



Silversea protects

SILVERSEA Cruises has taken additional steps to reassure the travel industry, introducing a new policy protecting travel agent commissions on cancelled cruise bookings departing between 09 Mar and 31 Jul.

The update is in addition to its parent Royal Caribbean recently introducing its Cruise with Confidence program (**CW** 09 Mar), offering cancellations up to 48 hours prior to cruises leaving before 31 Jul.

Silversea revealed agents will now retain any commissions already paid, in addition to paying commissions on bookings that are cancelled between 09 Mar and 31 Jul after they were paid in full, and provided the cancellation is made more than 48 hours prior to embarkation.

For further info, **CLICK HERE**.

DFAT issues caution over int'l cruising

THE Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has advised Aussie travellers to temporarily "reconsider" taking an overseas cruise following disruptions caused by COVID-19 (**CW** breaking news).

The renewed advice expressed specific concern for those with underlying health issues, urging those in doubt to consult a doctor prior to taking a cruise.

"Disruptions to cruise ship itineraries due to COVID-19 can have significant consequences for travellers, the situation is fluid and you can expect further disruptions," DFAT warned.

The government agency also added that any traveller who becomes affected by COVID-19 issues on board a ship should not rely upon the Australian Govt to organise repatriation.

Despite the heightened advice, DFAT also highlighted the strong

measures the cruise industry has implemented to protect the health and safety of passengers, including stricter medical screening protocols, and the denial of any person who has travelled in countries significantly affected by the virus in the 14 days prior to embarkation.

Responding to the updated advice, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) said it was continuing to focus on the safety of cruise pax in an industry largely unaffected by the outbreak.

"The cruise industry has

committed to do even more to protect guests, crew and the communities where ships sail," a CLIA spokesperson said.

"The majority of more than 270 cruise ships globally continue to operate unaffected by the virus but with important precautions in place."



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Carnival responds

CARNIVAL Australia has told *Cruise Weekly* that upgraded travel advice from DFAT regarding international cruising (see **p1**) was “disappointing”, but that ultimately travellers would make their own decision on whether to take a cruise.

The cruise line also believes that its range of local cruise itineraries will continue to be well subscribed by Aussie cruisers.

“Cruising remains one of the most attractive holiday options available in Australia and New Zealand, and our mix of domestic and South Pacific itineraries remains low risk,” a spokesperson for Carnival said.

Carnival has also moved to strengthen its health protocols.

“To maintain a healthy onboard environment, we have enhanced health screening protocols and other measures based on the best Australian and international public health advice”.

Ponant welcomes

PONANT has doubled its Welcome Offer so that guests can now save up to \$800 per passenger on all 2020 cruises.

The promotion ends 21 Mar and is only available for a first cruise booked with the line.

Regent updates

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has enhanced its Regent Reassurance policy, with guests now able to cancel up to 48 hours prior to cruise departures before 30 Sep.

Full cruise credits will be allocated for rescheduled bookings, which can be applied to any voyage embarking by 31 Dec, 2022.

Bookings made under the Regent Reassurance program will have their commission protected and paid in full.

Read the full details [HERE](#).

Cunard remembers Sydney



CUNARD'S flagship *Queen Mary 2* took some time to reflect in Sydney Harbour recently, marking 80 years since her trailblazing predecessor *Queen Mary* visited the city's waters (**pictured** inset).

The original *Queen Mary* was in Sydney due to far more austere circumstances, ferrying Australia's military forces to the Middle East during World War 2.

She was even painted in a wartime grey coating, a far cry from Cunard's distinctive red and white livery that demarcates its fleet today.

