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Silversea celebrates new Dawn

SILVERSEA Cruises continues to show its belief in a strong future for the sector, with the new *Silver Dawn* (pictured) floating out in Ancona, Italy.

The new ship, a sister vessel to both Silversea's flagship *Silver Muse* and *Silver Moon* (CW 02 Nov 2020), is on track for delivery in Nov after floating out over the weekend.

When she finally takes to the seas later this year she will boost Silversea's fleet to 10 vessels.

The fitting out phase will now begin, with Silversea President & Chief Executive Officer Roberto Martinoli hailing *Silver Dawn*, as well as the Silversea's continuing alliance with Fincantieri.

"We proudly celebrate this major milestone in the build of our beautiful new *Silver Dawn*," Martinoli said.

"Our long-term collaboration with Fincantieri continues to push



boundaries in the ultra-luxury cruise industry, while the ongoing support and expertise of the Royal Caribbean Group has been invaluable to the ship's build.

"While *Silver Dawn* takes influence from our beloved ships *Silver Muse* and *Silver Moon*, our guests will benefit from many

pioneering enhancements aboard the tenth ship in our fleet.

"We look forward to revealing these in the coming months," he added.

Silver Dawn will be the third ship in the Muse-class series, and is part of a long-term plan to grow Silversea's fleet.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front full page from **Norwegian Cruise Line** and a back page from **Hurtigruten**.

Toscana floats

COSTA Cruises' *Costa Toscana* has floated out at the Meyer Turku shipyard.

Toscana is a LNG-powered ship, with Costa Chief Commercial Officer Mario Zanetti saying the cruise line is focused on a transformation of its fleet and operations into a sustainable model.

"In addition to LNG technology, we are developing other innovative solutions, such as shore power and batteries, as we continue to work towards achieving zero emissions over time," he said.

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A MESSAGE in a bottle has been found after two years of bobbing around the Pacific Ocean.

A conservationist on a remote island in Papua New Guinea found the message, launched by an American girl off the side of her family boat, on route from Vanuatu to the Marshall Islands.

The bottle bobbed more than 2,500 kilometres, and contained a handful of rice grains, a few seashells, and a note, which detailed the girl's life at sea with her family, who cruise around the South Pacific "doing translation work and language documentation on remote islands".

The message was dropped at latitude 0 degrees - right on the equator, and the conservationist who found the bottle has since Zoomed with the messenger, and has invited her to come and visit PNG - when coronavirus restrictions ease, of course.

Aurora Antarctica 22/23



AURORA Expeditions has opened pre-registration for its Antarctic 2022/23 voyages.

With Aurora celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, travellers are invited to be first in line for earlybird promotions when bookings open in mid-Feb.

The season marks the highest number of trips Aurora has operated in one Antarctic **(pictured)** program, with 26 departures running across its two purpose-built expedition ships, *Greg Mortimer* and *Sylvia Earle*.

The new Antarctic 2022/23 program includes a Spirit of Antarctica itinerary, which sails across the Drake Passage, and offers the chance to Zodiac through pack ice; Across the Antarctic Circle, allowing travellers to witnessing feeding whales and penguin colonies; and the Antarctica Explorer, travelling to the continent's Peninsula, to view a variety of whales.

Other highlights include the Wild Antarctica voyage, which ventures to the perimeter of the Weddell Sea; the Subantarctic Safari, which visits the Falkland Islands, where travellers can view a range of penguin species including king, macaroni, rockhopper, Magellanic and gentoo; and the South Georgia & Antarctica Odyssey, encompassing the best of the Antarctic Peninsula and the wildlife of South Georgia.

Full itineraries, prices and any available early booking offers will be revealed later, and a deposit is not required when registering interest - **CLICK HERE**.

CLIA guide out

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia has released a travel agent member guide for 2021.

Key information in the publication includes CLIA member benefits, how to update your personal profile, accessing the Members Hub, and redemption instructions for the 2021 Agent Rewards Program (**CW** 15 Oct 2020).

Members can log into the CLIA Members Hub to download the guide.

"CLIA is planning a busy year to help support our industry's revival, so it's important that travel agents understand the full range of benefits available to them and can make the most of what's on offer," said CLIA Managing Director Australasia Joel Katz.

"All our efforts in 2021 will be aimed at supporting our members in their recovery and putting them in a stronger position to capitalise on cruising's return."

APT cancellations

APT Travel Group has suspended all international touring and cruises until the end of Mar, excluding Australia to New Zealand departures.

The Group is offering a future holiday credit valid for any of its brands' tours or cruises up until the end of 2023, including APT, Botanica, Travelglo, or Travelmarvel.

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