



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Norwegian teases new ship class

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line is expected to unveil details of a new class of vessels later this week, with social media posts suggesting "the great wide open is about to get greater with the reveal of Norwegian's most spacious new ship".

### Pandaw \$100 depts

**PANDAW** Cruises has extended its US\$100 deposit program for all new bookings sailing throughout 2022/23. Passengers can pay this nominal amount to secure a cabin, with the remaining 20% deposit amount due on 30 Sep.

## Scenic cancels Kimberley season

### EXCLUSIVE

**SCENIC** Group will not operate its highly anticipated 2021 Kimberley cruise program aboard *Scenic Eclipse*, saying that there remains too much uncertainty about the lifting of restrictions on cruising in Australian waters.

General Manager Sales & Marketing Australasia Anthony Laver said at the time the program was launched (**CW** 03 Mar) "we were confident that by late Jun 2021 we would be able to deliver a unique experience for our guests," with the vaccination schedule looking promising and anticipation that lockdowns and border closures would no longer be required.

"We were preparing to bring *Scenic Eclipse* from the Northern Hemisphere to Australia with a fully quarantined, tested and vaccinated crew, on a 30+ day journey at sea and to operate in

full compliance with the strict procedures specified by the various Government agencies.

"However, with the continued uncertainty on the timing for permits and approvals to be granted, it is not possible for us to relocate the ship and crew in the hope that at some stage these restrictions may be lifted."

Scenic's local cruise program had been scheduled to kick off on 19 Jun, comprising five voyages operating between Broome and Darwin and allowing passengers to experience the vessel, which has undergone a makeover during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman and Founder, Glen Moroney, has written to impacted guests, saying "as you can imagine this decision was not taken lightly."

"Being a proudly Australian-founded company, bringing *Scenic Eclipse* home for you to experience this ultra-luxury

Discovery Yacht would have truly been a dream come true for us."

Moroney said the move followed months of ongoing liaison with the relevant federal, state and territory government authorities, agencies and national health committees to ensure Scenic complied with all the various requirements.

"However despite our best efforts, the current restrictions on foreign flagged vessels in the Kimberley region to carry a maximum of 150 people also makes it impossible for *Scenic Eclipse* to operate.

"There is no certainty as to when these restrictions will be lifted," Moroney said.

*Scenic Eclipse* remains in the Northern Hemisphere, currently located in the Adriatic Sea off the coast of Croatia.

Scenic last week returned its Portugal cruises to operation.

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## A royalty of newly crowned Princesses

**PRINCESS** Cruises is hoping to strengthen its Australian trade relations with a reorganisation of its local sales team.

Strategic changes to Princess' sales functions include the creation of five new State Manager leadership positions to strengthen support for advisors.

In addition, there will be expanded Key Account and National Account management and Sales Analytics teams, and a Sales Operations Support Group.

Director of Sales & Marketing Nick Ferguson and Head of Sales Operations Brett Wendorf will remain in place, leading State Managers Helen Mezzan (Queensland), Emma Pequin (Western Australia), Rachaelle Tyrrell (New South Wales/ACT) and Jared Voss (Victoria/Tasmania), with roles covering South Australia and the NT to be announced in time.



David Craven, who formerly held the position of Queensland Business Development Manager, has been promoted to Key Account Manager, where he will work alongside fellow KAM Shaun Kavanagh to drive strategic planning and marketing support to large accounts within the longstanding Carnival Australia Partnership program.

Elly Eves has also been promoted to Sales Operations

Specialist, where she will manage a number of Princess' more specialised distribution channels, and provide distribution operation support.

Working alongside her will be former Victoria/Tasmania and Western Australia Business Development Manager, Jackie Schurmann, who moves into a Sales Specialist role leading a number of IT projects for the Sales Team.

### Windstar package

**CRUISE** Traveller has created a Business class superyacht package to New Zealand for Dec 2022.

Travellers can save almost \$4,000 per couple on the new year's voyage around New Zealand aboard Windstar Cruises' *Star Breeze*.

The exclusive package also offers US\$1,000 per person on board spending credit for bookings made by the end of next month.

The 12-night New Zealand Breeze package begins on 29 Dec 2022 with a Business flight from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Christchurch for a one-night stay.

The next day, guests will board the 312-guest *Star Breeze* for an 11-night cruise to Auckland via Fjordland, Stewart Island, Picton, Wellington and more - [HERE](#).

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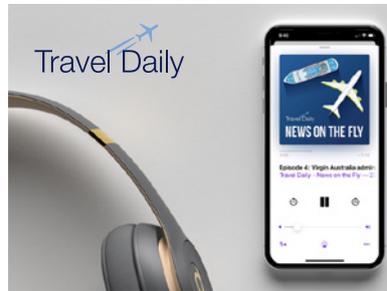
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## PORTHOLE

**MODEL** boat maker and nonagenarian Robert Butler is celebrating his 25th anniversary of his craft.

For the past quarter-century, the 98-year-old Sydney-based World War II veteran has been donating the model ships he crafts to aged care residents - a group he would have no trouble qualifying for himself.

To date, he has donated more than a dozen boats to residents of assisted living facility Whiddon Easton Park in west Sydney.

## The E-Motion is building



**THE** construction of A-ROSA River Cruises' new E-Motion ship is completed, with the vessel now being transferred to the Netherlands for interior fitting and finishing (**pictured**).

The ship was taken downstream from its shipyard Şantierul Naval Severnav on the Danube River to the port of Constanța, on Romania's Black Sea coast, where she was loaded onto a dock ship.

The new ship is now travelling through the Bosphorus, the Mediterranean, and the Bay of Biscay to Rotterdam, where she is expected to arrive in the coming days.

The interior work will then be carried out at the Concordia Damen shipyard.

"We are very pleased that our newest fleet member has taken an important step on her journey to becoming our new flagship vessel," said Chief Executive Officer Jorg Eichler.

"This ship enables us to once again pioneer innovation within the European river cruise market and set new product and

environmental standards.

"It will also be the first passenger ship on the Rhine to have four decks and a width of 17.7 metres, offering more space for each guest."

## AIDA to restart in Germany this month

**AIDA** Cruises is preparing for its restart in Germany with the announcement of short voyages from Kiel starting 22 May.

**AIDA**sol is currently in Northern Germany and ready for the restart, with bookings starting on 12 May.

Further details will be announced soon, with all cruises to be carried out in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, as well as AIDA's enhanced health and safety protocols, which include a mandatory PCR test, regular health checks, social distancing, medical care including testing capacities on board, and more.

## Riviera Floriade 2022 cruises

**RIVIERA** Travel River Cruises will visit Floriade Expo 2022 on nine of its itineraries next year.

All of Riviera Amsterdam, Cologne and Best of Holland & Flanders river cruise eight-day departures next year will include an excursion to the famed decennial Floriade in Almere, the Netherlands.

Prices for the cruises start from just \$3,789 per person, plus an on-board credit of €300 per couple for bookings made this month, along with a visit to the Expo.

Guests will have the option to choose from a full day excursion, or a morning visit to the Expo with free time to explore Amsterdam in the afternoon.



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