But it wasn't all about looking back at the past, with *Queen Mary 2* in the country to visit a range of additional local destinations, after calls in Asia were cancelled due to travel restrictions and port closures



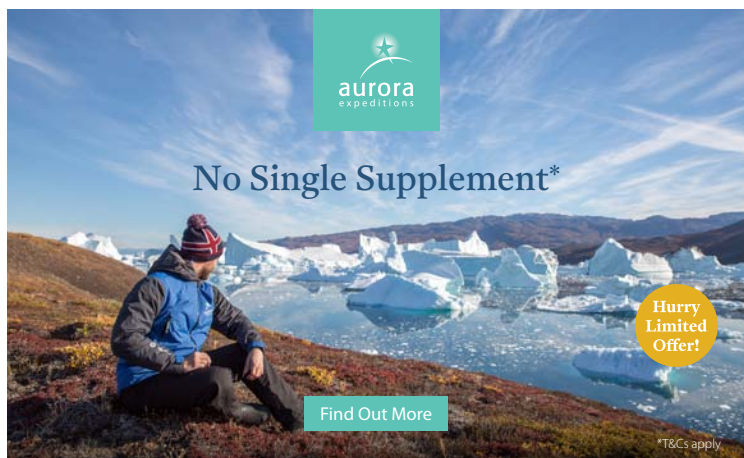
caused by COVID-19.

View the cruise line's newly added Aussie sailings [HERE](#).

Princess is tested

PRINCESS Cruises' *Caribbean Princess* has received a no-sail order from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and is headed back to American waters to test two crew members for COVID-19, *The Miami Herald* reports.

The ship is currently on a 10-day cruise out of Port Everglades, & has cancelled a planned call to Grand Cayman.



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Disruptions in Italy

CRUISE ships are being blocked from docking at a number of ports in Italy as the European nation reels from the spread of COVID-19 over the past week, according to the *BBC*.

The country has seen confirmed cases spike by 24% in a matter of days, leading to tougher travel restrictions to curb infections.

CLIA members have implemented enhanced protocols for guests who have travelled to Italian municipalities that have been subject to govt quarantine.

Crystal cancellation

CRYSTAL Cruises has revised its cancellation policy to allow guests to opt out of cruises up to seven days prior to departing, and receive a full cruise credit for any sailing through to the end of 2022.

The cruise line has also implemented a new reduced deposit program, with only \$100pp required for sailings of up to 13 nights, \$200pp for cruises of between 14 and 21 nights, and \$500pp for voyages of 22 days or longer.

Previously, Crystal required 25% of the total cruise deposit.

The line is also now more flexible with final payments, cutting the deadline from 120 to 90 days prior to departure.

Sailing to new heights



FORMING part of its Bridge the Gap initiative, Celebrity Cruises recently embarked on its first cruise featuring an all female

bridge and hotel officer team.

The voyage set sail on International Women's Day (08 Mar) aboard *Celebrity Edge*, and included a dedicated speaker's series, networking opportunities, and documentary screenings on the topics of female empowerment.

Sailing roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale, the trailblazing voyage was skippered by Kate McCue (**pictured** centre), the first American female cruise ship Captain, flanked by two other key members of the crew.



PERHAPS one of the greatest fictitious sailors of them all is Captain Jack Sparrow, the self-seeking anti-hero from the globally popular *Pirates of the Caribbean* film franchise.

But did you know that Robert De Niro was initially offered the role? Or that Aussie actor Hugh Jackman was the screenwriter's muse when drafting most of Sparrow's dialogue?

Neither did we, but the net is rife with these little gems, so here are a few more to enjoy.

Johnny Depp actually steered *The Black Pearl* while filming, and the actor also made one of the pirate's on-screen tattoos permanent - you're welcome.



Prizes include flights to Europe with Emirates and weekly travel vouchers from Expedia

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Sail in the holidays

PAUL Gauguin Cruises has introduced a 14-night pre-Christmas/New Year cruise of the Marquesas, Tuamotus and Society Islands.

The voyage features visits to French Polynesia's Fakarava, Fatu Hiva, Hiva Oa, Tahuata, Nuku Hiva, Huahine, Bora Bora, and Papeete in Tahiti.



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