



### Cruise Weekly today

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

## Endeavor christened



**CRYSTAL** Expedition Cruises has christened *Crystal Endeavor*.

Godmother Manuela Schwesig, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania Prime Minister, christened the vessel, the first-ever Polar class expedition yacht made in Germany.

Almost 100 people attended the ceremony, which took place on the helipad of the ship at MV Werften, and was also livestreamed on the Crystal Facebook page.

*Endeavor* accommodates just 200 guests in 100 all-verandah, all-butler serviced suites.

The vessel includes Umi Uma, the first Japanese restaurant on an expedition ship, Vintage Room experience, the only casino on an expedition yacht, a glass-covered, two-storey solarium – housing the Seahorse Pool and Jacuzzi, providing panoramic views from sea to sky, and the full-service

Crystal Life Salon & Spa, with a state-of-the-art Fitness Center.

*Endeavor* also incorporates Crystal's iconic a wrap-around Promenade Deck.

Expedition-specific amenities include high-tech enrichment spaces, designated mud rooms, an Expedition Lounge and even a Helicopter Lounge.

*Endeavor's* marina will feature a fleet of Zodiacs, kayaks, snorkel gear, and a six-guest submersible & two helicopters also adding to the expedition options in select regions of the world.

The ship will debut with an Iceland and Norway expedition, offering an exploration of Scandinavia's landscapes and fjords (**CW** 19 May).

**Pictured** are Schwesig, Crystal Vice President Entertainment Keith Cox, Genting Hong Kong Group President Colin Au, and Captain Jan Rautawaara.

## Edge begins US return to sailing

**CELEBRITY** Cruises' *Celebrity Edge* has become the first cruise ship to sail from an American port in 15 months.

Departing Fort Lauderdale over the weekend, *Edge* set sail for Mexico and the Bahamas.

"This is a momentous sailing and one that we have been preparing for a long time," said Royal Caribbean Group Chairman Richard Fain.

"It's not only a huge honour to be the first ship back in the water, leading the industry in the long-awaited return to US-based cruising, it's also an incredible achievement and testament to the tireless efforts of our shoreside team and onboard crew."

The sailing means eight of the 14 ships within the *Celebrity* fleet now have plans to return to cruising this year, including *Celebrity Millennium* leading the cruise line's return to service as the first ship to sail in the Caribbean on 05 Jun from St. Maarten (**CW** 08 Jun).

*Celebrity* Senior Vice President of Hotel Operations Brian Abel said the significance of this moment was not lost within the cruise line's team, or the wider industry.

"We have longed for this day, not only because it represents a return to service and doing what we love to do most".

## Cruiseco chief moves up at HLO

**CRUISECO** interim Chief Executive Officer Nic Cola has been promoted to become Head of Retail & Commercial (Australia) at Helloworld Travel.

Cola, who has been part of Helloworld since late last year when its acquisition of the Cruiseco wholesale consortium settled (**CW** 23 Nov 2020), will now "carry overarching responsibility for Helloworld's retail franchise and buying group networks," according to an update from HLO CEO, Andrew Burnes, on Fri.

He will also become responsible for Helloworld's commercial relationships with air, land and other supplier partners across the globe.

Burnes said that with 14 years of experience driving change at Fairfax Media prior to joining Cruiseco, "Cola is one of the most experienced executives in digital development and transformation in Australia".

"Nic has the vision and experience to fast track Helloworld's transformation of its agency and broker networks," Burnes said.

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## HAL northern autumn cruises

**HOLLAND** America Line (HAL) has announced its northern autumn cruises in the United States, with six ships set to be sailing.

*Koningsdam* and *Zuiderdam* will operate Hawaii, Mexico and West Coast departures from San Diego, while *Rotterdam* will make her debut in the Caribbean sailing from Fort Lauderdale, joining *Eurodam*, *Nieuw Amsterdam* and *Nieuw Statendam*.

A total of 40 cruises will be offered from San Diego from 18 Sep 2021 through to 22 Apr 2022, while roundtrip Florida sailings will start from 23 Oct through to 07 Apr 2022.

Caribbean cruises range in length from four to 14 days, and include a call at Half Moon Cay, HAL's private island in the Bahamas.

