



Hurtigruten expands Galapagos

HURTIGRUTEN will more than double its Galapagos Islands offering from 2023, adding three new year-round itineraries.

The cruise line's inaugural Galapagos expedition cruise departs next month, and for 2023 and 2024, guests will be able to choose from four different small-ship expedition cruises ranging from four to eight nights, covering almost the entirety of the 19-island archipelago.

The six-night Eastern Galapagos itinerary that launches 07 Jan will be complemented with a four-night Northern Galapagos cruise, a four-night Western Galapagos sailing, and an eight-night combination voyage covering the north and west.

All four options are now available to book.

In addition, Hurtigruten has expanded its land-based pre and post program, adding the luxury



rainforest hotel Mashpi Lodge, located a few hours northwest of Quito, as a three-night pre or post-tour for any cruise in the region.

"This is one of the most distinct and pristine destinations there is...the iconic Galapagos can be considered a planet within planet

Earth due to its distinct wildlife and pristine landscape," said Hurtigruten Expeditions Chief Executive Officer Asta Lassenes.

"We are exceptionally proud to offer even more chances to sustainably connect with this adventure travel treasure."

Pictured: Santa Cruz II.

Cruise Weekly today

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

P&O out 'til Apr

P&O Cruises Australia has paused until Apr, marking a full two years' suspension.

The extended pause cancels cruises scheduled to depart from 03 Mar until 16 Apr from Sydney and Brisbane.

P&O Australia President Sture Myrmell said during the pandemic, guests had displayed incredible patience and loyalty to P&O.

"However, as we approach the two-year mark in our rolling pause in operations, it is understandable that our guests will be very disappointed and frustrated that there is still no agreed restart plan for cruising".

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PORTHOLE

CRUISERS aboard Virgin Voyages can now become *Buried* in Ryan Reynolds' Aviation American Gin.

The actor's liquor brand is already available aboard Virgin Voyages' sister brand, airline Virgin Atlantic, and will now be available on the high seas.

"I can't seem to escape Ryan... he keeps following me around," said Virgin Group founder Richard Branson.

"Thankfully I really enjoy Aviation Gin so I was excited to bring this product to Virgin Voyages after their partnership with Virgin Atlantic."

MSC ups S. America

MSC Cruises will deploy five ships in South America for the 2022/23 season.

The program will be the biggest ever in the market, with the cruise line's flagship *MSC Seashore* to make her debut in the region.

She will be one of four ships (including *MSC Armonia*, *MSC Fantasia*, and *MSC Seaview*) to be based in Brazil, with one (*MSC Musica*) to homeport in Argentina.

All ships expect *Seashore*, will make regular visits to Uruguay, while *MSC Magnifica* will also visit South American destinations in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, and Peru during her 117-day world cruise.

Aus-amara visits the US



Pictured with Captain Johannes Tysse are Director of Sales Belle Osmic, Managing Director International Business Development Patrice Willoughby, and Business Development Managers Kristina Sambaher, Bruno Jensen, Jessica Marsh, and Jose Roncero.

Inset: Sambaher and Marsh enjoy a drink aboard *Quest*.

AZAMARA'S Australian team is currently aboard *Azamara Quest* for a 13-day round-trip Caribbean Sunsets Voyage - the first time the group has been able to board one of the cruise line's ships since being sold by Royal Caribbean Cruises (**CW 20 Jan**).

Sailing from Miami, the group is attending Azamara's on-board global sales conference, where they have been learning from, and exchanging ideas with, teams from the United Kingdom, EMA and Mexico.

Viking releases new Ocean brox

VIKING has launched its new 2022-24 Ocean Cruise brochure, featuring a brand-new ship, itineraries, and departures dates for popular voyages.

The 265-page brochure is packed with destination information, ship insights, and more.

Order now from TIFS or to view the brochure online, [CLICK HERE](#).



CLIA UPDATE

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Continue the fight

THE latest extension of Australia's long-running cruise ban is another slap in the face for our industry, and this time the sting is especially sharp.

Many months of persistent efforts by CLIA and cruise lines had brought clear signs of progress and a succession of supportive comments made by political leaders.

Remember Health Minister Greg Hunt talking about cruising by Christmas?

However, as Australia opens to other forms of travel, the federal government faltered when it came to cruising.

Instead of plans for resumption, the ban was extended to 17 Feb in an announcement made just minutes before close of business on Fri.

In response, CLIA spent the weekend seizing media opportunities to emphasise the devastating impact this will have on Australian travel agents and other local businesses.

We are also making our feelings known directly to state and federal govt, at many levels.

Your voices have made a huge difference when raised to support our own, and we again urge you to make your anger known to your local MPs.

Visit our website to find your MP and contact them again by phone, by email or social media.

