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Aurora details Australian season

AURORA Expeditions has revealed details of some of its itineraries and activities on its inaugural Australian season (*CW* 01 Mar).

Antarctic Ross Sea & Commonwealth Bay voyages will operate round trip from Hobart aboard *Greg Mortimer*, which will become the first time an X-BOW passenger ship will sail Australian waters.

Aurora's activity program for the season, running from Jun to Mar, includes sea kayaking, clearbottom kayaking, scuba and shark diving, climbing, helicopter rides, and snorkelling with sea lions in Hopkins Island, & dolphins in Kangaroo Island.

The season begins in northern Australia, with a Kimberley in Depth itinerary, which will sail Darwin to Broome between 08 Jul and the end of Aug.

Travellers will explore King

George River and its falls, which cascade over 80-metre sandstone cliffs.

Further Western Australian itineraries are the 10-day Ningaloo Reef Adventure, which sees travellers embark on a Zodiac-cruise, snorkel, kayak or dive among coral reefs, lagoons and canyons of Rowley Shoals Marine Park.

The season then heads to the south coast, with the Southern Australia Coastal Discovery, which departs 04 Oct across 12 days.

Travellers will explore and learn about the marine ecosystems designated as "Hope Spots" by Sylvia Earle's Mission Blue team, including the Great Southern Reef, Salisbury Island and Kangaroo Island.

Also on offer is the Bass Strait Islands & East Coast Discovery voyage, departing across seven days on a number of dates,

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visiting the remote and rarely visited islands of the region.

Aurora's season in the Southern Ocean begins with Mawson's Antarctica on 11 Dec, which travels across 25 days, offering the only access to East Antarctica from Australia.

The itinerary also navigates mazes of pack ice alive populated by seals, penguins and hunting orcas to reach Mawson's Hut, and Commonwealth Bay.

Other similar departures include the Antarctica featuring the Ross Sea itinerary, travelling from 05 Jan to 25 Feb, and the 18-day Subantarctic Discovery, which visits Bruny Island's Cloudy Bay and explores the remote New Harbour.

Bookings open in one week, and expressions of interest can be lodged **HERE**.

Call Aurora Expeditions on 1800 637 688.



PRINCESS Cruises has announced its 2022-2023 South America & Antarctica season, on sale 10 Mar.

Sapphire Princess is set to visit 19 destinations in 10 countries on six itineraries, with highlights of the new season to include the Andes & South America, which includes an overnight in Lima with an optional overland tour to Machu Picchu; and the Antarctica & Cape Horn, which features four days cruising around the continent, and a special holiday sailing, which includes both Christmas and New Year's Day.

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SYDNEY was recently announced as the third most expensive city to live in, but I'm not sure economists saw even this coming...

A private boat shed in the Emerald City recently hit the market with a price guide of \$37 million to \$40 million - yes, that's probably more expensive than 99.99% percent of private real estate in the country.

Located on a vast waterfront block in the harbourside neighbourhood of Point Piper, the real estate is being offered to buyers on the quiet - but parties are still expected to shout about a nationwide record for its class.

The 2,000m² property comes with no house on the site, but instead a boat shed, which has been used as an accommodation for many years.

It also features a harbourfront swimming pool and one of the largest private berths in Sydney Harbour.

Tradewind appoints

DEREK Allen has been appointed Head Chef for new cruise line Tradewind Voyages, which is set to begin sailing soon with Golden Horizon.

With Tradewind's inaugural ship to grace Australian waters next summer, Allen will focus on creating "healthy classic dishes with a modern, creative twist".

Now this looks exotic!



OCEANIA Cruises Vice President AU/NZ Jason Worth (pictured) had a big night, after the cruise line's Tropics and Exotics collection went on sale globally at about 1am AEDT.

Worth gave Cruise Weekly a sneak peek at the program, which includes departures from late 2022 into 2023 and some intriguing itineraries, such as a 35-day Australian circumnavigation and a NZ roundtrip voyage ex-Sydney, which is a first for the region.

He said after the recent rapid sellout of Oceania's 2023 World Cruise (CW 09 Feb), the cruise line was expecting strong local demand for the program, and in particular some of the longer "bucket list" itineraries including a 77-day odyssey from Los Angeles to Australia via Alaska, Russia, Japan and South East Asia. Half-price deposits are on offer for bookings over the next two months to help agents get travellers over the line, building on Oceania's strong

focus on the trade including launch of a new advisor loyalty program which is now live - see oceaniatradeconnect.com and the front page for more.

Unique releases new training

UNIQUE Cruises has released play-on-demand travel advisor training to illustrate why the cruise line's "luxury barge bubble" will be a safer alternative to river cruising in Europe.

Currently operating in five countries (England, France, Ireland, Italy and Scotland), barge cruising is expanding into more countries across Europe, opening up a wider stream of authentic travel destinations.

Unique Founder & Director Walter Nand has produced the training in partnership with the Travel Industry Network, and it is available HERE.

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