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### Cruise Weekly today

**Cruise Weekly** today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a front full page from **Oceania Cruises**.

### Oceania upgrades

**OCEANIA** Cruises has today launched an Exclusive Upgrade Sale, offering significant price reductions and promotions of up to four categories.

Deposits have been halved and the OLife Choice deal includes free pre-paid gratuities and internet plus a choice of free shore excursions, a free beverage package or free shipboard credit.

The offer ends on 15 Sep, with a range of itineraries applicable including Singapore to Sydney on *Regatta* in Nov next year - see the **cover page** for more details.

## Five Princess ships for Australia

**PRINCESS** Cruises yesterday released its plans for the 2021/22 Australian season, which will see the local deployment of *Coral Princess* and *Royal Princess* for the first time.

Also operating in local waters will be *Emerald Princess* and *Sapphire Princess*, along with *Pacific Princess*, of course all subject to cruising being able to resume in the region.

Princess Cruises Senior Vice President Asia Pacific, Stuart Allison, said the five-ship program underlined the cruise line's strong commitment to the local market.

"The first of the cruises being offered are still a year away, and two years for the last voyages in the season," Allison noted.

"We know that many of our guests wish to cruise again when the time is right and it is important that we have options available so that they can plan to



resume holidaying at sea.

"Our new itineraries will give our Australian guests some holiday inspiration for the time when we will all be able to travel again," he added.

A total of 95 departures will be on offer, with the 3,560 guest *Royal Princess* and the 3,080 passenger *Emerald Princess* to homeport in Sydney while *Coral Princess*, with capacity for 2,000 guests, will be based in Brisbane.

The 2,670 passenger *Sapphire Princess* will be homeported in Melbourne while the 670-guest "boutique" *Pacific Princess* will cruise on two different itineraries from Australia during the season.

Voyages on offer will include a *Coral Princess* world cruise, as well as a 28-night Australian circumnavigation, one-way trans-Tasman voyages, local coastal cruises and South Pacific trips.

**Pictured:** *Royal Princess*.



## VOTE FOR THE FINALISTS NOW!

Travel Daily has seen a massive number of nominations from across the industry. Nominations have now closed and voting is now open for the supplier categories.

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**ALTHOUGH** it seems like nobody outside the industry likes cruising at the moment, Cruise loves cruise!

Not keen to see the filming for his latest *Mission: Impossible* movie scuppered, actor Tom Cruise has hired two cruise ships from Hurtigruten to ensure the completion of the flick.

*Fridtjof Nansen* and *Vesteraleen* have been rented out for the month of Sep, and while producer Truenorth has not explicitly stated what the ships will be used for, it is believed they may house the filming crew and even Cruise himself.

## Cruise ban extended to Dec

**CRUISE** Lines International Association (CLIA) has acknowledged the extension of the cruise ship suspension in Australian waters (**CW** breaking news), and has flagged the formation of a working group with government to "progress a pathway to a carefully managed and responsible resumption of cruise tourism in Australia at the earliest possible time".

Last night Australian Health Minister Greg Hunt announced a three month extension of the current Human Biosecurity Emergency Period, which will

now be in place until 17 Dec.

The emergency period has been enacted since 18 Mar this year, and until this latest update, had been slated to expire on 17 Sep.

Hunt said the extension of the emergency period is based on specialist medical and epidemiological advice provided by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

He said the committee had advised that "the international and domestic COVID-19 situation continues to pose an unacceptable health risk".

"The extension of the emergency period is an appropriate response to that risk," the minister added.

The biosecurity declaration gives the government the power to take any necessary measures to prevent and control COVID-19, with current declarations in place covering restrictions on the entry of cruise ships into Australia and on overseas travel.

Despite the extension, CLIA "sees opportunity for a controlled and phased resumption of local cruise operations in Australia, with strict and enhanced health protocols in place".

"While some states may still face restrictions, there is opportunity for a future resumption in states and territories where the status of COVID-19 permits, helping to restore visitation and much-needed economic activity," it said.

### CMV assets sale

**CRUISE & Maritime Voyages'** United Kingdom-based assets have been sold to CVI Group, a company owned by the cruise line's former Chief Executive Officer Christian Verhounig.

