



Cruise Weekly today

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

Oceania dining

OCEANIA Cruises has debuted four new private dining experiences.

Guests can enjoy the concepts in Privee, the private dining room aboard Oceania's Marina and Riviera, as a part of its OceaniaNEXT program.

Privee may be reserved for a single party of up to 10 guests per evening, with five culinary experiences to choose from, including a new Degustation Menu, Wine Pairing Menu, Best of Oceania Cruises Menu, Best of Polo Grill & Toscana Menu and an Executive Chef's Menu, with a specially curated selection of gourmet dishes from the onboard culinary team.

Malaysia cruises to restart with Star

STAR Cruises will be the first line to restart operations in Malaysia, introducing safe sailings with *Star Pisces* in Penang from 22 Dec.

Fuelling domestic tourism growth with the launch of exciting Super Seacation itineraries for the Christmas & holiday season, Star will pave the way for the reopening of int'l cruising.

Genting Cruise Lines together with Penang Port made the announcement the Government of Malaysia had granted approval for the restart, which will see *Pisces* depart five times per week.

She will offer a series of round trip itineraries from Penang, including a one-night Straits of Malacca cruise and a two-night Langkawi Escape sailing.

Genting plans to launch more ships under the Star fleet, with *Pisces* to initially operate at a reduced passenger capacity



of 50% with strict enhanced safety and preventive measures, in accordance with the local requirements and int'l standards.

To provide peace of mind for guests and crew members, all individuals on board must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and embarking guests are required to present a negative test result after completing the mandatory pre-boarding rapid antigen test, which will be conducted at the cruise terminal on the day of departure.

Pisces bookings will be open mid this month, and available to

all Malaysian citizens, foreigners with valid long-term visit passes, and international tourists who have completed Malaysia's quarantine and home surveillance order.

Pictured are Swettenham Pier Cruise Terminal General Manager Mohamed Shaffi bin Khatri Abdulla, Penang Port Commission GM Monaliza binti Suhaimi and Chair Datuk Tan Teik Cheng, Genting SVP Marine Operations & Safety Captain Havard Ramsøy and VP Sales Cynthia Lee, and PPSB Chair Dato Syed Mohamad bin Syed Murtaza.

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Return to Antarctica



HURTIGRUTEN Expeditions' cruises have returned to Antarctica for the first time in two years, as the season's first guests set foot in Orne Harbour and Duse Bay.

The battery-hybrid powered *Roald Amundsen* (pictured) spent one-and-a-half days crossing the Drake Passage before reaching the continent, with guests enjoying the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the solar eclipse of 04 Dec, only visible in the Antarctic regions of the planet.

Amundsen was positioned in the prime location outside the South Orkney Islands for the best view of the phenomenon.

For this season, Hurtigruten has returned to Antarctica with two ships, *Amundsen* and *Fram*, both bringing guests to explore the Antarctica from Punta Arenas.

In addition, Hurtigruten is also inviting guests to explore South Georgia and the Falkland Islands.

"We experience a very strong 2022, and future bookings

[are] clearly demonstrating a substantial pent-up demand for adventure travel also to other unparalleled destinations such as West Africa Cape Verde and the Bissagos Island," said Hurtigruten Expeditions Chief Executive Officer Asta Lassenen.

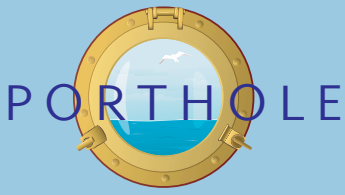
Explora sales chief

MSC Cruises' new luxury brand Explora Journeys has strengthened its commercial team through a number of new appointments.

The cruise line has made six new appointments in its worldwide team, which it announced will be led by Head of Global Sales Excellence Helen Beck.

Based in Explora's Geneva headquarters, Beck will be responsible for supporting the development and implementation of the cruise line's processes and resources to support the commercial global field sales leaders, and the Experience Centre and its team of Ambassadors.

Beck previously spent five years as Vice President International Sales & Marketing with Crystal Cruises.



A DEER has been rescued from an ice-covered Ontario lake, with perhaps very little understanding of how close it came to perishing.

A Canadian man was heading home when he spotted the deer curled up in the middle of Blake Sturgeon Lake, almost 500 metres from the shore.

The man and his friend used a rope and a paddleboard to rescue the young deer, which began to panic upon its capturing, punching holes in the ice and endangering both rescuers and rescuee.

Despite taking about an hour to get the deer back to shore, crossing perilously thin ice while doing so, all three made it back to dry land, perhaps a little bit more distressed than before.

Nova build begins

SILVERSEA Cruises has begun construction of its first Nova-class ship *Silver Nova*.

Developed as part of Project Evolution, Silversea's newbuild project, *Nova* will be constructed at Meyer Werft in Papenburg.

Executives from Silversea and Meyer Werft marked the occasion with a traditional steel cutting ceremony last month.

Set for delivery in summer 2023, *Nova* will be Silversea's first hybrid, luxury cruise ship.

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