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### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of cruise industry news, and a front cover from Norwegian Cruise Line plus a full page from TD's Sustainability Summit.

### Tassie blanket ban

**THE** Tasmanian Government has suspended all cruise ship visits until 30 Jun as the state records its sixth case of COVID-19.

"While I know this places challenges on our tourism industry and visitor economy, I strongly believe we must act to make the decisions that best protect Tasmanians and help to manage COVID-19 risks to our state," said Tasmania's Premier Peter Gutwein.

Twelve cruise ship visits were scheduled during the period, including five to Hobart.

## Australia cancels cruise for 30 days

THE Australian Government has announced the suspension of all international cruise ship arrivals for 30 days, effective from midnight last night, and has advised all Australians to "reconsider their need for overseas travel at this time".

The Government has also enacted a 14-day self-isolation rule (*CW* breaking news) for anyone arriving to Australia from overseas, with states and territories to determine penalties for those that do not comply.

"In specific cases where we have Australians on cruise ships then there will be some bespoke arrangements...to ensure the relevant protections are put in place," said PM Scott Morrison.

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) revealed that cruise lines are working around the clock to ensure a "safe and smooth return for affected ships at sea, and on arrangements for the disembarkation of passengers".

"Despite challenging times, we are confident our industry has the resilience to overcome this situation in the longer term," a spokesperson for CLIA said.

The Australian Cruise Association (ACA) has also commended cruise lines and the Australian Government for taking a "proactive and co-ordinated stance at this time to help minimise the further spread of coronavirus".

"We believe that the 30-day suspension on cruise ship entry is a reasonable response to the current situation which can be rolled out for longer depending on the spread of the virus," said ACA CEO Jill Abel.

MEANWHILE, New Zealand has banned all cruise ships from entering its borders until 30 Jun, with the New Zealand Cruise Association (NZCA) estimating a total of 141 ship visits and 45 voyages will be cancelled (*CW* breaking news).

"This will have a significant effect on the New Zealand tourist economy and impact severely on NZCA members," said NZCA CEO Kevin O'Sullivan, saying the association would lobby for the ban to be lifted earlier.

More cruise lines have temporarily suspended all global operations, including Royal Caribbean Cruises; Carnival Cruise Line and P&O Cruises; Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings; MSC Cruises; CMV; Windstar; and Seabourn Cruises (*CW* breaking news).

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#### Celeb stranded

**CELEBRITY** Cruises' *Celebrity Eclipse* is stranded off the coast of Chile after the country banned cruise ships from docking in its ports.

With no suspected cases of COVID-19 on board, the cruise line is working "to provide a controlled debarkation plan".

### Cruise Calendar

The next few port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
Carnival Spirit	16 Ma
Pacific Explorer	16 Ma
MSC Magnifica	16 Ma
Spectrum of the Seas	17 Ma
Voyager of the Seas	18 Ma
Spectrum of the Seas	18 Ma
Sea Princess	18 Ma
Ovation of the Seas	18 Ma
Carnival Splendor	19 Ma
Spectrum of the Seas	19 Ma
Viking Orion	19 Ma
Silver Whisper	19 Ma
Celebrity Solstice	19 Ma
MELBOURNE	
Viking Orion	17 Ma
Sun Princess	19 Ma
Seabourn Encore	19 Ma
EDEN	
Voyager of the Seas	16 Ma
Celebrity Solstice	19 Ma
DARWIN	
Silver Spirit	18 Ma
Caledonian Sky	18 Ma
PHILLIP ISLAND	
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#### Princess returns

PASSENGERS on board Princess Cruises' Golden Princess are en route to Australia, after a decision was made for the ship to head across the Tasman from Akaroa where it was located yesterday.

Guests were advised that the rest of the ship's NZ itinerary was cancelled due to the changing cruise restrictions.

While anchored in Akaroa one guest was tested for COVID-19 by NZ health authorities, however the test was returned as negative.

Princess has slammed several inaccurate reports claiming the ship was stuck and its guests stranded in Akaroa.



**RECORDS** were broken in the US state of Nevada on Sun, when Reno resident and fishing enthusiast Brenden Burnham reeled in what can only be described as a monster of a carp from Virginia Lake.

The fish weighed a stunning 16 kilograms, which according to the Nevada Department of Wildlife, broke the previous record, but only by a hair, which was 15.5kg - holy carp!



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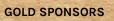
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