

Silversea goes back to its Origin

SILVERSEA Cruises welcomed *Silver Origin* to the fleet on Sat.

The moment marked the first in-person cruise ship delivery since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the line receiving the ship (pictured) from Dutch shipyard De Hoop.

Set to sail the Galapagos Islands as Silversea's first-ever destination-specific ship, *Origin* was received by a number of the cruise line's top executives, including Chairman Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio; President & Chief Executive Officer Roberto Martinoli; Senior Vice President Hotel Operations & Onboard Revenue Damien O'Connor and Chief Marketing Officer Barbara Muckermann, as well as representatives from the Rotterdam-based shipyard.

The proceedings saw the executives take a tour of the completed ship for the first time,



and witness the flag ceremony. "In Sep 2013, Silversea became the first cruise line to launch an ultra-luxury ship in the Galapagos Archipelago," explained d'Ovidio. "We have invested our accrued know-how into the design of *Silver Origin*."

"Every element of the ship has been designed with the

destination in mind and tailored to enhance the experience for travellers, while fostering a deep sense of respect for this magnificent ecosystem and everything that inhabits it."

Origin is also the first ship to be delivered to Silversea since the cruise line's collaboration with Royal Caribbean Cruises.

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Finally, A-restart!

A-ROSA Cruises has announced its river sailings on the Douro River shall recommence on 17 Jun.

It will be the first of the cruise line's operations to resume, and will be followed by voyages on the Rhine and Danube Rivers recommencing on 19 and 20 Jun respectively, and French operations on the Rhone, Saone and Seine Rivers in early Jul.

While the cruise line has called these dates "concrete", it has also advised if any adjustments might become necessary due to regulations, they will be communicated promptly.

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COVID-19 has been devastating on many fronts, one of which is the re-emergence of the throw-away society the planet had worked so hard to eradicate.

Conservationists are warning of a surge in ocean pollution, with the emergence of discarded single-use masks and gloves on shorelines and the seabed.

French nonprofit organisation Operation Mer Propre began sounding the alarm late last month, after divers found dozens of gloves, masks and bottles of hand sanitiser in the Mediterranean, warning of the re-emergence of single-use materials to fight the pandemic.

Princess cancels

PRINCESS Cruises has extended its pause of ship operations in Australia through to mid-Sep.

A range of North American and Taiwanese sailings have also had their pauses extended, with the cruise line blaming the closure of ports in the regions, as well other factors impacting international travel.

Guests booked on the cancelled voyages who have paid Princess in full will have the option to receive a refundable future cruise credit equivalent to 100% of the fare paid, plus an additional non-refundable bonus equal to 25% of the fare.

“Zdravo” to PM Plenkovic



CROATIAN Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic visited Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours’ *Scenic Eclipse* late last month, which is in port in Rijeka during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The visit recognised the commitment Scenic Group has made to building five new vessels at the 3. Maj Shipyard, where the new *Scenic Eclipse II* is currently being constructed (**CW** 01 May).

Scenic Group Chairman and founder Glen Moroney greeted the Prime Minister via a video call from Switzerland, before Plenkovic met with Scenic Group subsidiary MKM Yachts Director Sasa Coklija for a private tour of the 228-guest yacht, with Captain James Griffiths.

In addition to *Scenic Eclipse II*, a further four custom-built vessels will follow over the next six years.

Scenic Group recently extended its suspension of cruising until the end of Aug, with all *Scenic Eclipse* cruises out until 30 Sep (**CW** 14 May).

Plenkovic is **pictured** with *Scenic Eclipse* Captain Griffiths.

Not Copen well

THE tender process for Copenhagen’s new cruise terminal has been cancelled, and the project postponed, due to “a very significantly changed cruise market”, the port authority said.

Copenhagen Malmo Port began the invitation for tenders at the end of last year, after an all-time high of 465 cruise arrivals in 2019 (**CW** 07 Jan), with the new terminal initially planned for completion in 2022.



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