



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### ATG suspension

APT Travel Group (ATG) will be suspending all its international tours and cruises up until and including 30 Sep.

The Group is offering flexibility for travellers with an ATG future holiday credit equal to the full amount paid for the booking, valid for travel on any tour or cruise with APT, Botanica, TravelGlo or Travelmarvel up until the end of 2022.

The credit will be applicable for multiple bookings for the same client if desired, and can be transferred to another person, however it is not redeemable for cash.

All updates available [HERE](#).

## Have faith in a rebound of cruising

THE pattern of gradual restart for the cruising sector currently being experienced in Norway "should give comfort that the industry's rebound strategies will work," according to Hurtigruten MD APAC, Damian Perry.

"While Australia is slowly progressing with domestic travel and it may feel like the current policies are crippling for international outbound businesses, in Norway we are seeing a real-life rebound model in play with the domestic market travelling and an increased interest in bookings for international sailings," he said.

"We are confident that Australia and New Zealand will follow the same pattern," Perry added.

Hurtigruten's global CEO Daniel Skjeldam (pictured) has highlighted the company's relaunch of passenger cruising (CW 19 Jun) as a model for the



industry's recommencement.

"With *MS Midnatsol* departing Bergen with guests tonight and in the wake of recent sailings with *MS Finnmarken*, *MS Richard With* and *MS Trollfjord* we now have four ships on the water offering guests round trips on the Norwegian coast," Skjeldam said.

"At present we have had no cases or suspected cases of COVID-19 infection on board any of our ships...I take great pride in knowing that Hurtigruten is

currently operating and safely sailing the Norwegian fjords in this special time of history.

"We are serving meals and refreshments; we are giving lectures; we are offering shore excursions; we arrange onboard activities...in summary we produce an abnormal normality! And the guests love it," he added.

Perry encouraged the Australian and NZ travel industry to remain strong and customer focused.

"This pattern of local, then regional sailings, followed by international bookings that Hurtigruten is experiencing should give comfort that the industry's rebound strategies will work.

"The rebound will not happen overnight, as we have seen in Norway the process must be a measured, carefully phased rollout, with the health and safety of your guests, staff and crew to be your top priority," he added.

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## PORTHOLE

**HERE'S** one way to ensure you're not bringing any coronavirus aboard a ship - have no-one on it!

The UK's Royal Navy is set to trail an "unmanned surface vehicle", or more specifically, a crewless boat.

Built by BAE Systems, the Pacific 24 Rigid Inflatable Boat costs more than £3 million (A\$5.4 million), and will be utilised for dangerous missions.

The ship can be run from a larger warship, from where personnel can also control the weapons system.

## Dream Cruises delivers



**AS COVID-19** restrictions are lifting, many are heading back to the office, so Dream Cruises is doing its best to help ease back-to-office blues.

The cruise line is delivering care packs to travel agents returning to work, filled with Dream office essentials, as well as some snacks, in an effort to make the work day a little brighter.

**Pictured**, Dream Cruises Sales Manager Andy Loving pays a visit to Flight Centre Castlecrag to hand-deliver care packs to travel agents Stephy Cole and Lisa Chow.

## H-L cold ironing

**HAPAG-LLOYD** Cruises' (H-L) *Europa 2's* cold ironing connection is now certified by accredited registrar DNV GL.

It is the first time a cruise ship has been using the practice for such a period of time, with the certification part of Hapag-Lloyd Cruises' positive contribution to the climate.

## VV's Voyage Well

**VIRGIN** Voyages (VV) has announced a Voyage Well health plan for *Scarlet Lady*.

To create the program, Virgin formed a Voyage Well Expert Advisory Group composed of partners at AtmosAir Solutions, EcoLab, Global Public Health Services and Vikand, as well as the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.

The plan includes rapid COVID-19 testing, a post-sailing notification system, pre-boarding health checks, thermal camera technology, sanitation and social distancing on board, managing ship occupancy and leveraging technology in other ways.

## Seabourn chief

**SEABOURN** has announced Josh Leibowitz as its new President.

The long-time Carnival Corporation executive will report in to Holland America Group and Carnival UK Group Chief Executive Officer Stein Kruse, after former Seabourn President Rick Meadows announced his departure last month (**CW** 13 May).

He will oversee all aspects of Seabourn, including revenue management and deployment.



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!

