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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of the latest cruise news and a front cover page from **PONANT**.

Ponant voyages

PONANT is today showcasing its inaugural Southern Australian Coastal Voyage, a 13-day cruise from Melbourne to Fremantle departing 27 Mar 2021.

Special deals are also available on Ponant's iconic Kimberley itinerary - see the **cover page**.

Carnival appoints

CARNIVAL Corp has named Josh Weinstein as COO, reporting to CEO Arnold Donald, while Cunard chief Simon Palethorpe is now president of Carnival UK.

CLIA suspends US cruising until Sep

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has announced that its members have decided to voluntarily extend the period of suspended passenger operations from American ports due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.

The current no sail order issued by the US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) expires on 24 Jul, but CLIA said "although we had hoped that cruise activity could resume as soon as possible after that date, it is increasingly clear that more time will be needed to resolve barriers to resumption in the US".

The voluntary suspension applies to all CLIA members to which the no sail order applied (vessels with capacity to carry 250 passengers or more).

"Although we are confident that future cruises will be healthy and safe, and will fully reflect the



latest protective measures, we also feel that it is appropriate to err on the side of caution to help ensure the best interests of our passengers and crew members," CLIA's official statement said.

"The additional time will also allow us to consult with the CDC on measures that will be appropriate for the eventual resumption of cruise operations."

Ongoing uncertainty about COVID-19 means the new planned date for resumption may not be final at this stage, with CLIA saying its cruise line members would continually evaluate the evolving situation "and make a determination as to whether a further extension is necessary".

Pictured: the Port of Miami.

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MANY shipbuilding companies are seeing order books rearranged or drying up altogether due to COVID-19, but one Tassie-based business may have just hit the jackpot.

SpaceX founder & Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk has named Hobart shipbuilder Incat as a potential launch pad supplier for his company. As you do, Musk has been shopping for "floating, superheavy-class spaceports for Mars, Moon and hypersonic travel around Earth", with the Tesla billionaire hand-picking Incat as a potential supplier for ferries to transport people to and from the port, or even to possibly supply an ocean-based launch platform.

Supposedly, the two have been in talks for the past 10 years.

JB's JourneySafe

JOURNEY Beyond (JB) is implementing a range of JourneySafe COVID-19 protocols across its products, including the new Journey Beyond Cruise Sydney (**CW** 02 Jan).

The company has promised the measures "go beyond" government and industry standards, and will include "uncompromising" hygiene, fit for travel checks, training and expertise for staff, social distancing, and more flexible guest choices - for a full breakdown [CLICK HERE](#).

Pandaw adds Brahmaputra

PANDAW Cruises has announced a new voyage on North India's Brahmaputra River, with the cruise operating between Guwahati and Silghat with safari land extensions into the Kaziranga and Nameri National Parks.

The trip also includes excursions to tea plantations and artisan villages, temples and war graves, with passengers cruising on the *Kindat Pandaw* (pictured).

Seven-night itineraries on the Brahmaputra, priced from \$4,607, can also be combined with an expedition on the lower Ganges or Hooghly.

Savings of up to 10% as well as no single supplement are available on selected dates, with departures available from 31 Oct



2021 through to 25 May 2022.

The *Kindat Pandaw* was built in 2014, and is a specially designed vessel with a very shallow draft, carrying 36 passengers in 18 ensuite cabins.

More info at pandaw.com.

Dream webinar

DREAM Cruises will host a "cruise with confidence" webinar on Thu, covering the cruise line's series of stringent preventative measures being implemented across its fleet.

Vice President Sales & Marketing Brigita Devries and President Michael Goh will host the webinar, which will be followed by a Q&A session.

The session will go live at 10am AEST on 25 Jun.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the webinar.

Uniworld training

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruises has added a new course to its Uniworld University agent training platform, with details of what's new for Uniworld in 2021, including a new rail itinerary, more dates for the popular Peruvian Amazon itineraries (**CW** 18 Feb), and the new health and sanitation protocols that will go into effect when voyages resume.

CEO Ellen Bettridge said 2021 was already proving to be a very successful year.

"We're seeing that our guests still want to travel, so we want to prepare our travel agents with the most comprehensive tools to stay up-to-date."

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