



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Qatar CLIA p'ship

QATAR Tourism and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) UK & Ireland have established a partnership that will enhance the country's brand awareness across the region, and with the cruise line and travel advisor community.

As part of the partnership, Qatar Tourism will be one of the main headline sponsors of the CLIA Selling Cruise Day on 04 Nov in Southampton, and will also finance the annual CLIA Cruise Forum in Dec.

An extensive tourism development is under way in Qatar as the country works to diversify and build upon its offerings, and broaden its appeal for visitors, particularly ahead of the FIFA World Cup.

Qatar's long-term goal is to become a world-class destination, welcoming more than six million visitors a year by the end of the decade.

To help ensure this, a host of new hotels and hotel apartments, activities, theme parks, shopping malls and major projects have recently opened and/or are currently under construction.

As of 12 Jul, Qatar has reopened its borders to fully vaccinated int'l travellers.

## Deep in the Heart of Texas



**THE** Port of Galveston and Royal Caribbean International have broken ground on their new US\$125 million cruise terminal.

Federal, state, and local officials, as well as other industry leaders, joined Galveston Wharves Port Director & Chief Executive Officer Rodger Rees and Chairman Albert Shannon, as well as Royal Caribbean Vice President Destination Development Joshua Carroll, in turning the first sod during the groundbreaking near Pier 10 on Sun (**pictured**).

To be completed in fall 2022, Galveston's third cruise terminal is being built to homeport Royal Caribbean International's Oasis-class ship *Allure of the Seas*.

The facility will feature state-of-the-art technology to enable mobile check-in, and facial recognition to expedite arrival.

The terminal is also designed to meet global energy,

environmental, health, efficiency and sustainability standards.

Ceres Terminals will operate the facility and support cruise operations with services including stevedoring, luggage, and ship provisioning.

From Galveston, *Allure* will sail seven-night Western Caribbean itineraries starting Nov 2022, where Royal Caribbean International made its return earlier today.

**MEANWHILE**, *Harmony of the Seas* is the first Oasis class ship back in Europe, sailing seven-night cruises from Barcelona.

Joining *Jewel of the Seas* and *Anthem of the Seas*, *Harmony* will explore Palma De Mallorca, Florence, Rome and Naples from Aug to Oct.

Vice President EMA Ben Bouldin said Royal Caribbean was delighted to welcome back another ship to Europe.

### Hurtigruten webinar

**WITH** Hurtigruten Group recently seeing travel advisors booking more groups than FIT, the company will run a relevant webinar on the topic.

Hosted this Thu at 10am AEST, topics covered will be the benefits of booking groups - **CLICK HERE** to register.

### Uniworld vax

**UNIWORLD** Boutique River Cruises will now require vaccination for all guests, effectively immediately.

The cruise line will require guests to show proof of a coronavirus vaccination prior to their sailing.

Guests must be able to show documented proof of an approved coronavirus vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca Vaxzevria, or Johnson & Johnson), with the final dose no less than two weeks prior to the start of the cruise.

This policy will be in effect until at least the end of the year, and Uniworld has informed all affected guests.

Guests will still be required to wear a mask while walking around public areas of the ship, such as the corridors or the lobby, and when the required distancing to others cannot be maintained.

Masks can be taken off when seated in the lounge and restaurant.

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## Mission to Mars

**VIKING** has released two new ocean cruise itineraries for 2022 aboard the cruise line's newest ship, *Viking Mars*.

These itineraries will allow guests the opportunity to explore a mix of destinations, such as Greece, Oman, Egypt, Sri Lanka, and more.

Couples can currently save up to \$2,000 on the 21-day Passage to India, departing 25 Oct 2022, and the 16-day Across the Bay of Bengal departing 14 Nov 2022.

Viking's Risk-Free Guarantee is also available until the end of the month, with the line offering travellers the freedom to change their plans up to 14 days before departure.

## Cruise taken to school



**FOUR** members of the cruise industry put their duties on hold last week to step up for a higher (school) cause.

The group was issued with personal protection equipment,

and geared up to assist Sydney's higher school certificate students with their first coronavirus vaccination and COVID-19 tests.

An initiative of NSW Health, the Qudos Bank Arena pop-up vaccination centre was established at Sydney Olympic Park to provide the services from 09 to 15 Aug, vaccinating more than 10,000 students over the week.

"On walking into the vaccination centre, I was immediately struck with the thought that the multiple booths within the big hall weren't too dissimilar to a travel expo set up", said Unique Cruises Director Walter Nand.

"Cruise's Steve Dodds brought me back to reality when he pointed out that, unlike a travel expo, the dress code was being followed".

TEG, which owns the Arena, said it was proud to support New South Wales in its vaccination program.

**Pictured** are Dodds, Cruise's Melissa Trewhalla, Nand and Cruise's Greg Wilson.



**PLASTIC** pollution is no one's idea of a good time..well, almost no one's.

The accumulation of plastic objects and particles in the ocean is getting hermit crabs "excited", a new study has revealed.

Low concentrations of a common plastic additive called oleamide speed up the crabs' breathing rate, indicating excitement and attraction to the material, according to the study.

Of course, this does not mean you should discard plastic waste at your nearest beach - if you want to improve a hermit crab's life, perhaps consider adopting one from your local pet shop.

AUSTRALIANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL WHEN WE REACH 80% OF THE POPULATION VACCINATED, SO LETS

#givetravelshot  
#letsgetto80

## GET INVOLVED!

- 1 Get vaccinated
- 2 Use the social media hashtags
- 3 Access our toolkit of assets
- 4 Tag us: the best post wins a gift card



## MRPS availability

**DUE** to the lockdown in New South Wales, Murray River Paddlesteamers (MRPS) now has more than 45 cabins available until the end of the year on all its two- to six-night cruises.

Travellers from Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania can now save 20% on MRPS' remaining 2021 cabins.

There are four staterooms available on MRPS' two-night cruises, 23 cabins on three-night cruises, 14 cabins on four-night cruises, and six cabins on six-night cruises.

All shore excursions will operate from the Victorian side of the river - **CLICK HERE**.