



RSSC debuts 2023-2024 collection

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has announced its new 2023-2024 Voyage Collection, featuring captivating new ports of call and immersive cultural experiences in destinations throughout the globe.

Reservations open tomorrow for the Collection, which offers sailings including the recently announced 132-night 2024 World Cruise (**CW 16 Jul**), and four Grand Voyages, which includes an Asia-Pacific 59-night sailing from Sydney to Tokyo.

The Collection features more than 129 overnight calls in destinations such as St. Petersburg, Kyoto, Singapore, Lisbon, and Bordeaux.

It also boasts 15 new ports of call, including Mystery Island, Syros, Lofoten, and Puerto Banus.

In addition to the Grand Asia-Pacific Journey from Australia to Japan, RSSC's Grand Voyages



include a Grand Arctic Adventure, a 78-night sailing from New York City to Barcelona; a Grand European Sojourn, a 62-night journey from Stockholm to Athens; and Circle South America, a 67-night round trip from Miami.

Voyage fares include free Unlimited Shore Excursions in every port of call, gourmet cuisine in a range of specialty restaurants, fine wine & spirits, entertainment, unlimited internet

access, free valet laundry, gratuities, transfer between hotel and ship and a one-night, pre-cruise hotel package for guests staying in Concierge-level suites and higher.

There are also more than 25 voyages aboard *Seven Seas Explorer, Voyager and Navigator (pictured)* which offer guests a free pre- or post-cruise land program, and new four-night land programs on selected sailings.

Cruise Weekly today

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

Del Rio on the attack

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings Chief Executive Officer Frank Del Rio has slammed Florida's "shameful" vaccine passport ban, launching a withering attack on Governor Ron DeSantis.

Del Rio called Florida's "divisive" fight to ban vaccine passports as "beyond bizarre". "Our leadership has failed us," he declared.

"There is a state here that relies on tourism, it's the number one industry, and the top priority of the hospitality business is to keep customers safe."

Norwegian Cruise Line is operating only with vaccinated passengers and crews.

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AQSC 2023 offers

AMERICAN Queen Steamboat Company (AQSC) has introduced a new no down payment offer, with savings of thousands for both couples and solo travellers.

The new zero deposit offer is available on 2023 American river paddle steamer adventures, with savings of up to US\$2,000 per couple and US\$1,000 for solos for those booking by the end of Oct.

The offers are available through AQSC's Australian representative Cruise Traveller, with Aussie guests paying no down payment until the end of Jan 2022.

They can also benefit from 2023 earlybird savings, and to add value, all cruises will feature a host of complimentary inclusions such as hop-on-hop-off shore excursions, unlimited onboard beverages and more - [HERE](#).

Endeavor US debut



CRYSTAL Cruises' *Crystal Endeavor* (render **pictured**) will make its American debut with a new voyage from Miami in Oct.

The nine-night expedition features active adventures in remote islands usually only available to private yachts and sailboats.

The 'Expedition Yachting' itinerary will sail from Miami to San Juan from 25 Oct to 03 Nov, calling on Exuma, Man o' War Cove, Inagua, White Bay, Great Harbor, Norman Island, Gustavia, St. Barthelemy, Saba, and San Juan.

Reservations opened on Mon, and Crystal is enticing travellers to book now with savings, reduced deposits and an extended final payment date to 60 days prior, as well as other incentives.

All-inclusive cruise fares for the 25 Oct expedition start at US\$13,999 per guest, including limited-time Book Now Savings of US\$3,000 and As You Wish shipboard credits of US\$300 per guest.

Returning travellers will enjoy double Crystal Society Savings of 5% percent, while new guests will save 2.5% on their voyage.

Star Clippers 2023

STAR Clippers' 2023 brochure is out now.

Detailing the cruise line's Mediterranean sailing dates, all three of the fleet's ships are included in the destination-focused program from Apr through Oct 2023.

Included are the sensational Adriatic coastal highlights of Croatia, Montenegro and Italy, undoubtedly the most popular cruises for the Australian market.

There are also seven-night adventures round trip from Venice, where every day includes a visit to a different Adriatic destination.

Also included are the popular 10- or 11-night journeys between Venice and Rome or Athens, uncovering the medieval riches of Dubrovnik, Rovinj, Hvar, Cres, Krk, Korcula and more.

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YACHT charterer Fraser Yachts has launched The Deep Blue Experience, which will take travellers to explore the bottom of the ocean for US\$130,000 a week.

Aboard the *U Boat Navigator*, which can dive up to a kilometre, travellers can get an up-close look at shipwrecks, uncommon marine life, and underwater relics.

Previously reserved for production companies, Fraser is now opening *U Boat Navigator* to luxury travellers.

The yacht can hold up to six guests and a six-member crew.

Vista dining revealed



OCEANIA Cruises has revealed new restaurants and culinary experiences aboard *Vista*.

Due to debut in early 2023, the ship will offer a dozen culinary venues, four of which are brand new and exclusive to *Vista*,

including the signature addition, Ember.

Open for lunch and dinner, this inviting dining spot features a menu of inventive American creations blended with time-honoured classics.

Ember is promised to instantly charm you with its alluring ambiance, whether you are looking forward to a leisurely evening of dining or a quick dinner before catching a show.

Menu highlights include braised short ribs on polenta, grilled swordfish with asparagus, crab cakes with spicy aioli, and a cobb salad with smoked chicken.

Aquamar Kitchen (**pictured**) is also new and exclusive to *Vista*, offering breakfast selections including cold-pressed raw juices and super-food smoothies, hearty homemade granolas and avocado toasts, organic power bowls, and savoury breakfast wraps.

For lunch is slow-roasted organic salmon with quinoa tabouleh and lemon tahini, yellowfin tacos with white cabbage slaw, and a crunchy chicken sandwich on a freshly baked whole grain roll.



Our best shot

FURTHER to the recent news on cruise restarts in other parts of the world, it was great to read that in Aug, 195 cruise ships representing 65 different brands will operate with guests onboard.

In addition to the news from Princess and Dream Cruises I wrote about recently, Royal Caribbean has announced a bumper schedule of cruising from Sep out of both the east and west coasts of the United States heading to the Caribbean, the Bahamas and Mexico.

Ovation of the Seas is hoping to be in Australia by mid-Dec.

Great news from Norwegian too - with *Norwegian Gem's* first departure a few days back, the line became the first to sail from Florida with fully vaccinated passengers and crew.

This continues their restart plans which already commenced in Europe and celebrates the first departure from their new terminal in Port Miami.

Vaccinations continue to remain our focus in Australia so we can mirror this restart we are seeing overseas.

We strongly support the new campaigns which have been launched recently to encourage Australians to get vaccinated.

Travel Daily's #givetravelashot #letsgetto80 and Tourism Australia's It's Our Best Shot to Travel recognise that the borders will come down when we reach 80% of the population vaccinated.

Federal Minister for Tourism Dan Tehan recognised last week "it's as tough as it has ever been" but high vaccination levels will be the key to more certainty for our industry.

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