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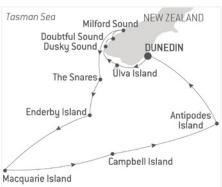
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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a front cover from Ponant.

Oceania resumption

OCEANIA Cruises has announced additions to its resumption of cruise operations, with Riviera, Insignia, and Sirena to restart between Oct and Jan.

The three additional ships will sail their published itineraries in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, and the 2022 Around the World in 180 Days voyage from Los Angeles to New York City.

Riviera will resume on 18 Oct, Insigna will sail on 21 Dec, and Sirena will recommence on 22 Jan 2022.

Voyage itineraries for each ship will continue to be evaluated for port availability, and may be adjusted as required closer to the sailing dates, Oceania said.

These additional ship restarts follow the 28 Apr announcement of Oceania's resumption aboard Marina, which will resume operations from Copenhagen beginning on 29 Aug (CW 29 Apr).

Phased restart dates for Regatta and Nautica will be announced at a later date, with all Oceania voyages to require 100% vaccination rates for guests.

Celeb returns to the US

CELEBRITY Cruises is the first cruise line to have a ship approved to sail from an American port since the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) disallowed cruising through its No Sail Order.

The cruise line's Celebrity Edge will depart Fort Lauderdale on 26 Jun, with the first (and still only) female American Captain, Kate McCue, to helm the seven-night Caribbean sailing.

Edge was given the green light by the CDC to be the first ship back in American waters, having met all the national public health agency's standards.

"We've been preparing for this day for months and, on behalf of all of us at Celebrity Cruises, we're ready and we can't wait to welcome our guests aboard once again," said Chief Executive Officer & President Lisa Lutoff-Perlo.

"Today's exciting news is the result of a collaboration with the CDC, our elected officials at the local, state and national levels and our industry partners at CLIA," added Royal Caribbean Group Chairman Richard Fain.

"We've consulted with the brightest minds in the health industry to ensure that our passengers and crew feel safe and comfortable on our ships while enjoying the uncompromised experience they know and love," he said.

Celebrity's sister brand, Royal

Caribbean International, has also been given the green light to start test cruises next month.

Royal Caribbean was the first cruise line to be approved by the CDC to move forward to testing.

MEANWHILE, Celebrity has revealed its new wellness program aboard its recently unveiled ship Celebrity Beyond (CW 30 Apr), including a bespoke package of products, programs, and perks.

Beyond will feature a fully immersive wellness experience woven into every aspect of the guest journey, from the stateroom to the spa, to help improve guest wellbeing.

One of the highlights includes Celebrity's first-ever Women in Wellness at sea initiative, including Yoga Professional founder Katie Brauer, Elemis co-founder & Global President Noella Gabriel, Australian sprinter Morgan Mitchell, Solluna founder Kimberly Snyder, and FlyWheel Sports & SoulCycle co-founder Ruth Zukerman.

Also present will be Kiki Koroshetz Wellness Director for goop, which Celebrity will be undertaking an extended partnership with to provide new onboard offerings.

Other highlights include a comprehensive collection of offerings in The Spa, new AquaClass SkySuites, and the onboard adoption of international fitness community F45 Training.

NZ is waiting!

NEW Zealand is waiting, with Ponant sailing on 14 departures between 2021 and 2023.

For details on a number of the cruise line's itineraries in NZ, visit the front page.

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REALITY television lovers, stay seated for this one: superyacht series Below Deck may be spinning off into an Australian version - and it may have already begun filming.

It is rumoured Below Deck, which chronicles the lives of the crew members who work and reside aboard a superyacht during charter season, may have dropped anchor in the Whitsunday Islands.

Deadline understands NBCUniversal is in the early stages of developing both an Australian season, as well as a Norwegian season.

Even if we can't cruise in the coming months, we may be able to watch those who can!

Croisi comeback

CROISIEUROPE will restart cruising from next month, with European sea, river, and canal departures.

The first ocean sailing will leave 10 Jun, the first river cruise will depart 14 Jun. and the first canal cruise will embark 02 Jul.

Until the end of Aug, all cruises qualify for Croisi's relaxed booking conditions, which include a full refund should the cruise be cancelled.

Travellers can also move a booking free of charge to any other departure this year or next more than 30 days prior to departure.

Le Charcot first Arctic sailings



PONANT'S Le Commandant Charcot's (render pictured) inaugural Arctic voyages for 2022 have been released.

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Open for sale now, the North Pole will feature heavily in Le Commandant's inaugural season.

Departing from Spitsbergen, the ship will sail for 15 nights on three departures from Jul to Aug 2022 from \$40,310 per person twin share.

Another highlight will be Nordaustlandet, located in Svalbard, which can be visited on either a nine- or 11-day cruise.

The program will take in the scenery of Kongsfjorden, then the Northwest Spitsbergen National Park, the Northeast Svalbard Nature Reserve, Kvitoya, and the Hinlopen Strait renowned for its glaciers and basalt islands.

This sailing will depart twice, on 15 or 28 Jun 2022, from \$17,670pp.

"Knowing the thrill of embarking on totally new routes, at a pace governed by nature, the 10 sailings from Apr to Sep 2022 are odysseys in every sense of the

word, exposes discovering our planet's northernmost pristine wildernesses," said General Manager Sales & Marketing Asia

Pacific Deb Corbett.

Viking combos

NEW Expedition combination cruises have been released by Viking, responding to growing consumer demand.

The three newly created back-to-back cruises include a 24-day Caribbean & Brazil's Coastal Jewels departure, a 41-day From New York to Antarctica voyage, and a 42day Antarctica & the Americas Sojourn, all travelling next

"After 18 months of no international travel but a huge pent-up desire, our guests are researching and planning their next ultimate wish-list voyage - to go further, to go longer and make the most of their next journey," explained Viking MD ANZ Michelle Black.





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