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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover wrap from **Royal Caribbean International**.

A-ROSA w/ CLIA

A-ROSA Flussschiff is planning expansion into Australia and New Zealand after partnering with Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia.

The German cruise line operates a fleet of 12 vessels, sailing the Danube, Douro, Rhine, Rhone and Seine.

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ROYAL Caribbean is today advertising its "one big sale", offering up to 40% off every guest - head to the **front page** for more.

Aurora mulls third newbuild option

EXCLUSIVE

AURORA Expeditions Managing Director Robert Halfpenny has confirmed a third newbuild expedition ship may be on the cards, which would likely come into operation in Oct 2022.

"We have tentatively got an option for a third ship that could come into play in Oct 2022," Halfpenny told **Cruise Weekly**.

He said the cruise line would make a decision within the next 12 months, to allow around 18 months to two years for the vessel's construction.

Aurora last week released its 2021/22 program, the first season that its two newbuilds, the *Greg Mortimer* and *Sylvia Earle* (render pictured) will both be in service (CW 15 Jan).

However, after a third ship, Aurora Expeditions would probably have to stop expanding, Halfpenny admitted.



"I don't ever see us being a large operator," he said.

"When you start getting past three ships, for our model, is where you start struggling with repositioning the ships.

"We can't really do repositioning voyages because that's not in the core principles of Aurora," he said

"We go to designated destinations where we do the type of travel and exploration

that we do, so we have to do deadheads between those destinations."

However, the new ships have allowed Aurora to expand its destinations, with Costa Rica the line's fastest-selling destination.

"It gives you an indication that we have to seriously consider going to more destinations like that," Halfpenny said.

The cruise line has two Costa Rica cruises in its 2021/22 brox.



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USUALLY, it is the younger and more technologically-advanced vessels setting the bar when it comes to sustainability, but not this time!

Sea Cloud Cruises' *Sea Cloud* recently completed 96% of its Atlantic crossing without power.

The accomplishment is a unique one, with the ship sailing approximately 2,300 nautical miles (4,260km) using sails only, making it to roughly 100 miles from the final destination of Santo Domingo.

The Captain and his crew were able to set all 30 sails and stop the engines for 17 days - a record for the cruise line, and not a bad accomplishment, given she is coming up on her 100th birthday!



The Spirit of two

TRAVEL agents can win a cruise for two on the newly refurbished *Norwegian Spirit's* inaugural Asia sailing.

The itinerary travels for eight days from Shanghai to Yokohama, and departs 23 Apr, with five runners-up winning a \$200 Visa gift card.

To be in the running, agents must upload a photo of themselves showing their "Norwegian Spirit" and caption their photo by explaining what excites them most about the ship, in 30 words or less - [CLICK HERE](#) to enter.

Le Boat flash sale

LE BOAT is holding a flash sale from 21-28 Jan, offering up to 25% off 2020 cruises in Canada and France.

The discount is available on comfort category boats and the one-way fee, where applicable, with fuel the only compulsory extra cost.

For further information, call 1800 118 940, or 0800 44 98 91 in New Zealand.



REGENT Seven Seas Cruises' newly-refurbished *Seven Seas Navigator* is returning to Australia for 2020.

The new-look ship features revamped restaurants, a redesigned spa, fresh suite designs, new artwork and carpeting, Italian marble floors and remodelled lounges, such as the Navigator lounge (pictured) and Stars lounge (inset).

Her upcoming Australasian season will see her visit ports such as Brisbane, Sydney, Auckland, Komodo and more.

Navigator's arrival this month will see three of the cruise line's four ships deployed locally early this year, including *Seven Seas Mariner* and *Seven Seas Voyager*.

"We are thrilled to have *Seven Seas Navigator* return to our waters following her stunning



transformation," said Regent Seven Seas Cruises Vice President and GM, Australia and New Zealand Lisa Pile.

"Having three of our luxury ships in the Asia Pacific region offers a great taste of what's to come, with...*Seven Seas Explorer*, sailing Asia Pacific itineraries for the first time ever.

"Her recent enhancements mark the completion of our US\$150 million refurbishment program, with an ongoing investment in our fleet being one of many reasons why Regent Seven Seas Cruises is the world's leading luxury ocean cruise line".



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