



## Alaska to join Florida in suing CDC

**ALASKA** Governor Mike Dunleavy (**pictured**) is considering joining Florida in suing the federal government of the United States over the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's (CDC) cruise ship ban.

Appearing on *Fox News*, Dunleavy said he would consider joining Florida in legal action, as he explained the plight of Alaska, which is facing a second year in a row without any cruise ship tourism.

"If we don't get, I think, a positive dialogue here this week, that's a real possibility because again, the decision will be crushing to Alaska," he said.

"We're going to lose millions of dollars in local revenue for our communities, especially along the coast.

"Unemployment rates will remain stubbornly high when we can actually lower them through



this process."

Dunleavy said over the course of the lost cruise seasons in 2020 and 2021, Alaska would haemorrhage US\$3.3 billion.

"That's in a state with about a US\$56 billion GDP, so it's going to be significant," he added.

Dunleavy also pointed to the fact Alaska is among the best in the United States in terms of vaccination rates and low case counts, and wants the federal government to let the states work with the cruise lines.

Alaska's legislators have been some of the most vocal in their support for cruises lines to resume operations, with a Congressional delegation from the state sending a letter to the White House COVID-19 Response Team Coordinator, encouraging more transparency and timeliness in their efforts to develop guidance for the resumption of operations for the cruise industry.

FL Gov Ron DeSantis announced last month his state has filed a lawsuit against the CDC, and the Department of Health & Human Services, demanding cruise ship tourism be returned immediately (**CW** 29 Mar).

### Cruise Weekly today

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

### RSSC live events

**REGENT** Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has unveiled a series of luxury cruise events across Australia.

Travel partners and travellers will have the opportunity to join RSSC Vice President Lisa Pile and Director of Sales Gillian Seller in Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne, Ballarat and Bowral, from Apr through Jun.

The events will showcase some of RSSC's most popular itineraries across Australia, as well as Alaska, Asia, the Mediterranean, New Zealand Northern Europe, and South America.

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## Cunard Line pays its respects

**BRITISH** cruise company Cunard Line has expressed its sadness at the death of Prince Philip.

The cruise line extended its sympathies to Queen Elizabeth II and the rest of the British Royal Family, and noted the long association the Prince enjoyed with the cruise line.

He is **pictured** below aboard *Queen Mary 2* with Captain Chris Wells.



## Fred. gets egg on its face



**FRED.** Olsen Cruise Lines enjoyed a cracking Easter aboard *Balmoral* earlier this month.

The team indulged in an 'eggcellent' Easter feast together, including a special seafood buffet (**inset**), and chocolate eggs for all.

The Easter period also saw Fred. Olsen add the finishing touches



to the popular Bookmark Cafe aboard *Bolette* and *Borealis*.

## Single and loving it

**HURTIGRUTEN** has waived its single supplement on expeditions until the end of the month, covering Antarctica to Central America.

"A voyage to Antarctica, for example, unifies the group on board with that spirit of adventure," said Managing Director APAC Damian Perry.

"The atmosphere is so relaxed on these voyages so solo travellers easily find other like-minded people," he said.

"You end up connecting with fellow passengers because of the incredible – and sometimes life-changing – experiences you have."

The offer is valid on new bookings and for travel on select departures, such as the 12-day Highlights of the Frozen Continent and the 18-day Antarctica, Chilean Fjords and Falklands trips.

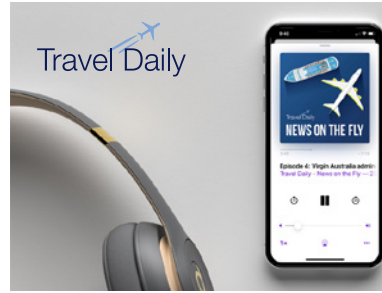




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## PORTHOLE

**IT SEEMS** like the industry has had no external support for some time, but no more!

Australian chef & restaurateur Luke Mangan (**pictured**) has joined the industry's call for the safe resumption of cruising, to restore its economic impact and assist national recovery efforts.

Mangan's restaurants are a feature of P&O Cruises Australia's ships, and speaking in a video posted by the cruise line, the chef pointed out the fact that post-pandemic, all sectors and organisations able to make an economic contribution would be needed for an "all hands on deck" approach to national recovery - something many of our country's leaders have somehow missed!



## Serenade to the rescue



**ROYAL** Caribbean International's *Serenade of the Seas* docked at St. Vincent on the weekend to pick up evacuees fleeing the eruption of La Soufriere.

*Serenade's* crew had been preparing beds, provisions,

and supplies (**pictured**) for the evacuees, with Royal Caribbean expressing its thanks for and pride in its crew, "who always and unwaveringly go above the call of duty to help in any way they can."

**Inset** is La Soufriere erupting in the background while *Serenade* was in port.

## Ponant new release

**PONANT** has released almost 60 new Mediterranean cruises for next year.

The range of 58 departures, available between Mar and Oct 2022, will span from seven to 14 nights, and showcase a diversity of destinations.

Itineraries encompass Corsica, Croatia, Egypt, France, Georgia, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Malta, Montenegro, Spain, Turkey, and Ukraine.

"From Gibraltar to Athens, Venice to Corsica enjoy the many facets of the Mediterranean and nearby seas," said Ponant Commercial Director Asia Pacific Deb Corbett.

"Transit the ancient Straits of Messina, where mythical monsters preyed on passing mariners or squeeze through the historic narrows of the Corinth canal connecting the Adriatic and Aegean Seas.

"Moor in intimate bays such as in Hvar and the Cyclades islands; view the legendary volcanoes of Mt Etna and Stromboli; stroll the imposing walls of Dubrovnik, explore the glorious Byzantine city of Istanbul, or visit the diminutive mythological Greek island of Delos in the Cyclades archipelago, sanctuary to the god Apollo and birthplace of Artemis."

Ponant is also currently providing limited-time offers, including up to 30% savings and a Welcome Offer of an additional \$800 per stateroom saving for first-time guests - call 1300 737 178 or visit [au.ponant.com](http://au.ponant.com).

## Clippers 2022-23

**STAR** Clippers has announced new Central America sailings for the 2022-2023 northern winter.

For the first time since 2014, Star Clippers will be calling on ports in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, as well as Panama.

Starting Nov 2022, *Star Clipper* will embark on a series of sailings, ranging from seven to 14 days in length, with pricing starting at US\$1,560 per person.

One of the season's highlights will be the pair of seven-day sailings operating round-trip from Caldera Port in Costa Rica.

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