



Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news including a **page of photos** from our Celebrity Cruises competition.

A-successful restart

A-ROSA Cruises enjoyed a successful restart of its Douro and Danube River sailings last week (**CW** 09 Jun).

"We are delighted to be cruising again on Europe's most beautiful rivers," said A-Rosa Chief Executive Officer Jorg Eichler.

"Naturally, we eagerly awaited feedback from the first guests that we welcomed on board.

"We are thrilled that it was very positive."

The resumption of A-Rosa's French operations is planned for 11 Jul.

New Zealand cruise ban extension

NEW Zealand has extended its ban on cruise ships for at least two months, alongside a tightening of its border rules.

After reporting more coronavirus cases linked to overseas travel, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced the ban was being extended "for a further 60 or 90 days" beyond the previous end date of 30 Jun.

Any crew arriving in New Zealand must spend 14 days in quarantine unless they had been aboard their ship without disembarkation for 28 days before arriving.

People in quarantine may now need to do multiple tests, and must test negative for coronavirus before exiting quarantine.

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Managing Director Australasia Joel Katz expressed his disappointment



about the decision.

"CLIA is continuing to engage with the NZ Government and together with its cruise line members remains focused on developing a new global health framework to uphold the safety of guests and crew when the time is right to resume sailing," he said.

"The industry is working with medical experts and health authorities internationally to lay

a new foundation for the cruise sector, involving comprehensive measures in response to COVID-19.

"We will ultimately be guided by governments and health authorities on the future resumption of cruise operations, and are using this time to ensure we learn as much as possible from these unprecedented events and develop the best possible protocols in response."


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RCL suspensions

ROYAL Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises and Azamara this morning confirmed the extension of the global suspension of operations for all sailings departing on or before 15 Sep.

The move is in line with the announcement earlier this week by Cruise Lines International Association that ex-USA voyages by its members would be on hiatus until that date (**CW** 22 Jun).

The Royal Caribbean Cruises (RCL) brands are allowing guests to reschedule the same voyage for 2021 at the same rate with its lift & shift promotion, a 125% future cruise credit for use on sailings through to early 2022, or the choice of a 100% refund.

Guests with prebooked shore excursions, beverage, internet, specialty dining or other onboard packages have the option of receiving a 100% refund, or a 125% onboard credit to be used on their next sailing.

Crystal offer

CRUISE Traveller is offering savings of up to 50% on a Dec 2021 *Crystal Symphony* festive voyage between Auckland and Melbourne, including Sydney's famous New Year's Eve fireworks - 1800 507 777.

Scenic 2021 Europe out

SCENIC has released its 2021 European river cruise program along with a new book with confidence program aiming to help clients plan and book their trips for next year.

A range of offers are now available featuring flight deals, reduced deposits, and a deposit protection plan which allows clients to change their travel dates or itinerary up to 90 days before departure.

"Scenic Group has specifically aligned our 2021 European river cruise program with the needs of their agent partners and their clients," said Anthony Laver, Scenic Group General Manager Sales & Marketing Australia.

"We have developed a strong book with confidence program, with a focus on the trend for more intimate smaller ship experiences which we specialise in with *Scenic Eclipse* and our Scenic Space-Ships," he said.

Laver confirmed the company was working closely with Cruise Lines International Association, IG River Cruise and a range of government health agencies to ensure its onboard health and hygiene protocols meet and exceed requirements.

New for 2021 are two culinary itineraries - the Tastes of Southern France on the Rhone River, and the Flavours of Bordeaux on the Garonne, both including an on-board dinner

prepared by Michelin star chef Didier Goiffon and a cooking class at the restaurant of French three-star Michelin chef Georges Blancs.

Scenic's new Ancestry of the Kitchen program features a series of authentic cooking classes held in the homes of locals including Dutch Apple Pie baking in Hoorn, Bulgarian Banica in Vidin and a traditional Portuguese bread-making experience.

Inclusions available for bookings confirmed by 30 Sep are Economy class flights included on all Danube, Main and Rhine, as well as France and Russia river cruises of 11 days or more (up to a value of \$1,900 per person) or a Business class air credit of up to \$3,500 per person.

Scenic's new *Hidden Wonders of Europe's Rivers* brochure can be ordered from TIFS or viewed online by **CLICKING HERE**.

New CLIA series

A NEW Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia video series has been launched, addressing a range of cruise questions commonly asked by travel agent members.

