



Cruise Weekly today

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

CMV to the rescue

CRUISE & Maritime Voyages (CMV) offered *Vasco da Gama* as a possible evacuation vessel for residents and tourists affected by catastrophic bushfires raging on Kangaroo Island over the weekend.

However, the line was informed by government authorities that the ship would not be required, with SeaLink Ferries already on stand by if the situation deteriorates.

The bushfires also caused the cancellation of *Vasco da Gama's* call to Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island on Sat, with the ship continuing the rest of her voyage to Port Lincoln with no impact to scheduling.

CLIA announces cruise awards shortlist

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia has revealed who the finalists are for its 19th annual Cruise Industry Awards to be held at the Star Event Centre Sydney on 15 Feb.

A total of 71 finalists from across Australia and New Zealand have been chosen from more than 560 entries for this year's awards - an unprecedented number of nominations.

Phil Hoffmann Travel, Bicton Travel, Travelrite International, Goldman Group and Cruise Express have all been put forward for the Large Cruise Agency of the Year, Australia category, while across the Tasman YOU Travel Mount Group, helloworld Travel and House of Travel Papamoa Group have been nominated in the same category representing New Zealand.

Making the shortlist for the Cruise Consultant of the Year,



Australia award were Grant Gibson (My Cruises), Julie Avery (Brighton Travelworld), Mike Clark (Phil Hoffmann Travel), and Kirin Greenland (Clean Cruising).

The coveted Cruise Champion award, which recognises the efforts of an agent who goes "above and beyond" to champion the cruise industry, has seen Jeff Leckey (House of Travel), Robyn Sinfield (Home Travel Company), Jean Summers (Clean Cruising), and Stacey Ward (Phil Hoffmann Travel) all in the running representing Australia.

CLIA Australasia Managing

Director Joel Katz said the awards were aimed at celebrating the best and brightest among its travel agent membership.

"This year's nominations show a genuine passion for the cruise industry and that's a big part of the success we're experiencing in Australia and NZ," Katz said.

"The most energetic and engaged agents are also some of the most successful in Australia and NZ, so these awards are about recognising their commitment," he added.

To view the full list of CLIA finalists, [CLICK HERE](#).

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FACE-2-FACE: Trevor Thwaites

Director of Sales, Oceania Cruises



1. What is the favourite part of your job?

Presenting our beautiful product to trade members and our shared guests, especially when they've never seen or heard of us before.

2. What attracted you to a career in the cruise industry?

The adventure. Every cruise is an adventure, whether it's sailing on a ship for the first time, or a first visit to a new port on a new itinerary.

3. What is the key to success in the cruise industry?

Love what you do, and be positive. We're all very lucky to call this industry 'work'. Imagine being one of those people who dread getting up to work each day.

4. What is the biggest challenge facing the industry?

Overtourism. Some ships are capable of individually doubling or tripling a town's population in a single visit, but this is giving brands with smaller ships like Oceania Cruises the opportunity to "spread the load" by taking guests to new and undiscovered destinations.

5. What was your best fam?

It's hard to go past Alaska. I'll

never forget sitting at the back of the ship with the running lights on, sleet falling, and waterfalls on either side of us, with lumps of ice floating past.

6. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Hopefully still in the industry, contributing in some way towards making it better.

7. Advice for up-and-comers?

Don't stop learning. There is always someone who can add new elements to how you go about your work.

8. How do you wind down after a busy week?

A solid gym session, a few drinks, or sometimes both.

9. What should the cruise ship of the future look like?

Greener. All the things we've come to love, but with a smaller environmental footprint.

10. When not at work, how do you spend your time?

Playing with my kids and riding motorcycles.

11. The celebrity you would most like to cruise with?

John Oliver – possibly the funniest yet worldly comedian.

SeaDream's new horizons



LUXURY small ship cruise line SeaDream Yacht Club has revealed a range of new destinations it will sail to in 2020.

These new calls include Malta's capital city of Valletta (pictured), the smallest capital city in the European Union and affectionately referred to as an "open-air museum".

SeaDream has also added the Maltese village of Xlendi Bay on the island of Gozo, where cruise guests will be able to enjoy a combination of swimming and snorkelling.

Further destinations to be introduced this year include the

port of Koper in Slovenia, a city featuring large cathedrals and an intriguing medieval history, while another first-time sailing is in the popular West Indies destination of Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, one of the oldest towns in the eastern Caribbean.

Each voyage in the 2020 West Indies and Mediterranean season "has been carefully planned to be uniquely exceptional and feature must-see sights and experiences," the cruise line said.

NCL now bottle-free

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has eliminated all single-use plastic bottles across its entire fleet after announcing the key sustainability objective last year (CW 30 Sep 2019).

The cruise line said that instead of plastic bottles it is now providing its guests with bottles from JUST, a company that manufactures bottles comprised from 82% renewable materials.

