



Seabourn to Australia in 2022-2023

SEABOURN Cruise Line has announced its 2022-2023 voyages in Australia, as well as Asia, the Caribbean, New Zealand and the Panama Canal.

The cruise line's *Seabourn Odyssey* will visit Australia and other countries throughout the Pacific Rim, with an innovative range of itineraries from seven to 35 days to be offered throughout each region.

Odyssey will sail in local waters during the peak whale-watching season from Dec 2022 to Mar 2023, with five 16-day voyages between Sydney and Auckland, which will also take in New Zealand's Fiordland National Park, Kaikoura and more.

Travellers will have the option of keeping their adventure going with a pre- or post-cruise Seabourn Journey, which will explore Sydney's Rocks and the Botanic Garden, and will also



offer a private tour of the Opera House, a flight to Alice Springs to tour Kata Tjuta, a cruise on the Daintree River, a guided forest walk to the Botanical Ark in Daintree National Park, and a

full day of snorkelling the Great Barrier Reef from a catamaran.

Travellers who prefer outdoor adventures will also find the Ventures by Seabourn expedition-style excursion program in select destinations including Australia.

Other key highlights include *Seabourn Ovation* and *Seabourn Sojourn* sailing to the Caribbean, *Seabourn Encore* travelling into Southeast Asia from the Mediterranean & Middle East, and *Seabourn Quest* transiting the Panama Canal to explore Central America, with a range of options to combine cruises.

Earlybird bookers who reserve and pay for their 2022-2023 cruise in full by the end of Jun will also receive a 10% Early Bonus Savings, which can be combined with other promotions, such as Seabourn Club Savings, which provides an extra 5% to Seabourn Club Members on select voyages.

Cruise Weekly today

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

Virtual Experience

OCEANIA Cruises has unveiled a new virtual experience platform designed to showcase the cruise line's unique points of difference.

Oceania Cruises Virtual Experience brings together a new collection of informative videos and enticing content to allow guests to learn about the cruise line online.

The platform is divided into five sections - Curated Travel Experiences, Exquisitely Crafted Cuisine, Small Ship Luxury, Value Without Compromise, and Your World Your Way.

To learn more, visit the platform **HERE**.

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Hornblower appts

HORNBLOWER Group has made three new appointments to its American Queen Steamboat Company (AQSC) and Victory Cruise Lines.

Christian Laskaros will serve in the role of Director of Revenue & Yield for both cruise lines, while AQSC has appointed Joe Jiffo as Vice President of Sales, and Garrett Ford is now Victory's Senior Director of Sales.

Kevin Smith, who previously served as AQSC Director of National Accounts, has also been promoted to Senior Director of Sales.

"Following the successful launch of our latest paddlewheeler, the *American Countess*, we are excited to continue the momentum with the growth of our sales and revenue management teams," Hornblower said.

New RCI Sales Director



ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) has appointed a new Director of Sales, Australia & New Zealand, Dave Humphreys (pictured).

He will lead RCI's Strategic Account, Key Account, and District Sales Teams, bringing extensive expertise in commercial strategy, marketing and sales and

stakeholder management to the role.

Humphreys will be based in RCI's Sydney office, reporting to Vice President & Managing Director, Australia & New Zealand Gavin Smith.

He was most recently Qudos Bank Arena Deputy General Manager & Head of Commercial.

Uniworld Groups

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruises has enhanced its group offering for next year.

The Bounce Back with Uniworld promotion includes up to triple discounts on groups next year, for bookings of 10 guests or more.

Guests will receive exclusive group savings of up to \$2,400 per person, bonus shipboard credits of up to \$260 per person, 50% off single supplements for three guests in every group, access to the Uniworld 10% Pay in Full discount that comes with a full refund option 120 days before cruising, and more.

Travel advisors will receive exclusively enhanced commission from 16 guests, exclusive access to a 60% advisor rate for personal use after 10 guests, or a complimentary cabin after 30.



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SYDNEY party boat Seadeck has been plunged into administration under mounting debts, *The Daily Telegraph* has reported.

The \$5 million party boat was a favourite among wannabe-socialite types and organised crime figures, but has stopped taking bookings, thanks to debts of up to \$14 million.

The 45-metre cruiser's faux-luxury was a favourite among shadowy figures and ne'er-do-wells, including Michael Ibrahim who, according to police records, booked out the entire boat on occasion for alcohol and drug-fuelled parties.

At the heart of Seadeck's problems were infighting that resulted in legal action, and restricted trading due to pandemic-related restrictions, the administrator's report says.

The boat is currently moored at Cockatoo Island.

Viking Explorer sessions



VIKING has announced the first dates for its 2021 Viking Explorer Sessions, which will commence 12 May in Sydney.

This will be followed by an 18 May date in Brisbane, a 20 May occasion in Melbourne, a 10 Jun session on the Gold Coast, and a 16 Jun info night in Adelaide.

The Viking Explorer Sessions will showcase the cruise line's range of products, including ocean, river and expedition voyages across a one-hour session.

A dedicated expedition presentation featuring special guest speaker, polar expert David McGonigal, will offer a unique insight into Viking's expedition product, which launches in 2022.

In addition, a What's New session will provide full product updates for past Viking guests looking for their next journey.

MEANWHILE, Viking has announced its incentive winners for last month, all of whom have won a share of \$8,500 in Rewards by Viking points.

Phil Hoffman Travel Semaphore's Rosy Glisson (**pictured**) has won first prize as part of the Discovery Cruise Sale,

winning \$5,000 worth of points.

Second prize went to New Zealand's YOU Travel Mairangi Bay's Nicola Preston, who won \$2,500 worth of points, while third prize was taken home by Houston & Turner Travel Associates' Tammy Houston.

Lindblad return

LINDBLAD Expeditions has launched new itineraries with a range of new experiences, including visiting Vietnam's coastal villages, seeing rare penguin species in the Subantarctic isles, and a return to both Raja Ampat and Franz Josef Land.

The cruise line's return to travel will also see the debut of its new polar vessels, *National Geographic Endurance* and *National Geographic Resolution*, both making their maiden voyages later this year.

The program begins later in 2021, with a range of Japanese explorations across three unique itineraries - for more on what's new, **CLICK HERE**.

Wonder-ful news!

ROYAL Caribbean International has opened *Wonder of the Seas (CW 07 Sep 2020)* cruises for booking.

Beginning with Mar 2022 sailings, the new itineraries are able to be booked all the way through to Jan 2023.

Wonder will offer cruises from both Hong Kong and Shanghai, and will be the first Oasis-class ship to sail from Asia.



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