## Terminal looking ship-shape



**A GROUP** of MTA advisors recently enjoyed a tour of the rejuvenated Brisbane Cruise Terminal, hosted by World's Leading Cruise Lines.

The terminal has grown significantly to meet increased demand over recent years, as more cruise lines include Brisbane on their itineraries.

It is now capable of welcoming

ships up to 270 metres in length.

The planned opening of the \$177 million Terminal has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Pictured** are MTA's Robyn Denisenko, Katrina Casey, Fiona Gent, Carnival Cruise Line National Account Manager Mark Richards, and MTA's Tracey Flower and Jason Denisenko.

## There's enough cash

**CARNIVAL** Corporation's second quarter ended with US\$9.3 billion of cash and short-term investments, which the company believes is sufficient liquidity to return to full cruise operations.

Currently, 42 ships from eight of Carnival's nine brands either have resumed or are announced to resume guest operations by the end of Nov, which is more than 50% of the company's capacity, with more announcements expected in the coming weeks.

Despite the positivity, Carnival still recorded an adjusted net loss of US\$2 billion, as detailed in the company's second quarter business update.

However, customer deposits increased from quarter to quarter, with the period's booking volumes 45% higher.

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### Silversea Venetian reunion sailings

**SILVERSEA** Cruises has announced new Venetian Society Reunion cruises for next year, offering members the chance to reunite at sea.

As well as saving 5% on the cruise fare, Venetian Society members will enjoy an array of benefits, one-of-a-kind events, and exclusive experiences ashore.

The first Venetian Society Reunion voyage is a seven-day Barcelona to Lisbon 02-09 Nov 2022 departure aboard what will then be Silversea's newest addition to its fleet, *Silver Dawn*.

Guests will discover ports such as Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Cartagena, Malaga, and Cadiz.

A 14-day Reunion voyage will also sail from 10 Nov to 14 Nov 2022, from Hong Kong to Singapore.

Travellers will visit destinations like Ha Long Bay, Chan May, Ho Chi Minh City and Bangkok.

View the Venetian Society Reunion sailings [HERE](#).

**AFTER** all these years, Noah's Ark has finally been impounded for not having appropriate seaworthiness paperwork.

The replica vessel, which has been docked in Ipswich in the United Kingdom has been racking up £500-a-day fines since the beginning of Apr.

It arrived at Orwell Quay in Nov 2019, and has been detained for around 18 months by the Coastguard, and Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps has been asked to get involved.

The £2.6 million biblical museum is owned by Dutch television producer Aad Peters, who could apply for an exemption to be allowed to return the ship to the Netherlands, but the Coastguard insists this would not be safe.

The authorities have found a range of issues, including overdue services for life-saving equipment such as life jackets, a fire kit and life boats - fair enough for a vessel as old as it is.



**MSC** Cruises has named its second Seaside EVO class ship *MSC Seascope* at the ship's coin ceremony (**pictured**) at Fincantieri's shipyard in Monfalcone.

*Seascope* is named to pay homage to the views to be enjoyed from the ship thanks to her innovative design, MSC revealed on the day of the keel-laying.

Like her sister ship *MSC Seashore*, *Seascope* is a further evolution of the Seaside class, with the EVO ships coming with enhanced features, spaces and experiences for guests.

*Seascope* is designed to connect cruisers with the sea through her innovative design, including 13,000m<sup>2</sup> of outdoor space.

Scheduled to enter service in Nov 2022, *Seascope* will be able to accommodate 5,877 guests. MSC Category Manager Retail

Monica Somma and Fincantieri Production Supervisor Jolette Vincenzi, long-standing employees for their respective companies, performed the traditional maritime ritual as godmothers, when they placed two coins within the ship's keel as a historical sign of blessing and good fortune for the construction of the ship and her future at sea.

"The coins we lay today to mark a key construction milestone of one of our ships are an important symbol of our confidence in the cruise industry and the future of travel and tourism," said MSC Cruises Executive Chairman Pierfrancesco Vago.

"When she joins our fleet, *MSC Seascope* will generate meaningful economic impact not only for the shipbuilding industry and its entire supply chain but for all the ports and destinations that she reaches".



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