported to the medical centre Tue night, where he was given a PCR test, and tested positive to coronavirus.

His original sample has since been retested, and has come back negative, following which a second fresh sample also came back negative.

A third test will be conducted today to confirm his status.

He was conveyed to the National Centre for Infectious

Diseases at 2.30pm Wed, and is undergoing further tests.

Contact tracing began immediately after the positive test result, with all onboard leisure activities ceased, and passengers asked to remain in their rooms, while close contacts of the suspected case were identified and isolated.

Other passengers and crew members remained on board *Quantum of the Seas* until contact tracing was completed.

All passengers underwent an Antigen Rapid Test at Marina Bay Cruise Centre upon disembarkation, and after 14 days of self-monitoring, will receive a swab test at a designated government facility.

Royal Caribbean committed to working with the Government of Singapore to refine its protocols, and wished the passenger a speedy recovery.

Princess to Japan

PRINCESS Cruises has unveiled its 2022 Japan program.

Going on sale Wed, *Diamond Princess* will offer 35 departures from May through to Sep, featuring 31 destinations in four countries.

Itineraries span from the southern tropical islands of Okinawa to the northernmost island of Hokkaido, with a highlight of the season visits to nine local festivals.

The season will also include a Highlights of Japan cruisetour, which combines an eight-, nine-, or 10-day cruise with two nights in Kyoto and three nights in Tokyo.

Princess past guests are also eligible for a special Captain's Circle launch discount when they book early, consisting of a discount of up to \$200 per person.

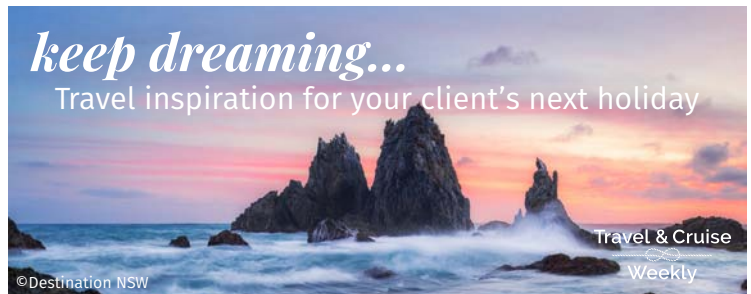
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NEWS ON THE FLY



FOUR men have survived the night in shark- and crocodile-infested waters off Townsville after their boat overturned. Despite one of the men being almost 90, the quartet survived Wed night clinging to their overturned boat, after it capsized when they were returning from a day of fishing on Little Broadhurst Reef, approximately 50 nautical miles northeast of Townsville.

Police were notified the men were missing around 11pm and launched a search, but couldn't find them.

After making several attempts to swim down and activate an emergency safety beacon, the two younger men decided to try to swim to shore to raise the alarm to a lighthouse, which they discovered was unmanned.

They were later joined by the two older men, after the boat drifted closer to shore and they were able to scramble to land.

Carnival pays farm visit



CARNIVAL Australia President Sture Myrmell (pictured) recently participated in a "farm tour" to help shine a light on those who have been hit hard by the suspension of cruising during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The New South Wales-based farmers are longstanding suppliers to Carnival ships, and Manuel Xerri, who farms a 600-acre property, said his output and income had been slashed by 40% or more while cruising has been suspended.

Carnival Australia Director of Supply Chain Jeremy Goodman said farmers who supply cruise lines are the epitome of resilience and overcoming challenges, with extreme weather conditions also recently taking a toll.

"The pandemic has been a big hit for our farm suppliers and for everyone involved in getting the produce to the ships," he said.

"There is a huge supply chain that goes into making the magic that is cruise."

Corporate Executive Chef Uwe Stiefel added the farm visits will become a regular feature.

AQSC 2022 prog

AMERICAN Queen Steamboat Company (AQSC) has released its 2022 river cruise program early, with savings of US\$2,000 per couple available when booking through Cruise Traveller.

Those booking a cruise on one of the five American rivers can also receive a complimentary drinks package.

The season will see the debut of the new *American Countess*, with travellers able to access these deals when booking before the end of Mar.

2022 will be AQSC's biggest season ever, featuring 163 cruises on the Columbia, Mississippi, Ohio, Snake, and Tennessee rivers.

For more on the season, **CLICK HERE**.

Give 'em Shell

ROYAL Caribbean International has partnered with the Australian Museum Research Institute and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) to help save the critically endangered hawksbill sea turtle.

Through the Surrender Your Shell initiative, the trio is asking Australians to give up their tortoiseshell products so vulnerable populations can be traced through extracted DNA.

Researchers will then trace tortoiseshell products back to the turtles' nesting beach and develop a database or "ShellBank", an initiative never seen before in Asia-Pacific.

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