



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### SeaDream resumes

**SEADREAM** Yacht Club will begin cruising again in Norway next month.

Nine new voyages through to Sep are open for booking, including destinations which have been hand-picked by SeaDream founder & owner, Atle Brynstad.

Following the company's pause in operations, its ships were repositioned to Lisbon, where those crew who chose to stay onboard have been busy doing maintenance and upgrades, including yoga, and installing a basketball hoop.

SeaDream was previously seeing strong growth from Australia (*CW* 20 Feb).

## No cruise pax until 2H 2021: Hawaii

**HAWAII'S** Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism has predicted there will be no cruise passengers arriving in the state until the second half of 2021.

The grim forecast appeared in last week's second quarter 2020 Statistical and Economic Report, which added it will take six years for visitor arrivals to recover to 2019's levels, based on the pace of the 2009 Great Recession.

It's unclear how the downbeat forecast will impact Norwegian Cruise Line, which deploys a dedicated year-round ship in the state, the *Pride of America* (pictured), believed to be the highest-yielding vessel in the entire Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings fleet.

According to the report, Hawaii is predicted to welcome 3.4 million visitors in 2020, a decrease of 67.5% from 2019



level of 10 million.

Visitor arrivals will increase to 6.2 million in 2021, 8.3 million in 2022, and 9.4 million in 2023, and will not reach the 2019 level until 2025, based on the assumptions.

Visitor spending will also decrease more during the next few years.

The report projected a fall in the state's economic growth of 12.1% this year due to COVID-19.

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**ALTHOUGH** there are no tourists in Fiji to enjoy it, the Awakening Big Shark Dive experience (pictured), located on Kuata, is still operating "breakfast as usual".

Staff still dive every day at set times to feed and conduct research on the sharks, as well as establish routine behavioural patterns for when guests return.



## A new Vantage point



**US-BASED** group travel specialist Vantage Deluxe World Travel is adding a second five-star small ship to its fleet, with *Ocean*

*Odyssey* set to launch in 2022.

The 162-guest small ship will be a follow-up to sister ship *Ocean Explorer*, announced earlier this year, with the cruise line promising it will be fitted to visit all seven continents, with the ship to be polar code 6-compliant, and fitted with a Ulstein X-Bow.

Itineraries will include northern Australia, as well as Borneo, the Coral Triangle and Komodo, with the ship to also offer 15 solo-designated cabins, which Vantage Travel is calling a "first" for the cruise industry.

Among the ships' other features will be 17 staterooms and suites, featuring private walk-out verandas; a free concierge service which can be utilised before and during the cruise; beer and wine included at dinner; stone boiling and inland overnight excursions.

Suite guests will also receive complimentary Business class or Premium Economy flight upgrades, among other perks.

**Pictured:** a Grand Veranda Stateroom accommodation.

## Rai-tirement

**PRINCESS** Cruises Executive Vice President Fleet Operations Rai Caluori is retiring after 35 years with the cruise line.

Caluori sensationally started his career at the cruise line as an onboard singer, getting his start on the original Love Boat, *Pacific Princess*.

Caluori rose in the entertainment ranks, moving shoreside in 1989, and was thanked by chief Jan Swartz.

## Rocky axes cruise

**CANADIAN** rail operator Rocky Mountaineer will no longer offer Holland America Line (HAL) cruises as part of its packages in 2021.

An update to agents overnight cited "lower than anticipated demand" for the move, which is also seeing Rocky axe Sonora Resort, CMH heli-hiking and accommodation in Kananaskis and Canmore.

"By simplifying our product offering and focusing on more of our popular packages we hope to make selling our product easier," the firm said.

Impacted clients will have the option to apply the value to other parts of their trip or to get a refund of third party items and book them directly with those suppliers.

Rocky said it would continue to fulfil bookings for clients currently booked on a 2021 HAL cruise, while the company is also opening its 2022 rail departures for sale tomorrow.



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