



Cruise Weekly today

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

American to restart

AMERICAN Cruise Lines' *American Song* is set to resume on the Columbia and Snake Rivers from 20 Jun, and sister ship *American Harmony* to cruise the Mississippi River from 28 Jun.

The cruise line will only operate at 75% passenger capacity, and is able to move around the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's no-sail orders as its ships have a capacity of less than 250 passengers, and meet the minimum 450 square feet (41.8 square metres) of space per passenger.

Constellation could restart in Alaska as early as late Jun.

Viking extends cruise pause

VIKING has extended its temporary pause of global operations through to 31 Aug.

The cruise line is continuing to offer a 125% future cruise credit for cancelled voyages, with the credit now fully transferable and valid for another 24 months.

Viking's risk-free guarantee is also still applicable to those booking before 30 Jun, meaning plans can be changed up to 24 hours prior to departure.

Those unable to use their voucher by the expiration date can send their expired coupon to Viking and receive a refund equal to the original amount paid, with those who want a refund immediately asked to request one before 12 Jun.

"I look forward to travelling again and I am encouraged by the scientific advancements being made around the world to overcome COVID-19," Viking

Chairman Torstein Hagen wrote in a letter to Viking guests.

"Since we started Viking nearly 23 years ago, we have faced challenges and emerged stronger each time.

"Our family of loyal guests, dedicated employees and valued partners has been at the centre of each decision.

"This dedication to our Viking family and our mission - to create meaningful experiences that are destination focused, allowing you to explore the world in comfort - has never wavered."

Hagen said the line is committed to maintaining the safest and healthiest fleet in the industry.

"We are fortunate to have small ocean ships with only 930 guests, and river ships with only 190 guests.

"Although socially distant, we have all come together like never before."

Feel like a Celeb!

CELEBRITY Cruises' flash sale ends today.

The cruise line is offering free drinks, spending money and wi-fi, and savings of up to \$600, for any stateroom booking on almost any Celebrity sailing.

Travellers can also book The Retreat, and save up to \$1,500, while scoring a premium beverage package, unlimited wi-fi, and \$150 onboard spending money.

CLICK HERE for more info.

MEANWHILE, Celebrity is also offering the chance to win a cruise for two, as part of **Cruise Weekly's** new monthly competition, which kicks off today.

Strike a pose and send us your best "wellness" selfie for a chance to win a cruise for two - full instructions on **page 2**.

Keep your clients engaged and planning their next trip with *keep dreaming...*

Check out our special ski edition!



Love donuts?

So do we! Send us your donut poem, song or ditty to win.

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Travel Daily



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ALTHOUGH we are past the point of COVID-19 price-gouging, a Sydney man has scored himself a pack of facemasks at a massive discount - a five-finger discount.

The diver, who was out on his boat off the New South Wales coast, plucked the pack of facemasks from the ocean, after it was dispatched there by shipping containers which recently fell off a cargo ship.

Some of the containers were full of personal protective equipment such as masks, as well as medical supplies, household appliances and building materials.

Book Hurtigruten with confidence

HURTIGRUTEN has launched a book with confidence campaign, with 2021 Antarctica and Norway coastal offers and a reduced down payment also now available.

The campaign launches today, offering free and flexible rebooking policies on departures before 30 Sep, with any changed reservation to be credited as a future cruise voucher equal to 100% of the amount already paid, as well as a 10% discount on a future cruise.

The accompanying deal can also see guests save up to 30% on Antarctica sailings, or receive an onboard credit on the Original Coastal Voyage in Norway, for bookings made this month.

Travellers booking an Antarctica trip can save 30% on any eligible

Roald Amundsen sailing, and 15% on any eligible *Fridtjof Nansen* sailing, departing up to Apr 2021.

Those booking the Original Coastal Voyage for sailings up to 30 Sep 2021 will receive up to A\$500 per person to spend on board.

A 5% down payment offer is also available for new bookings, valid for expedition cruises from 01 Apr 2021 to 30 Mar 2022, and Original Coastal Voyages from 01 Oct 2020 to 30 Mar 2022.

"People are starting to move

and there is clearly a pent-up demand for travel," said Hurtigruten Managing Director Asia Pacific Damian Perry.

"With these new offers, we aim to take the risk out of booking travel and to give our guests the confidence they need to dream, plan and book for the next season."

The cruise line last month announced it is planning a gradual phase-in of operations from 15 Jun, beginning in Norway (**CW** 12 May).



POST YOUR BEST WELLNESS SELFIE TO WIN A CRUISE FOR 2

This month Cruise Weekly has partnered with Celebrity Cruises to give you the chance to WIN a free cruise for two people onboard *Celebrity Solstice* departing Sydney.

Just like you, we're dreaming of seeing new shorelines on the horizon. Until then, we want to ensure you are looking after yourself because a little bit of self-love goes a long way!

How to enter:

1. Snap your best wellness selfie (whatever that means to you)
2. Post the shot in Celebrity's Trade Facebook Group
3. Include the hashtags #ModernLuxury and #CruiseWeekly

The most creative entry which features both hashtags will win!



Chinese restart?

THE Chinese cruise market seems to be rebounding, with Chinese cruise line Astro Ocean Cruises beginning to staff up again, signalling it may be planning to restart operations soon.

The line has begun an aggressive recruitment drive in China for both marine and hotel jobs aboard *Piano Land*, which is the former *Oriana*, formerly sailing for P&O Cruises UK.

Royal Caribbean Cruises recently extended its cancellation for all markets except China, where it plans to restart from today (**CW** 21 May).

Hola to cruises?

PROGRESO on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula has vowed to welcome back cruise ship passengers as part of its strategy to boost tourism.

From 2015 to 2019, the port city increased its reception of cruise ships, with 30 additional calls, and growth of 47.8% of annual passengers received.

Passenger numbers rose to 470,418 in 2019, compared to 318,234 in 2015, with the destination lauded for its humanitarian response to the COVID-19 pandemic on cruise ships.

Progreso is also currently undergoing a US\$2.4-million pier improvement plan.