NCL is also aiming to eliminate all plastic shampoo bottles later this year, as part of its Sail & Sustain Environmental Program.

Cruise death in Tas

A CRUISE ship passenger who had disembarked from Holland America Line's *Maasdam* vessel in Burnie was killed in a road accident over the weekend.

Eighty-nine-year-old Rimma Bogdanova was hit by a bus shortly after leaving the ship, with Burnie Deputy Mayor Giovanna Simpson labelling the incident "a tragedy for family and friends and all of those on the ship".

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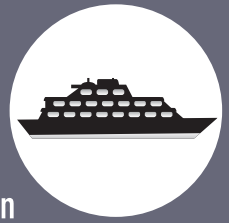
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SYDNEY	
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	6 Jan
<i>Regatta</i>	6 Jan
<i>Maasdam</i>	6 Jan
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	7 Jan
<i>Seven Seas Voyager</i>	7 Jan
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	8 Jan
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	8 Jan
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	9 Jan
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	10 Jan
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	12 Jan

BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	6 Jan
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	7 Jan
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	10 Jan
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	11 Jan
<i>Sea Princess</i>	12 Jan

MELBOURNE	
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	6 Jan
<i>Regatta</i>	8 Jan
<i>Seven Seas Voyager</i>	9 Jan
<i>Golden Princess</i>	10 Jan
<i>Seven Seas Voyager</i>	10 Jan
<i>Ruby Princess</i>	11 Jan
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	12 Jan

FREMANTLE	
<i>Sun Princess</i>	7 Jan
<i>Ocean Dream</i>	8 Jan
<i>AIDAaura</i>	10 Jan
<i>Sun Princess</i>	11 Jan

HOBART	
<i>Ruby Princess</i>	9 Jan
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	10 Jan

ADELAIDE	
<i>Vasco da Gama</i>	6 Jan
<i>Golden Princess</i>	6 Jan
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	7 Jan
<i>Golden Princess</i>	7 Jan
<i>Golden Princess</i>	8 Jan
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	8 Jan
<i>True North</i>	9 Jan

AUCKLAND	
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	6 Jan
<i>Sea Princess</i>	8 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	9 Jan
<i>Explorer Dream</i>	12 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	12 Jan

Carnival pledges support



Photo credit: ABC News.

CARNIVAL Australia has announced a donation of \$350,000 to the Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund to help support ongoing efforts in the fight against Australia's bushfires.

The company's President Sture Myrmell said the relief funding reflected the "strong ties" it has with Australia, with 19 ships across all of its brands visiting the country over the summer.

"Our cruise lines carried hundreds of thousands of Aussies and international guests on voyages this summer, and this gesture is a sign of our solidarity with the community," he said.

"Communities affected by the

bushfire crisis are in immediate need and we are pleased to be able to contribute in a way that ensures help can be delivered where it is needed most," Myrmell added.

Pictured: Eden Wharf yesterday.

Eden bypassed

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has informed **Cruise Weekly** that its Oceania Cruises ship *Regatta* will be skipping a call at Eden tomorrow due to bushfires, and will instead proceed directly to Melbourne.

The cruise line also noted that at this stage there are no planned changes to any future itineraries for Eden, including its list of shore excursions.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic wildfires occurring in Australia and our thoughts and prayers are with those affected," the cruise line said.

"We are closely monitoring the situation...as always, our top priority is the safety and security of our guests and crew," NCL added.

Norwegian Jewel is due to arrive in Eden on 24 Jan, while its Oceania Cruises brand has *Regatta* scheduled for 04 Feb.

Polar ship started

CONSTRUCTION has begun on a new polar cruise ship on a new polar cruise ship build in Brodosplit, the largest shipyard in Croatia, and is expected to be handed over to Oceanwide Expeditions before the 2021 Arctic season.

The 107-metre long ship will be able to accommodate 196 passengers and 70 crew, with a total of 85 cabins across a range of categories, including spacious suites and double and quadruple cabins.

Viking Explorer Sale

VIKING Cruises has announced the launch of its Viking Explorer Sale, offering savings of up to \$4,000 per couple on a select range of ocean and river itineraries. The promotion ends 31 Mar.



STORMTROOPERS, Jedi and Wookiees - this cruise has everything an avid *Star Wars* fan could dream of, with Disney going all out for its Star Wars Day at Sea sailings.

Held on nine of its Fantasy Caribbean sailings between Jan and Mar, the cruise will include a dazzling range of onboard activities, including Jedi Training, starship flight simulators, interactive holographic models and a galactic gala where you'll be able to rub elbows with your favourite characters.

There's also a special menu that includes a Princess Leia pudding and Hans Solo frozen carbonite sundaes.

And before the cruise is over, guests can score some memorabilia over at the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, which sells everything from lightsabers to adorable Baby Yoda dolls.

