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Tauck-ing Aussie efforts up a level

TAUCK is enhancing its service and support of the Australian travel industry, opening a sales and service centre to provide 24hour help to the market.

Operating five days a week from 06 Apr, the United Statesbased cruise-tour operator has also brought on board a Country Manager, David Clark (pictured), who will be charged with overseeing the company's sales, marketing, planning, and more.

Two new National Account Managers, Sarah-Louise Scales and Helen Eves, have also joined

Scales, with prior work at Intrepid Group, will serve Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and the NT,

Eves, who was previously with Holland America, will handle New South Wales, Western Australia and the ACT.

"We're thrilled to have David,



Helen and Sarah-Louise leading the charge for Tauck in Australia," said Vice President for Global Sales and Partner Relations Steve Spivak.

"Their combined experience and expertise - on both the retail and supplier sides, and with some of the leading names in the travel industry – will be invaluable as we take our service and support in the Australian market to the next level."

Spivak also commented that the new hires will closely collaborate with the sales, marketing, reservations and finance teams at GSA Travel the World, who will continue to run a Sydney call centre with four specialists.

Tauck will also introduce a home-based phone support staffer in Sydney, as well as additional call centre operators in the United States and UK.

Tauck has been ramping up efforts in the Australian market of late, having begun pricing its product in Australian dollars, as well as printing dedicated brochures for the Australia and now publishing an Australian version of its website, at www.tauck.com.au.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, a front cover wrap from Cunard plus a full page from

Tauck

Cunard's style

CUNARD is encouraging travellers to explore the world in style, and is offering reduced fares, deposits from \$300 per person, and complimentary gratuities, available until 31 Mar.

Also on offer is complimentary onboard spending money for Grill Suite guests - a deal which Australians can now snap up for Queen Elizabeth's extended local season (CW Thu).

See the front page of today's issue Cruise Weekly for full details.



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SIGN UP FOR NRL **FOOTY TIPPING**

Prizes include flights to Europe with **Emirates and** weekly travel vouchers from Expedia.



P&O Australia's famous tiger is embarking on a new Dawn.

The much-loved feature (pictured with President Sture Myrmell and Senior Vice President Guest Experience Petter Little) has recently relocated to flagship Pacific Explorer, after having been a resident aboard Pacific Dawn for almost 30 years.

The tiger was found long ago in an antiques store, and made her debut aboard Regal Princess.

After being moved to Dawn, she initially took up residence in the Bengal Bar, before moving to the Dome.

She's now moved to Explorer's Black Circus venue, greeting quests as they prepare to take in a show.



Get Wild in Russia!



WILD Earth Travel is currently promoting a special deal for its journey in the Russian Far East.

The Fire & Ice expedition travels from 01 to 16 Jun, and takes guests from Russia to Japan over 13 days, visiting the Kamchatka Peninsula and Kuril Islands aboard Caledonian Sky (pictured).

Promising "spectacular scenery", an "array of wildlife", and the "native cultures known to only a few privileged visitors", an exclusive deal currently on

offer starts at £12,995 per person (A\$25,308) with a flight credit of £3,650 per person (A\$7,109).

The cruise also offers Zodiac exploration, and is joined by an expert expedition team, which includes naturalists, marine biologists and ornithologists.

To organise bookings and flights, contact Wild Earth Travel on 1800 107 715, or 0800 945 3327 in New Zealand.

For more information, CLICK HERE.



DESPITE the challenges our industry is facing globally, there's been some good news recently from among cruise operators.

With cruise lines diverting ships from Asia in response to COVID-19, several operators have announced new itineraries in other parts of the world including our own region.

This is great for travellers as well as the industry, especially at a time when tourism is facing difficult times.

The extra deployments in Australia and NZ will help boost visitation and provide new economic opportunities for both countries - this is especially welcome in some of the regional communities impacted by bushfires.

Most importantly, it's terrific news for cruise travellers who now have new options in this region – often at very competitive prices.

It's a sign of the adaptability of our industry and gives us confidence in our long-term resilience.





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- Two on-tour charter flights
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