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### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front full page from **PONANT**.

### Ponant 2022 small ship cruising

**SMALL-SHIP** cruising in the Mediterranean is now available in 2022 with Ponant.

Three of the cruise line's feature itineraries are the seven-night At the Heart of the Greek Islands journey, the seven-night Island Hopping in the Mediterranean voyage, and the 10-night Ancient Civilisations of the Eastern Mediterranean venture.

Head to the **front page** for more information or to view all itineraries, with travel advisors also able to download an agent toolbox.

## Seabourn's subsequent return

**SEABOURN** Cruise Line (SCL) has partnered with the Barbados Government to launch luxury cruises in the country from Jul.

The line will operate a series of seven-day sailings round-trip from Bridgetown (**pictured**) during the northern summer.

Beginning 18 Jul, *Seabourn Odyssey* will operate two distinct itineraries from Barbados to a range of Southern Caribbean destinations including Antigua, the British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, and St. Kitts.

Guests can also choose a 14-day option, which combines the two itineraries.

The trips include unique Seabourn experiences, such as Caviar in the Surf at Carambola Beach Club, which has become a perennial favourite among travellers.

The day includes chilled caviar,



champagne, a lavish barbecue lunch with grilled lobster, fresh fruit, and other delicious dishes.

A Marina Day is also scheduled, where the ship's staff treats guests to an afternoon of active watersports operated directly from a platform on the back of the ship.

Each sailing also features a sea day for time spent on board.

"We are grateful to be working in concert with the Government of Barbados to restart tourism in Barbados and the Caribbean Sea," said Seabourn President Josh Leibowitz.

"The entire Seabourn family is energized to provide our award-winning service, dining and entertainment on board *Seabourn Odyssey* starting again this Jul."

Minister of Tourism Lisa Cummins said Barbados was looking forward to welcoming Seabourn back to its shores, and was pleased with the outlook for the restart of the cruise industry.

"Safe travel is our priority, and placing vaccinations and other key public health travel protocols at the core of our cruise industry restart will not only restore traveller confidence, but also offer comfort to visitors and Barbadians alike."

The voyages opened for booking on Wed.

Seabourn previously announced plans to resume guest operations in Greece aboard *Ovation* starting 03 Jul (**CW 07 Apr**).

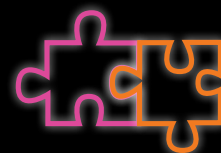


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## PORTHOLE

**AN AUSTRALIAN** ocean swimmer recently became the first woman to complete a lap of Lord Howe Island, *The Australian* reports.

However, the woman was not alone on her trip - she completed it flanked by schools of sharks.

The woman finished the lap in 13 hours and 50 minutes, covering a distance greater than 35 kilometres.

She did not only battle waves and wild currents, but a group of Galapagos, Tiger and Shortfin mako sharks.

The woman told *The Australian* the sharks were circling her "for three-quarters of the whole way."

"I went into the swim knowing there were sharks on the island. It's just one of those things with the ocean and nature. If they were to kill me, what a way to die."

## New packages

**NEW** sail, stay & tour packages have been released for Tradewind Voyages' *Golden Horizon* when she arrives in Australia later this year.

General Sales Agent Cruise Traveller has created two new stay & tour extensions for the occasion - an 18-night holiday with a Cairns extension or a 20-night holiday with a Port Douglas extension - call 1800 507 777 for more.

## Dining afloat: Claypot Restaurant



**CRUISE OPERATOR:** Wendy Wu Tours.

**SHIP:** *Victoria Mekong*.

Headed up by Indian Chef Tapan Swain, Claypot takes its inspiration from the ingredients and produce that can be found along the Mekong River.

Offering all-day dining options, Claypot (pictured) evokes an earthy feel, with its wooden accents in tones of tobacco and burnt orange.

The "clay-like" walls are a nod to the timeless Angkorian temples of Cambodia, with many restaurant dishes served in hand-produced locally made clay pots from along the Mekong Delta (inset).

Featuring oversized bay



windows, Claypot enjoys a luminous atmosphere, with an added coziness offered by the venue's wooden blinds.

Menus include both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options, with each day themed and comprising of at least one buffet meal in addition to the daily buffet breakfast spread (below left).

**DON'T MISS:** Seafood lovers shouldn't go past the Claypot's signature dish, the Mekong Lobster in Khmer Curry Sauce.

**INCLUDED IN FARE:** Yes.

**RESERVATIONS:** Not required.

**DRESS:** Smart casual.

**HOURS:** The Claypot is open for breakfast from 7-8.30am; lunch from 12-1.30pm; and dinner from 7-8.30pm.

## Travel The World exclusive HAL deal

**TRAVEL** The World is offering savings of up to \$2,660 per person with its exclusive Holland America Line (HAL) fares.

The 35-night Circumnavigate Australia Sydney-roundtrip itinerary departs 12 Nov 2022, and those booking with Travel The World can currently do so for \$8,149 per person twin share.

In addition, Travel The World's customers receive an exclusive bonus of US\$75 in shipboard credit per stateroom.

Call Travel the World on 1300 857 037 for further information or to secure this price.

## Costa unveils Med season from May

**COSTA** Cruises has unveiled its northern summer 2021 vacations in the Mediterranean.

Starting next month, Costa will begin sailing cruises with longer port stops, new excursion programs, revamped food experiences and its Safety Protocol.

*Costa Deliziosa* and *Costa Luminosa* will sail in the Eastern Mediterranean, while *Costa Firenze* and *Costa Smeralda* will sail in the Western Mediterranean.

Sailings will visit Italy, France, Spain and Greece, and will be accessible from 13 different ports of embarkation.