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## Cruise Weekly today

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

## Nova pre-sale open

PRE-SALE reservations are now available for Silversea Cruises' *Silver Nova* (CW 06 Dec), for travel advisors and members of the line's loyalty program.

The limited-time offer is available until 06 Jan.

The inaugural season for *Nova* will commence on 15 Jul 2023, and includes immersive sailings ranging from seven to 23 days.

*Nova's* 10-day maiden voyage from Southampton to Lisbon will include three days in Bordeaux to explore the region's historical sights, 18th-century cultural heritage, castles, vineyards, and French-style gardens.

## Eclipse 2023-24 Antarctic season

SCENIC Luxury Cruises & Tours has announced the early release of its 2023/24 Antarctica voyages aboard *Scenic Eclipse* (pictured).

Three new early release itineraries have been announced, including an Antarctica fly-cruise to King George Island.

The nine-day Antarctica Insights: Fly & Cruise enables guests to fly over the Drake Passage, arriving at King George Island to embark *Eclipse*.

The flight option provides a shorter overall voyage and ensures guests will land in Antarctica fresh and ready to explore.

There is also the nine day fly-fly itinerary Wild Antarctica, Fly the Drake, which includes return flights both ways.

Meanwhile, the 16-day Beyond the Antarctic Circle includes an additional night to cross and explore the Antarctic Circle in



greater depth, with more sea ice and wildlife.

The once-in-a-lifetime voyage offers a chance to explore more places and landings, and to spend more time in Antarctica's wildlife-filled landscapes.

Guests booking these newly launched 2023/24 Antarctica voyages can save up to 20% with Super Earlybird offers.

Selected departures also feature inclusions such as return Economy flights, internal flights from and to Buenos Aires or Punta Arenas, transfers,

up to 10 dining experiences, premium branded beverages and immersive discovery excursions.

All new bookings also include Scenic's Flexible Booking Policy, enabling guests to defer or cancel their cruise up to 60 days prior to departure, as well as a complimentary Deposit Protection Plan.

*Eclipse* will become one of the first ships in the world to start operations in Antarctica, after an almost two-year hiatus, when she operates six sailings in the region commencing 08 Jan 2022.

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## Viking Egypt '24

**VIKING** has revealed its 2024 departures for its Pharaohs & Pyramids Egypt river cruise season, with savings of \$2,000 per couple.

The program includes the popular 12-day Pharaohs & Pyramids itinerary from Cairo return, which is priced from \$7,995 per person in a Deluxe stateroom.

Highlights include a three-night stay in Cairo, including meals and excursions, a flight to Luxor to discover the Valley of the Kings, and a visit to Aswan, Egypt's bustling market city.

For additional information, phone Viking on 138 747.

## Hurtigruten named

**CLIMATE** research and conservation projects have received a funding boost from the Hurtigruten Foundation.

Seven projects around the world, particularly where Hurtigruten Group's portfolio of businesses operate, are to receive funding from the cruise line's Foundation.

A total of kr500,000 (AUD\$77,531) in funding will go to Friends of the North Cape, the Fundacion de Conservacion Jocotoco, Maria Rossi on Svalbard, The Municipality of Cambridge Bay, Oceans Initiative, Universidad de los Andes, and Ushuaia te abraza.

Hurtigruten Foundation MD Henrik Lund said the charity was overwhelmed by the great number of worthy applications.

## NCL's Aussies hit the seas



**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line's (NCL) Australian sales team has just returned from its first overseas trip in almost two years, enjoying a week sailing from Miami to the Caribbean for the line's annual global sales conference on board *Norwegian Encore*.

The ship is the newest in NCL's fleet, and was one of the cruise line's first ships to return to sailing as a part of the Great Cruise Comeback.

On board, the team took part in workshops to learn from and exchange ideas with NCL colleagues from all over the world.

On shore in St. Thomas, over 100 members of the global team spent time giving back to the community, with a beach clean-up on Vessup Beach, and a donation of USD\$10,000 by Norwegian, in partnership with the Virgin Islands Conservation Society.

"It's so exciting to be travelling and cruising once again, now that we're celebrating 10 ships back in the water and back to doing

what we do best – delivering exceptional holidays at sea," said Director of Sales AUNZ, Damian Borg.

"Having the opportunity to really live our Sail & Sustain program by taking positive action to support the local community and its environment was truly a highlight."

**Pictured** helping clean up the beach are Business Development Manager Jacinta Baker, Senior Manager Sales Angela Middleton, Business Development Manager Vanessa Green, Borg, and Vice President & Managing Director APAC Ben Angell.

## Now Az a good deal

**AZAMARA** has launched its Wave season travel specials, offering savings of up to 15% and USD\$500 of onboard credit.

Book by 31 Mar to access the offer, which is available on a wide variety of 2022 and 2023 Azamara voyages.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details.



**THE** United States' National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration is sending robot boats into the eye of hurricanes to collect video and data to help understand extreme weather.

The fleet of modified saildrones are obviously unmanned, and can stay at sea indefinitely, with a combination of wind and solar power.

They have also been modified to handle 140mph winds and giant waves.

Researchers say the Saildrone project should provide useful data on rapid intensification, when hurricane winds gain in strength over the course of a few hours.

Intensification can be dangerous to coastal communities because it gives so little warning.

## Cunard wave season

**CUNARD** Line has launched a wave season offer of savings of up to 30%, plus reduced deposits and complimentary gratuities.

Guests can select from a range of iconic sailings, including a summer cruise in Australia's southern waters, an exploration of the untouched wilderness of Alaska, an iconic Christmas voyage, or the inspiration of the ancient customs of Japan.

For all itineraries and to book, [CLICK HERE](#).