



Cruise Champion now open to all

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) is offering open access to its new Cruise Champion course (**CW** 14 May), meaning it will be available to all travel agents, not just members.

The course has been designed to provide deeper insight into the workings of the global cruise industry, helping to combat misperceptions and raise awareness of the strict regulations governing cruising operations worldwide.

Some of the topics Cruise Champion covers include regulations, safety, health, security and environmental protection.

Cruise Champion has been introduced within CLIA Australasia's new Members Hub online learning platform, launched last month (**CW** 04 May) to provide an improved and streamlined



education service for members. "By sharing more knowledge about cruise line practices and the strict regulations that govern our industry, we can build a bigger network of voices who advocate for cruising globally,"

said CLIA Managing Director Australasia Joel Katz. "Allowing open access to this course will raise awareness while also giving non-members a taste of the education options available through CLIA membership."

Cruise Weekly today

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

Cruise in demand

MORE than a quarter of respondents to a new survey on the post-COVID travel intentions of Australians say they are "definitely planning" or "may consider" taking a cruise, as long as health and safety protocols are in place.

The study by PR firm Anne Wild & Associates polled more than 350 Australian residents, asking about when travel would resume, expected trip length and travel experiences most likely to be sought.

69% of respondents said they hoped to travel within the first six months of restrictions being lifted - more in today's issue of **Travel Daily**.

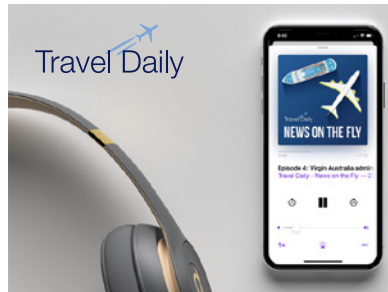
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THERE have been plenty of weddings cancelled due to COVID-19, but two crew members aboard *Celebrity Edge* were not about to let the pandemic get their newlywed spirits down.

After their wedding back home in Mauritius was cancelled, *Edge* couple Rajiv and Venita carried on with a virtual wedding aboard the ship.

Family and friends from around the world joined the celebration via Zoom with special *Celebrity* wedding backgrounds, and with help from fellow crew members who hand-made decorations and recreated the couple's dream wedding cake.

The two also said "I do" with Captain Kate McCue officiating and Captain McCue's cat Bug Naked as ring bearer.

Venita's father, who also works for *Celebrity* as an onboard chef, walked his daughter down the aisle - view the video [HERE](#).

Silent COVID

MORE than 80% of COVID-19 patients on a cruise ship did not have any symptoms, a new study published in medical journal *Thorax* has said.

The researchers' findings come from observations aboard a 21-day expedition cruise to the Antarctic in mid-Mar, but it was not clear which ship they were aboard.

Looking Beyond Corona



BEYOND Travel has launched a Beyond Corona campaign, offering 15% commission for travel agents on select 2021 Croatian Cruise bookings until the end of Aug.

The campaign is aimed to assist Australian and New Zealand travel agents, with up to 75% available on 2021 products, as well as a bonus \$49 per person risk free deposit offer, fully refundable until the end of Aug.

The deals include savings of over \$2,000 per person on the eight-day Best of Dalmatia cruise aboard *New Star*, now priced from only \$660 per person twin share.

The consumer deal is available for phone bookings only, between today and Thu, unless sold-out earlier.

The offer also includes daily breakfast and lunch, a captain's dinner, welcome reception, complimentary daily water, fresh fruit and wi-fi, return transfers and some guided tours.

Contact Cruise Croatia on 1300 664 790 to book.

Fain's positivity

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises Chief Executive Officer Richard Fain has told travel partners in a video message he sees light at the end of the tunnel.

"We're all anxious to get back to operating our cruises and returning, but we will not do so until we are confident that we can do so properly and with appropriate safeguards for our guests and our crew," Fain said.

"We're working on a detailed set of protocols," he promised.



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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!

