



RCI suspension extended to 31 Dec

ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) will not sail out of Australia until 2021 at the earliest, with an update on the cruise line's website now confirming all local sailings are suspended through to the end of the year.

The cruise line has also confirmed the cancellation of all *Odyssey of the Seas* sailings from 05 Nov 2020 through until 17 Apr 2021, with the debut of the newbuild in Europe delayed because of shipyard closures and disruption to supply chains caused by the pandemic.

Royal Caribbean says the planned amplification of *Liberty of the Seas*, which had been scheduled for early 2021, will be put on hold, with the ship to sail to Galveston earlier than planned, with capacity constraints at the city's port seeing the 14 Feb *Jewel of the Seas* departure cancelled.

Quantum of the Seas' scheduled

sailings are also now cancelled through until 22 Mar 2021, with the ship to be part of a cruise restart in Singapore, with a series of three and four night "voyages to nowhere" kicking off on 01 Dec (CW 09 Oct).

Royal Caribbean said "in preparation for our return to service we've been making changes to our existing itineraries to ensure we meet the evolving needs of our guests and are aligned with any existing travel restrictions".

Cruisers booking for the Singapore season are being promised a host of upgraded health and safety protocols, including COVID-19 coverage worth up to US\$20,000 per person for onboard medical costs, quarantine and travel home.

Passengers who test positive for coronavirus while onboard will also receive a 100% refund

of the price of their cruise for themselves and any companions.

"Our onboard medical facilities are prepared to offer robust treatment with rapid RT-PCR testing onsite, state-of-the-art equipment enhancements like hospital-grade ventilators with CPAP and BiPAP capabilities, a dedicated controlled care centre, and more critical care beds on each ship," the company said.

Technology-facilitated contact tracing will also ensure guests can be advised immediately if they had extended contact with any known case of the infection.

All guests and crew members will be required to wear a mask onboard in public areas, and all passengers must present a negative coronavirus test within 48 to 72 hours prior to boarding.

The cost of the test is included in the cruise fare, Royal Caribbean said.

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Venture on sale

SEABOURN Venture's 2021-2022 inaugural Norwegian winter season is now on sale.

The voyages will provide some of the best opportunities to see the aurora borealis, sailing on a series of 10- to 14-day Norwegian Winter voyages cruising the country's coastline.

Sailing between Dec 2021 and Apr 2022, the trips will offer a new selection of inclusive and optional expedition outdoor activities, such as skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, dog & reindeer sledding and more, with dedicated aurora borealis excursions available also.



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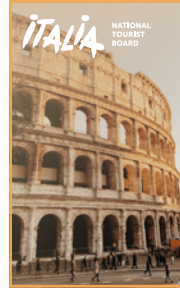
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Fred gets flexible

FRED. Olsen Cruise Lines has unveiled flexible bookings and down payments as part of its plain sailing guarantee, which covers cruises into 2021.

The updated policy allows guests making a new booking for 2021 to move their down payment to any other cruise already on sale without any additional fees before they pay their final balance.

Guests can also have their down payment refunded, and any passenger who is unable to travel due to a positive coronavirus test will be offered 12 months to move to any other cruise without any administration fees or penalties, right up to the day of departure.

Disney set for restart



DISNEY Cruise Line has announced itineraries for early 2022, which will include its return to Hawaii with a pair of 10-night sailings aboard *Disney Wonder*

(pictured) in the northern spring.

Other notable destinations for Jan-May 2022 include the Caribbean, Mexico, the west coast of the United States, the Panama Canal, Vancouver, and the Bahamas, where the cruise line's private island Castaway Cay is located.

Upcoming ship *Disney Wish* (CW 26 Aug 2019) was also set to debut in early 2022, but will now come into service in the northern summer due to pandemic-related delays at the Meyer-Werft shipyard in Germany.

Disney will sail from all across the United States departing from California, Florida, New Orleans and Texas.

With Disney having suspended all sailings into early Dec, the entirety of the cruise line's fleet has recently been in France, where dry dock work has been taking place.

No details have been shared publicly on the work being done, but reports suggest *Disney Dream* and *Disney Wonder* have both been in the dry dock.



GOLD Coast identity Billy James is set to deliver a 13,000-strong petition to the city's Mayor Tom Tate to build a series of ocean pools in the region.

The petition is backed by the Australian Olympic Committee, surf lifesaving club bosses, and other prominent groups, with signatories demanding the City of Gold Coast to build saltwater ocean baths - a push James has been behind for five years.

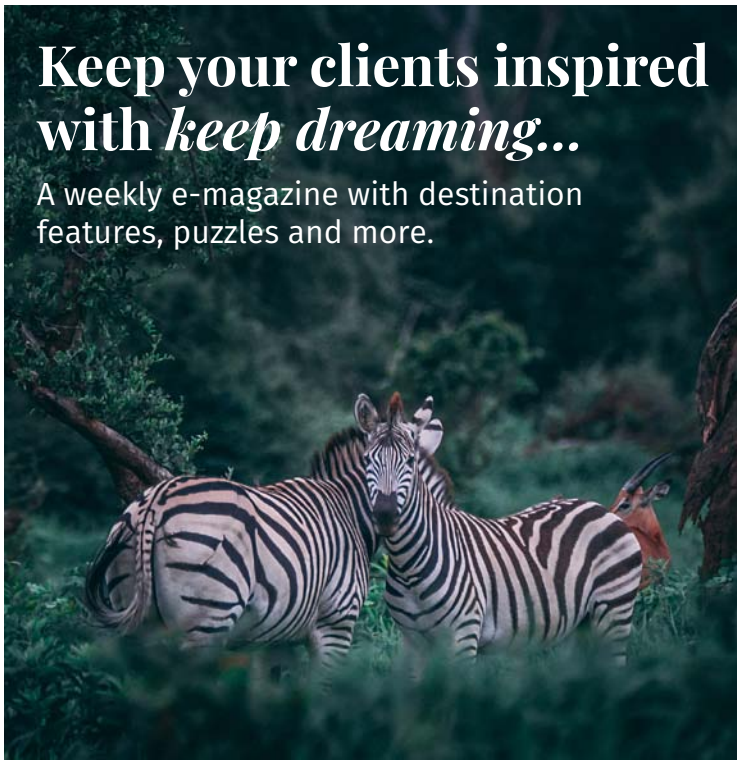
He believes this show of support cannot be ignored, and is cheekily appealing to Tate's vanity to make it happen.

"This is a legacy for locals, this could be a legacy for Tom Tate," James said.

"I have been here a fair while and this is up there with some of the most significant, strategic planning opportunities ever for the Gold Coast," he said - such as the area's often-announced but still non-existent cruise terminal.

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New Riviera deal

RIVIERA Travel River Cruises is offering a new back-to-back cruise package in France, with a free flight offer currently available through Cruise Traveller.

Departing in Sep and Oct 2021, two five-star river ships will travel through the north and south of France, with the special offer available until the end of the year - **CLICK HERE** to view.