The series, Ask Joel, sees CLIA Managing Director Australasia Joel Katz helping educate the community on the steps being taken by the Association in response to COVID-19, and the work being done by cruise lines behind the scenes.

The first episode has been released on Facebook this week, in which Katz covers a range of topics, including CLIA's role as a peak industry body, and the efforts taken to correct the perception of cruising in the media and - **CLICK HERE**.

Agents are also encouraged to send their own questions in to askjoel@crusing.org.



AUSTRALIAN CRUISE ASSOCIATION

ACA UPDATE

with Jill Abel - CEO

News paddles fast

IWAS excited to hear from our member SeaLink this week that their authentic paddlewheeler, the *PS Murray Princess*, will restart operations in Jul.

In celebration, they have launched a "long weekend" cruise as their first itinerary starting from historic Mannum in SA and including indigenous history tours, Australian culture, food and wine and flora and fauna experiences as the ship travels along the "Mighty Murray".

A seven-night itinerary will also be available.

It is great to see our local cruise product being able to take advantage of the increasing number of Australians rediscovering their backyard.

On the back of the bushfires earlier in the year, it is also important to remember that our regional towns still need the support that tourism dollars provide.

These small steps from local operators are encouraging given the sobering announcement from CLIA last week that unsurprisingly the suspension of the cruise industry will cost Australia more than \$1.4 billion in lost economic activity by mid-Sep and threaten the jobs of more than 4,800 people.

CLIA and its member cruise lines are working rapidly to develop health and hygiene protocols that will support a return to cruising and allow us to benefit from the summer peak season in Australia.

ACA is also backing the call to extend the JobKeeper allowance for the tourism industry post-Sep.



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We are loving your wellness selfies!

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CELEBRITY Cruises' wellness selfie competition running in *Cruise Weekly* during Jun been receiving some fantastic entries, with members of the travel industry from all over in line to win a free cruise for two people aboard *Celebrity Solstice* departing Sydney.

To enter, all you need to do is snap your best wellness selfie and post it to the Celebrity Trade Facebook Group, with the hashtag #modernluxury and #CruiseWeekly, with the most creative entry featuring both hashtags winning. See **page 4** for full details.



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EVERY great party needs a name, and Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines guests have chosen one for the next big shindig the cruise line is throwing.

Oct 2021 will see Fred. Olsen's fleet, consisting of *Balmoral*, *Black Watch*, *Braemar* and *Boudicca*, reunite in Lisbon, and a social media poll was recently put out by the cruise line to find a name for the hootinany.

Many names were put forth, including Four Fred.s in Lisbon, Four B's in Lisbon, Fred.s Portuguese Parade and Fred.s Lisbon Liaison but the winner emerged as Four Ladies in Lisbon.

The winning name attracted 63% of the vote, with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines Head of Digital Ben Williams cordially inviting cruisers to the event.

"We look forward to seeing many of you at 'Four Ladies in Lisbon' next Oct".

Happy 30th Capt!

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises Fiji is celebrating 30 years operating in the country with a 30% discount offer.

The sale applies to all cruises through until 31 Mar 2022, including school holidays, with all bookings to be amendment fee-free.

The promotion is applicable to all room categories, and for more information on the sale, **CLICK HERE**.

CMV ships detained



UK AUTHORITIES have detained five Cruise & Maritime Voyages (CMV) cruise ships over welfare concerns for the crews.

Britain's Maritime and Coastguard Agency revealed the detention, following the inspection of six Global Cruise Lines ships on Sat.

"Surveyors found a number of expired and invalid seafarers employment agreements, late payments of wages and crews who had been on board for over 12 months," MCA said.

In a statement, Cruise & Maritime Voyages told **Cruise Weekly** the issues apparent rose as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that it has corrected the wage discrepancies.

"CMV has in the past and is continuing to work hard to cooperate fully with the Maritime and Coast Guard Agency and to rectify the crew contract issues which have largely contributed to the detention of five CMV ships," said Cruise & Maritime Voyages Chief Executive Officer Christian Verounig.

Pictured: Vasco da Gama

Not American yet!

A **LAST-MINUTE** change in Oregon's coronavirus restrictions has forced a delay to American Cruise Line's return to cruising (**CW** 01 Jun).

The change now restricts overnight cruises regardless of ship size, with the company noting it understood "the difficulties leaders face in that state".

"We hope to participate in reviving the state's economy, and still believe we are uniquely positioned to do so."

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!