The assets sold include customer databases, computer systems, office furniture & equipment, intellectual property and motor vehicles.

Administrator Paul Williams of Duff & Phelps said he believed the sale gave the best value achievable for the company's creditors, and also provides Verhounig with the ability to pursue funding to "potentially relaunch CMV's unique cruise operations to its dedicated customers at some point in the future".

### TD Awards finalists

**THE** finalists in the inaugural **Travel Daily** Awards were released this morning, with the industry now invited to vote for the suppliers which have been most supportive through the COVID-19 period.

The cruise finalists are:

#### Ocean Cruise Line

- Dream Cruises
- Oceania Cruises
- Princess Cruises
- Royal Caribbean International
- Silversea Cruises
- Viking Cruises

#### Expedition Cruise Line

- Aurora Expeditions
- Hurtigruten Cruises
- Quark Expeditions
- Ponant
- Scenic
- Silversea

#### River Cruise Line

- APT
- Avalon Waterways
- Scenic
- Tauck
- Uniworld
- Viking Cruises

Cruise also features among the finalists for most supportive industry sales executive with Scenic's Zena Dalton, Crystal and Dream's Natalie Freeman, and Heritage's Walter Nand.

Voting in the supplier categories is now open from today until Mon 14 Sep by **CLICKING HERE** - more details at [awards.traveldaily.com.au](https://awards.traveldaily.com.au).

### H-L to require test

**HAPAG-LLOYD** Cruises (H-L) will require a negative PCR test as a condition to embark.

The expansion of the cruise line's COVID-19 measures will begin from 15 Sep, with the cost for the test included in the travel price.

Passengers will receive a voucher for the test valid in 86 hospitals operated by Helios Kliniken throughout Germany.

The results must be received within 48 hours-72 hours of embarkation, depending on the date of sailing.



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## CLIA Eu moves


**ROYAL** Caribbean Group Vice President Government Relations Europe & Asia Pacific Ukko Matsola is succeeding Tom Boardley as Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Europe Director General.

Matsola previously enjoyed a political career, where he held senior positions within Finnish Parliament.



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## New CLIA learning course

**CRUISE** Lines International Association (CLIA) has introduced a new course on the world's great rivers.

World River Cruising is available for members travel agents now, and complements the existing European River Cruising elective, bringing the total number of training courses available in Australasia to 81.

Available through the CLIA Members Hub, World River Cruising will take agents on a virtual journey along many of the world's great inland waterways, including the Amazon, Brahmaputra, Ganges, Irrawaddy, Mekong, Nile, Mississippi and Yangtze.

The new elective is designed to give agents a comprehensive understanding of what their clients can expect on each river, from the onboard activities and vessel design of the major operators to shoreside experiences.

The course also covers each

river's distinct features including seasonality, attractions, and pre- & post-cruise options, while also providing insight on target markets and sales tips.

Cruise Lines International Association Head of International Training & Development Peter Kollar said the new course was the latest in a string of additions to the Association's suite of professional development opportunities.

"CLIA's Members Hub now offers more than 100 hours of specialised industry training including Core Units that provide fundamental cruise selling skills and electives that cover focused topics such as the new World River Cruising course," he said.

## The Saga begins

**SAGA** Cruises' *Spirit of Adventure* has completed its journey from the Meyer Werft shipyard in Germany to Emden, in the country's northwest.

The new vessel is currently undergoing sea trials in the North Sea to ensure seaworthiness, with a number of technical aspects to be tested such as propulsion.

*Spirit of Adventure* is scheduled to debut on 05 Nov out of Southampton, subject to ongoing travel restrictions.

The 999-guest ship had originally been slated to begin sailing in Aug, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the vessel ended up floating out that month (**CW** 04 Aug).

## New NZ voyages

**HERITAGE** Expeditions has released a new Unseen Fiordland, Stewart Island and The Snares voyage, exploring some of New Zealand's most remote regions.

The country's Subantarctic Islands will be explored aboard *Spirit of Enderby*, departing 06 Jan from NZ\$5,250 (A\$4,846).

The itinerary is also available in a shorter, seven-day version, which passes over The Snares portion of the trip.

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