



Crystal rolls out its new Endeavor

CRYSTAL Cruises last month rolled out its new polar expedition ship, *Crystal Endeavor*, at MV Werften shipbuilding company in Straslund, Germany.

The ceremony saw the ship (pictured) touch water for the first time, before she embarks on her maiden voyage from Tokyo on 10 Aug.

“Each milestone marked in the journey to introducing *Crystal Endeavor* to the world becomes more thrilling, as we know that the most adventurous luxury travellers are eagerly awaiting the unforgettable experiences that lie ahead, just as we are,” said President and Chief Executive Officer Tom Wolber.

“The team at MV Werften has beautifully brought our vision into reality and it is a wonderful moment to see this groundbreaking ship.”

Set to accommodate just 200



guests, *Endeavor* features six dining options, Crystal Life Salon & Spa, a fitness centre, expedition amenities, all-suite, all-verandah, butler-serviced guestrooms and large public spaces, designed to bring the outside in.

Also on board will be a small submersible, allowing for

deepwater exploration up to 980 feet (299 metres).

Worldwide itineraries aboard the ship are now available for booking through to 2023, among three categories: Cultural Discovery, Destination Exploration and Remote Expedition.

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Cruise Weekly today

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

Origin touches

SILVERSEA'S *Silver Origin* touched water for the first time on Tue, ahead of her year-round Galapagos Island itineraries, starting Jul.

The cruise line's first destination-specific ship is "tailor-made" for the archipelago, according to Silversea, with the line bringing aboard a team of Ecuadorian national expert guides.

Origin also features the highest crew-to-guest ratio in the destination, in addition to on-board highlights such as regional cuisine.

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Noordam update

HOLLAND America Line's *MS Noordam* has made an unscheduled stop in Burnie, Tasmania today.

Travelling on a 14-day cruise from Auckland to Sydney, the ship was meant to dock in Eden, New South Wales, on Fri, but will skip the port due to the fires ravaging the region.

Carrying over 1,900 passengers, the cruise ship was initially set to arrive in Sydney on Sat.



OUR last *Cruise Weekly* of the decade (CW 24 Dec) ran a story on Caribbean nation Saint Kitts & Nevis breaking its port record, docking four ships at once at Port Zante.

Word must have quickly gotten to the folks on the shared Dutch/French island of Saint Martin, located less than 100 kilometres from St Kitts & Nevis, who one-upped its Caribbean brothers, today berthing five ships.

Pictures from Twitter user @hygienistdirect appear to show the five ships all docked within very short measure of each other, with the simple caption, "oooft".



All aboard the Orion



VIKING Cruises recently hosted a group of Australian agents on board the *Viking Orion* as she sailed from Bali to arrive in Darwin on 15 Dec ahead of her second season Down Under.

The group enjoyed the 17-day Komodo & The Australian Coast itinerary, which explores Thursday Island, Cairns, the Whitsundays

and more, and includes multiple shore excursions.

Pictured at Manfredi's on *Orion* are Ben Piper, Viking; Holly and Luke Nation, Dream Maker Travel; Leon Burke & Greg Cooke, Helloworld Wauru Ponds; Keira Spencer, Viking; Cathy Barnett, Helloworld Cooroy; & Peter Barnett.

Jewel incident

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has confirmed a 62-year-old Australian who jumped from *Norwegian Jewel* earlier this week did so deliberately.

The passenger went overboard near Hawke's Bay in New Zealand, with other passengers and close circuit television both playing witness to the event.

"The authorities were notified and a search and rescue operation ensued immediately...unfortunately, the guest has not been found," the cruise line said in a statement.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the individual's family during this difficult time."

CLIA teaches!

AUSTRALIAN and New Zealand travel agents completed more than 23,000 online training modules in the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Learning Academy last year.

2019's tally brings the total amount to 114,000 since the online training platform was launched in late 2014.

"Training and career development are consistently rated by travel agents as the most important benefits of their CLIA membership," said Head of International Training & Development Peter Kollar.

"The past year has shown they are working hard to get the most of what's available."

Journey Syd cruise

JOURNEY Beyond will launch Journey Beyond Cruise Sydney in the first quarter of 2021, offering guests a taste-filled exploration of Sydney Harbour.

Upon its launch, guests will cruise aboard a new 78-foot 90-passenger vessel for a two-and-a-half-hour lunch cruise or a three-hour dinner cruise, taking in views of the Harbour Bridge and Opera House.

Both all inclusive of gourmet meals and premium beer and wine, lunch will consist of two courses, while dinner will serve three.

Gastronomic influences include fresh, locally sourced produce; New South Wales fine wines, beers, tea and coffee; multiculturally inspired menus, and sommelier-chosen wines available on the dinner cruise.

The lunch cruise is priced at \$119 for adults and \$95 for children up to 14, while dinner cruises start at \$175 for adults and \$155 for children, with those under the age of four free of charge.

"Journey Beyond continues to grow and bring guests new and exciting experiences that capitalise on the natural beauty and iconic adventures Australia has on offer," said the company's Chief Commercial Officer Pete Egglestone.

The sailing experience complements Journey Beyond's new range of national product, with the company having recently acquired tour operator Outback Spirit.