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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, a cover wrap from RCI and a full page from Windstar.

Seven days of wow

ROYAL Caribbean is offering free balcony upgrades, savings of up to 40% and up to US\$300 onboard credit as part of a week-long "wow sale" which ends next Tue - see the cover page for details.

Learn on Windstar

TRAVEL agents are being offered the opportunity to participate in the first CLIA **Accredited Small Ship Training** Program, aboard a Wind Spirit voyage from Cairns to Noumea.

The cruise takes place in Jun see the last page for more info.

Coronavirus fears in HK and Japan

ALMOST 2,000 passengers, including a number of Australians, are being held on World Dream (pictured) in Hong Kong amid a number of confirmed coronavirus cases aboard the ship.

Several crew members have reportedly described symptoms associated with the virus, which has led to everyone aboard the ship being tested.

Despite arriving yesterday, passengers will not be allowed to disembark until three test results from suspect cases are returned.

MEANWHILE, Princess Cruises has confirmed two Australians are among the 10 passengers who have tested positive for coronavirus on board Diamond Princess in Yokohama.

The ship was quarantined off the Japanese coast earlier this week (CW yesterday) after a previous passenger tested positive for the virus.



The Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare has since completed its first phase of health screening all guests and crew, with the infected passengers taken ashore by the Japanese Coast Guard and transported to local hospitals.

Of the 2,666 guests aboard the ship, 223 are Australian.

As per World Health Organization guidelines, the ship has been placed into quarantine for 14 days, with both of its next departures, on 04 and 12 Feb, being cancelled.





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Double Up & SAVE on the Danube & Douro

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THE sumptuous Regent Suite aboard the Regent Seven Seas Cruises' Seven Seas Explorer is almost fully booked for the ship's inaugural season - despite a price tag of about US\$11,000 per night.

Guests aboard this week's special preview voyage from Rome to Barcelona were given a glimpse at how the other half live yesterday, when **RSSC Chief Executive Officer** Jason Montague opened up his temporary digs for public viewing.

Over-the-top features include a US\$200,000 Vividus bed, a genuine Picasso painting in the master bedroom, as well as a personal hot tub on the enormous balcony which overlooks the ship's bow.

There's also an in-suite sauna, steam room and treatment area, with Regent Suite guests provided with a dedicated butler ready and willing to cater to every whim.

And to top it all off, these very special passengers receive an extremely limited edition

miniature bottle of Louis XIII cognac specially produced for Regent and personally



signed by Montague.

A video of the Seven Seas Splendor Regent Suite is now at cruiseweekly.com/videos.



SOME of the 150-strong Aussie and Kiwi contingent aboard Seven Seas Splendor this week enjoyed an exclusive cocktail party courtesy of Virtuoso last night.

Agencies and groups on board include representatives from Hunter Travel Group, Flight Centre/Travel Associates. House of Travel. Helloworld. Savenio. Phil Hoffmann Travel, Gregor and Lewis, MTA and more, with the overwhelming consensus that they are "blown away" by Splendor's appointments, service and indulgence.

Guests have been able to experience lavish Serene Spa & Wellness treatments such as massages and facials, fabulous cuisine at restaurants such as Compass Rose, Pacific Rim, Prime 7, Chartreuse and Sette Mari and then participate in classes at the onboard fitness centre to burn all that energy (as well as food and beverages) off.

The public areas aboard Splendor evoke a comfortable home crossed with a five-star hotel, with the walls adorned by an art collection worth about US\$5 million as well as striking sculptures throughout the ship.

And sustainability is also a key focus for Regent Seven Seas

Cruises (RSSC), which has added "cold ironing" shore power capability to Splendor as well as a host of other initiatives including use of low-sulphur fuel, extensive recycling and waste minimisation, and the elimination of plastic bottles through the provision of water stations across the ship.

And notably the whole offering, including speciality dining, shore excursions, gratuities, premium beverages and more comes at no extra cost, under Regent's allinclusive model.

As one RSSC staffer said, "it's not just about what you pay to get on a ship - it's also what you pay when you get off," which with Regent is pretty much nothing.



On location in the Mediterranean

Today's issue of CW is coming to you from aboard the brand new Seven Seas Splendor as she cruises between Rome & Barcelona.

SEVEN Seas Splendor is nearing the end of her special preview voyage, traversing the ocean off the coast of the French Riviera en route from Livorno to Barcelona.

The day has been filled with special updates from Regent CEO Jason Montague and his team, including details of the line's brand focus which will see it better communicate its key selling features.

Regent's brand strategy is now globally driven and aims to reflect "An Unrivalled Experience" with a louder, bolder positioning which "properly reflects our exceptional product experience".

More from Regent tomorrow.



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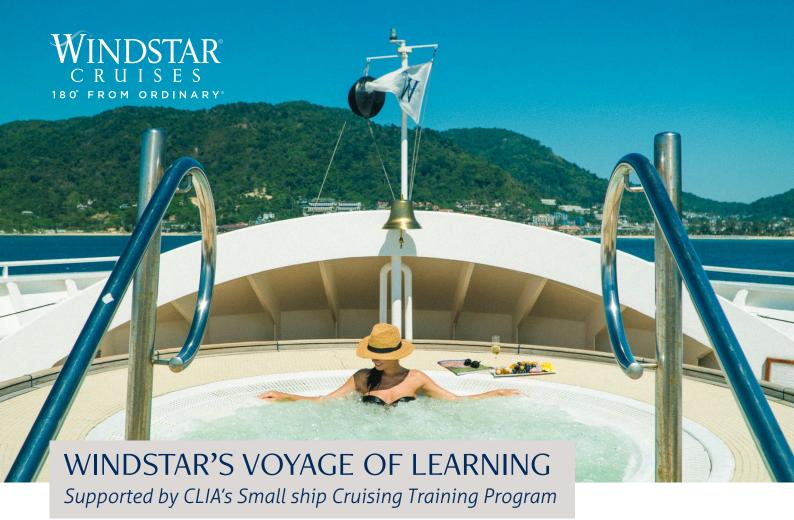
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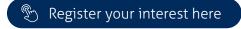
Embarkation: Cairns 1 June 2020 **Disembark:** Noumea 8 June 2020

Cost: \$1,320*pp twin share | \$1,979*pp solo traveller

CLIA Accreditation Points: 50

Includes: 7 night cruise onboard Wind Spirit, all meals whilst onboard, non-alcoholic beverages including espresso coffee whilst onboard, Windstar Product & CLIA Small Ship Cruise Specialist training program, welcome cocktail beverage, exclusive CLIA Agent Cocktail party, ship tour, galley tour, cooking demonstrations and so much more!

How to book:



Q deals.windstar.com.au/voyage-of-learning/

or contact Windstar Cruises Groups Department on 1300 749 875

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