



### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a full page from *Travel Daily's* Sustainability Summit.

### Scenic workshops

**SCENIC** Cruises & Tours will be holding a series of information sessions around Australia for agents on what luxury river cruise products it has to offer in 2021/22.

Taking place between 02 Mar and 27 May, there are 29 classes on offer in destinations such as Parramatta and Sutherland in Sydney, Brisbane and the Gold Coast in Queensland, Frankston and Glen Waverley in Victoria, and Perth and Fremantle in WA.

The sessions are free to attend and early registration is encouraged - call 138 128 for further information.

## Cruise sector well equipped: Joel Katz

### OPINION

**THE** global cruise industry has moved quickly and decisively in response to the coronavirus outbreak in China, and the measures put in place by cruise lines have ensured the health and safety of passengers and crew remain the top priority.

In many cases this has meant disruption as cruise lines take important steps to adjust itineraries, however the result is a robust approach that will offer reassurance to travellers.

The case in Japan is a difficult situation (*CW* 05 Feb), and one that Japanese health authorities are managing carefully in close contact with the cruise line.

Despite this, it is important to remember there are no confirmed cases on any other cruise ship worldwide.

The vast majority of more than 270 cruise ships globally are

continuing to sail unaffected, including within our own region.

Just as life goes on in Australian cities and destinations around the world, so too do most cruise operations – but with precautions in place.

Across all CLIA cruise lines, enhanced screening measures are in place and no passengers or crew who have come from or visited China, including Hong Kong and Macao, are permitted to board.

These and other measures are in addition to the steps taken by governments, such as Australia's halt on visitors from China.

Importantly, CLIA and cruise lines are in close consultation with health authorities around the world, including Australia's Department of Health, and will modify policies if necessary.

There are many exaggerated claims around cruise ships, but the reality is the cruise industry is one of the most well-equipped and experienced when it comes to managing and monitoring health conditions of pax & crew.

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## Cruise Calendar

The next few port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia and New Zealand.

<b>SYDNEY</b>	
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	14 Feb
<i>Explorer Dream</i>	16 Feb
<i>Maasdam</i>	16 Feb
<b>BRISBANE</b>	
<i>Viking Sun</i>	14 Feb
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<i>Majestic Princess</i>	14 Feb
<i>Viking Orion</i>	16 Feb
<b>BROOME</b>	
<i>Vasco da Gama</i>	16 Feb
<b>BURNIE</b>	
<i>Explorer Dream</i>	14 Feb
<b>EDEN</b>	
<i>Maasdam</i>	15 Feb
<i>Silver Muse</i>	16 Feb
<b>GERALDTON</b>	
<i>Vasco da Gama</i>	13 Feb
<i>Seven Seas Navigator</i>	13 Feb
<b>AUCKLAND</b>	
<i>Arcadia</i>	15 Feb
<i>Astor</i>	15 Feb
<b>AKAROA</b>	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	14 Feb
<i>Ruby Princess</i>	16 Feb
<b>BAY OF ISLANDS</b>	
<i>Arcadia</i>	16 Feb

## Estonia hungry for more



**ESTONIA** is looking to leverage its popularity as a cruise destination to generate repeat visits, the country's Ambassador to Australia, Kersti Eesmaa, told *Cruise Weekly*.

Speaking in Sydney last night at Jones & Co's inaugural series of roadshows, the Ambassador emphasised the importance of showcasing why travellers should return to the Baltic country.

"We have many people who come to Estonia with cruises... what happens is they cross Estonia off the list," Eesmaa said. "[Passengers] have to stick with the group sometimes, so I feel they are missing out."

"Our main message here is that Estonia is so much more than seeing a little bit of the Old Town...we have old places, hipster places, you can go to the forest, the wetlands, the islands."

Eesmaa also emphasised that the capital Tallinn, a city of just over 400,000, struggles with the same problems as many major European cruise capitals, without many of the same benefits.

"We are a harbour city, and our

harbour is very close to the city, it's only a 15-minute walk.

"People are saying we should limit the cruise numbers, we're not there, we welcome the cruise tourists, but what we're trying to say is come back for more."

"We're trying to get cruise tourists to buy more than an ice-cream and a €5 souvenir."

The Ambassador is pictured far right, with McKinlay Kidd's Robert Kidd, Hummingbird Travel's Tomas Cochrane and Jones & Co Founder Nadine Jones.

## HAL finds a friend

**HOLLAND** America Line's (HAL) troubled *Westerdam* vessel has finally found a country which will allow it to dock, with Cambodia offering the ship, and the 79 Australians on board, the chance to disembark.

*Westerdam* had previously been turned away by five other nations amid fears the passengers and crew were a health risk (*CW* 12 Feb).

## Viking shares more

**VIKING** Cruises has announced the first locations for its free 2020 information sessions, which will showcase the line's global range of products to agents and clients.

The workshops will feature special booking offers, plus a bonus Viking custom-marketing package including a one-on-one session for agents who bring their clients.

The first session will occur on 03 Mar in Adelaide, followed by Bris on 17 Mar, Sydney on 24 Mar and Melbourne on 26 Mar - [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



**A CANADIAN** man who was arrested after swimming from Canada to the United States in Dec has been released after he was found not to be a "dangerous individual".

Although the 56-year-old man first attempted to cross the border by more traditional means, he was turned away due to an earlier infraction, but decided this wouldn't stop him - so he simply donned his wetsuit and took to the waters.

The reason for the perilous, and illegal, journey? To deliver some books he had sold to four people in the US - obviously.

We're not sure if the books made it intact to shore, and we're also not sure if the talented swimmer is aware of the existence of postal services.



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