



Silversea 2023/2024

SILVERSEA Cruises has opened an exclusive pre-sale on its new 2023/2024 season, which will see *Silver Explorer* spend her farewell season in the Kimberley.

The cruise line has launched its largest-ever destination offering, including its biggest-ever season in Australia, with 25 departures, maiden calls, and new itineraries, as well as *Explorer's* 10 farewell expeditions in the Kimberley, which will include two brand new routes.

Explorer will also offer two 17-day itineraries between Darwin and Perth, enabling guests to discover the Montebello Islands, the Dampier Archipelago and the Abrolhos, as well as an 18-day itinerary from Cairns to Broome.

Silver Muse and *Silver Whisper* will sail 15 voyages, offering more in-depth explorations of the New South Wales coast, with calls in Eden and Jervis Bay, as well as overnights in Tasmania.

Muse will also unlock some

of the region's best golfing opportunities, with Silversea offering extended calls in some of Australia's most iconic destinations.

The pre-sale is open now to Venetian Society members on more than 280 new voyages for 2023/2024, with a record 690 destinations in 125 countries.

Other highlights of the season include all-new Arabian Peninsula voyages, Silversea's first expeditions in the Baltic Sea, an extended season in the Mediterranean, maiden calls in Alaska, the cruise line's first summer itineraries in Canada and New England, a 24-day crossing of the Northwest Passage, cruises to Cape Horn from Puerto Williams and more.

Until the end of Nov, guests can reserve their suites with a reduced deposit of just 15%.

The new 2023/2024 voyage collection will open for sale to the general public on 11 Aug.

Rail & sail savings

CRUISE Traveller is offering savings on a new luxury Australian rail and sail adventure in Dec 2022, including a voyage aboard Ponant's *Le Laprouse* and an Indian Pacific train journey.

Couples save up to \$5,460 and solos \$5,530 on the cross-continent voyage.

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RCG Alaska funds

ROYAL Caribbean Group (RCG) has bolstered the Alaska Travel Industry Association Foundation's pandemic recovery efforts, funding a grant for more than 65 tourism businesses.

Recipients include small tourism operators, such as Sitka Bike and Hike and Chilkat River Adventures.

HAL, Princess Seattle send-off



CARNIVAL Corporation pulled out all stops to celebrate the restart of its American cruise operations (**CW** 26 Jul) in Alaska, hosting a special event in Seattle with a moose in tow!

As well as the nautically-dressed mascot, a host of dignitaries were in attendance including Carnival Corporation President & Chief Executive Officer, Arnold Donald, Holland America Line President Gus Antorcha and Princess Cruises President Jan Swartz.

The momentous occasion saw Holland America's *Nieuw Amsterdam* depart from Seattle on Sat, followed the next day by Princess' *Majestic Princess* (**CW** yesterday).

Each line will operate 10 voyages out of the Washington port through until Sep, taking guests to experience Alaska which has been a mainstay of their itineraries for many years.



Historically, one-in-two guests who sail to Alaska take a cruise with either Holland America or Princess, with both lines homeporting out of Seattle for more than 20 years.

"Operationally, each ship visit directly contributes more than US\$364,000 to the local economy in provisioning, port taxes and spending," Carnival said, with the return of cruising creating a multidimensional impact on Seattle, the local community as well as the state of Alaska.

The executive team and senior ship officers are **pictured** above, while **inset** are Antorcha, Swartz and Donald in front of *Majestic Princess* at the Seattle dock.



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WITH cruise ships recently banned from Venice's lagoon, you may see a different kind of vessel sailing up and down the city's canals soon - a violin.

An Italian artist recently built an incredible 12-metre boat, precisely resembling a violin.

The floating fiddle is the brainchild of Venetian sculptor Livio De Marchi, who has been creating floating works for Venice for decades.

The violin measures 12 metres in length, and is four metres wide.

De Marchi describes his work as *Noah's Violin* - [CLICK HERE](#).

CSO struck down

AN AMERICAN appeals court has lifted the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's (CDC) cruise ship restrictions, in a win for Florida.

Late last week, the federal appeals court let stand a lower court order, which prohibited the CDC from enforcing its Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) (**CW** 21 Jun).

Stunningly, the court had only the week prior voted to block the lower court's decision (**CW** 20 Jul), but in a change of heart, the three-judge appeals panel withdrew the earlier order, and rejected the government's request because it had "failed to demonstrate an entitlement to a stay pending appeal."

Seashore delivered



MSC Cruises has taken delivery of *MSC Seashore* from Fincantieri's Monfalcone shipyard (**pictured**).

The cruise line's new flagship is the second new vessel to join the now 19-strong fleet this year, and will feature some of the most advanced environmental technologies currently available at sea.

Seashore will offer northern summer cruises in the Mediterranean before moving to homeport in Miami for the northern winter season.

An intimate ceremony was held to mark the occasion at Fincantieri in Monfalcone attended in-person by MSC Cruises Executive Chairperson Pierfrancesco Vago, the shipyard's Chairperson & Chief Executive Officer, Giampiero Massolo and Giuseppe Bono, as well as representatives from the cruise line's newbuilds team.

During the ceremony, Fincantieri Shipyard Director Roberto Olivari presented to *Seashore's* Master Giuseppe Galano an ampoule containing the water that first

touched the hull when the ship was floated out earlier this year.

Her sister ship *MSC Seascope* is currently under construction at Fincantieri, and is due to come into service in next year's northern winter.

"I consider this ship not only the best symbol of recovery for the whole cruise sector, but also of the capability of the Group to leverage its competences and soundness to fully preserve our workload," said Bono.

Disney restart

DISNEY Cruise Line's restart will include masks for guests aged two and up, and will jettison character meet-and-greets.

The cruise line is set to restart sailings from Port Canaveral beginning on 09 Aug, with three- and four-night sailings aboard *Disney Dream*.

The cruises will visit Disney's private Bahamas island, Castaway Cay, where masks will not be required.



Put cruise in the plan

WHILE a big part of Australia's population remains in lockdown, it's still important for our industry to secure a plan for the future so that we're ready when conditions allow a careful return to cruising.

In recent days CLIA has been working with MPs to arrange more detailed discussions with health officials, so we can work through the extensive new health protocols that will underpin our revival.

Now that Australian govts have agreed to develop a four-phase plan to ease travel restrictions and other COVID-19 measures, CLIA is making this a key focus of our lobbying.

We are working to ensure cruising is included in this plan and that a pathway to resumption is opened.

To help support our efforts, we're urging travel advisors, industry suppliers and other stakeholders to hold their own meetings with MPs, to show them how the current crisis is impacting real Australians.

To get involved, visit [Meet Your MP](#) where you'll find an online toolkit with instructions on how to seek a meeting with your MP and put forward your personal case for cruising's revival.

