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# CLIA mandates core health protocols

**CRUISE** Lines International Association (CLIA) has laid out the first steps of a road map toward a resumption of cruising in the United States, saying that with the support of regulators and destinations "cruises could feasibly begin during the remainder of 2020".

The aspirations come alongside the announcement of a key set of "mandatory core elements" which CLIA's cruise line members will implement during a phasedin resumption of operations.

The health and safety protocols include recommendations from the Healthy Sail Panel established by Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings and Royal Caribbean Group (*CW* 07 Jul) as well as MSC Cruises' Blue Ribbon Group (*CW* 08 Jul) and experts commissioned by Carnival Corporation.

Other considerations include the effective protocols already in

place for the successful European sailings by Costa Cruises, MSC, Ponant, SeaDream and TUI.

The CLIA Global Board has voted unanimously to adopt the recommendations for an initial restart of limited operations in the Americas.

"These core elements will be continuously evaluated and adjusted against the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the availability of new prevention, therapeutics and mitigation measures," CLIA said.

The protocols include full COVID testing prior to boarding, with initial cruises to sail on modified itineraries under stringent protocols governing the entire cruise experience, from booking through to disembarkation.

Other measures include mandatory mask-wearing wherever physical distancing cannot be maintained. These core elements, which are applicable to all ocean-going CLIA members, are subject to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) No Sail Order, and will be also submitted to the CDC's Request for Information related to the safe resumption of cruise operations (**CW** 27 Jul).

Risk-based medical response plans will be tailored for each ship including dedicated cabin capacity for isolation and advance arrangements with private providers for shoreside quarantine and transportation.

CLIA Australasia MD Joel Katz welcomed the core protocols as a path to a phased resumption of cruising in the Americas.

"These will inform and support our ongoing engagement with the Australian and NZ governments towards development of a phased resumption of cruising in this region" - see cruising.org.

# Cruise Weekly today

**Cruise Weekly** today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page from **Cruiseco**.

## Rock on, all!

**EVERY** travel agent in Australia and New Zealand is being invited to promote the 2021 Super Cruise, which combines the Rock the Boat and Cruisin' Country music festivals at sea into the world's biggest music cruise.

The Choose Your Cruise/ Cruiseco Ovation of the Seas charter voyage takes place ex-Sydney from 23-30 Nov 2021 (**CW** yesterday), with headline acts including Suzi Quatro, The Angels, Lee Kernaghan and John Williamson.

Promotional collateral is available on 1800 225 656 - for more details see the **last page** of today's *Cruise Weekly*.





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NOW well into the midst of its restart in Taiwan, Dream Cruises is sharing its safety messages on social media, and is doing so through dance.

The small videos are designed to be shareable, with Dream crew members performing the various preventative measures that have taken place on board.

Each video focuses on a different safety aspect, with dancers performing around the ship, from in the lobby to on the pool deck and in the theatre, and of course, doing so while decked out in their face mask. CLICK HERE to view.

#### Seabourn so suite

**SEABOURN** Cruise Line has extended its sensational suite savings through to 20 Nov. New and returning guests will be able to save on a range of suite accommodations on select summer 2021 through winter/spring 2022 voyages, as well as enjoy exceptional enhanced amenities - CLICK HERE for full details.



Princess confirms Sea, Sun sale

**PRINCESS** Cruises this morning confirmed widespread speculation its Sea Princess (pictured) and Sun Princess are among the 18 vessels slated to leave the Carnival Corp fleet.

The buyers of the two ships have not been disclosed at this stage, with Carnival saying the sale was in line with its "plan to accelerate the removal of less efficient ships from its fleet".

Princess President Jan Swartz said Sea Princess and Sun Princess had been key contributors to significant growth in Australian cruising.

"Both ships defined the premium cruise experience with Australians and New Zealanders spending close to 14 million nights aboard these ships. "While it is never easy to say goodbye to any ship in our fleet, this will allow us to deploy newer ships enhancing our offerings for Australian cruisers and focus on bringing into service exciting newbuilds like the upcoming delivery of Enchanted Princess."

Sun made her debut in 1995 in the Caribbean, and at 2,000 pax, was one of the largest ships in the world at the time.

She was homeported in Australia from 2007 and also helped Princess open up the Japanese market in 2013.

Sea Princess has completed six full world cruises since 2013.

Due to the imminent departure of these ships from the Princess fleet, the line has cancelled published itineraries including Sun Princess voyages departing 28 Dec 2020-14 Aug 2021 and Sea Princess sailings from 23 Dec through to 09 Nov 2021.

## Emerald 2022

**EMERALD** Waterways' 2022 European river cruise collection is on sale now.

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Itineraries are available on the Danube, Douro, Moselle, Rhine, Rhone and Saone rivers, with 75% of the full schedule currently on sale.

Guests booking any 2022 European river cruise of eight days or longer will receive their choice of \$1,500 savings per couple or \$295 return flights per person.

### **Riviera solo trips**

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