



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Greenland exp

**AN EXPEDITION** journey from Greenland to Canada with Adventure Canada in Sep 2021 is offering savings of 15% through Cruise Traveller.

The package also offers a free hotel stay and no solo supplement for single travellers, with the 15-night Greenland and Wild Labrador itinerary beginning with a hotel stay in Toronto prior to flying to Greenland for the cruise.

Those booking by the end of Oct can access the deal, with the cruise beginning in the small Greenland town of Kangerlussuaq - **CLICK HERE**.

## CDC seeks input on cruise resumption

**THE** United States' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a public Request For Information (RFI) related to cruise ship planning and infrastructure and the resumption of passenger operations.

Submissions are being sought from any interested persons or organisations by 21 Sep, commenting on a series of questions such as "what methods, strategies and practices should cruise ship operators implement to prevent COVID-19 transmission when operating with passengers?"

The CDC is also asking for input on the frequency of coronavirus testing of all passengers and crew, the feasibility of conducting diagnostic testing on board a cruise ship, and methods of encouraging reporting of cases to the CDC.

Shoreside quarantine facilities,

plans to repatriate passengers and crew in the event of an outbreak, and onboard innovations to decrease or prevent the spread of COVID-19 on board cruise ships are also part of the discussion.

Once passenger operations resume, the CDC asks whether operators should deny boarding to passengers with COVID-19 symptoms, or to those with known exposure to an infected person during the prior 14 days - and what if any compensation or incentives should be provided to encourage self-reporting by pax.

Other questions include whether boarding should be denied to passengers coming from areas with high incidence of COVID-19, and whether it should be a requirement that passengers and crew be tested before embarkation.

The CDC also asks if pax and

crew loads should be reduced to decrease the risk of transmission, and if so then to what extent and for how long - and what the impact of that would be on the economic viability of cruise lines.

Operating shorter voyages, a possible requirement for single-occupancy rooms with private bathrooms for crew, and the provision of mental health services to crew and passengers during quarantine or isolation are also canvassed by the CDC.

The RFI also asks for input on protocols for on-board dining, embarkation and disembarkation, entertainment, safety drills and shore excursions.

The CDC also asks about the benefits of any measures, in terms of averted deaths and illnesses, and how that compares to the expected financial costs.

The full CDC document is available at [federalregister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov).

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## RCG Muster 2.0

**ROYAL** Caribbean Group (RCG) has reinvented its muster drill, reimagining the program which is traditionally designed for large groups.

The company has come up with a faster approach, which will see guests reviewing safety information individually, and then complete the drill by visiting their assigned assembly station.

## New Heritage sailing



**A NEW** voyage with Heritage Expeditions is now available, retracing the first Northern Sea Route transit.

In the Footsteps of Nordenskiöld is inspired by the namesake explorer's famed Vega Expedition, which took place from 1878 to 1880.

The 19-day itinerary is the latest addition to Heritage's 2021 Russian Far East season, and was created in consultation with the cruise line's Russian history experts.

The expedition offers travellers the opportunity to explore some of the least known and seldom-visited shores in the region including Severnaya Zemlya (**pictured**), the New Siberian Islands, Novaya Zemlya, Cape Chelyuskin, De Long Islands and the Nordenskiöld Archipelago.

Departing Murmansk aboard *Akademik Shokalskiy* on 12 Sep 2021 and arriving in Pevek on 30 Sep, prices start from US\$13,900 for a main deck twin share berth.

The new voyage follows minor amendments to Heritage's

Russian Far East schedule, which will now see the Sea of Okhotsk expedition starting and ending in Magadan, allowing guests to enjoy an extended period of time exploring the region, as well as the opportunity to stay on board as *Akademik Shokalskiy* is relocated from Magadan to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy.

"This is an authentic expedition in every sense," said Heritage Expeditions Commercial Director & Expedition Leader Aaron Russ.

"In the Footsteps of Nordenskiöld recreates one of the world's great explorations visiting the many islands and locations Nordenskiöld himself discovered and described during his history-changing expedition."

## Celebrity savings

**TODAY** is the final day of Celebrity Cruises' double summer savings, which offers guests up to \$1,500 worth of savings per person when booking a suite - visit RCI HomePort for more.



**WILD** horses were seen cooling off on the beach on Assateague Island in Maryland last week (**pictured**).

The horses are descendants of domestic animals that reverted to a wild state, according to the US National Park Service.

Visitors are encouraged to the island to "enjoy their beauty from a distance."



## Quark gets Green

**QUARK** Expeditions has introduced a Greenland adventure program, which will make use of newbuild *Ultramarine's* two helicopters.

The program has been borne through a partnership with a number of local communities in South Greenland, including adventure specialist Tasermiut.

"The Greenland adventure voyages are the first expedition voyages in history to be developed in full partnership with local community members and businesses in Greenland, from conception to execution," said Director of Expedition Experience Alex McNeill.

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