



Cruise Weekly today

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

Princess 2024 World Cruise

PRINCESS Cruises is inviting travellers to experience the journey of a lifetime with its 2024 World Cruise.

Cruising to 51 must-see destinations, the sailing aboard *Island Princess* goes on sale tomorrow.

Guests can embark on the 111-day, Jan 2024 cruise, which travels to 27 countries, from either Fort Lauderdale or Los Angeles.

The cruise will make visits to 25 World Heritage Sites, including the Acropolis of Athens, and the ancient Greek city of Ephesus in Turkey.

Cruise pause destroys P&O plans

AMID continuing uncertainty about the resumption of cruising Down Under, P&O Cruises Australia has cancelled its Adelaide, Fremantle and Cairns homeport seasons for next year (**CW** breaking news yesterday).

P&O Australia will also be cancelling cruises scheduled to call in Papua New Guinea until Oct next year, as well as the re-position sailing from Singapore to Cairns, originally scheduled to depart on 19 May.

The line's outgoing President Sture Myrmell (**pictured**) said there was no doubt the three ports all remained important calls for visiting ships when governments allow cruising to resume in Aussie waters.

"P&O Cruises Australia has prided itself on being the cruise line that has ships based from all mainland cities," he said.

"We are naturally disappointed



our guests in Adelaide, Fremantle and Cairns will be unable to cruise from their doorstep until 2023, however, they are all extremely popular ports of call for ships on coastal or around mainland Australia itineraries and will benefit from a resumption in cruising, when approved."

P&O has already paused operations for cruises scheduled to depart from Sydney and Brisbane until mid-Feb, and Myrmell said the cruise line would continue to call for federal and state governments to provide a clear pathway for a return to cruising in Australia.

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RCYC joins Bonvoy



THE Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection (RCYC) has joined Marriott Bonvoy, with members of the hotel chain's loyalty program now able to earn and redeem points on the cruise line's sailings.

For voyages beginning 06 May, members will earn 5 points per USD\$1 spent on their cruise fare, as well as on the hotel package rate for participating Marriott Bonvoy hotels booked through RCYC.

Both the cruise fare and hotel package rate will be applied toward the annual qualifying spend for members striving for Marriott Bonvoy Ambassador Elite status.

Members can redeem an initial 180,000 points toward a USD\$1,000 savings on the cruise fare, and increments of 90,000 points may be redeemed toward a USD\$500 savings thereafter.

They will also receive 1 elite night credit per night on board

toward achieving higher Elite status, and can accelerate the points earned on their fare and more when using their Marriott Bonvoy co-branded credit cards from American Express and JPMorgan Chase.

"It is exciting to expand our unparalleled portfolio of travel experiences with The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection," said Marriott International SVP Global Loyalty David Flueck.

"Marriott Bonvoy offers more unique accommodations than any program and this new offering is an incredible addition for our most discerning members."

SVP Luxury Brands Chris Gabaldon said as The Ritz-Carlton brand continues to evolve, the participation of RCYC in Marriott Bonvoy encourages both long-time brand loyalists and those who are new to the chain to earn and redeem points while exploring the company's new seaborne offering.

Enchanted debuts



PRINCESS Cruises has showcased its new *Enchanted Princess* ahead of her special naming ceremony on 14 Dec.

Enchanted (pictured with Captain Nick Nash), showcases beautifully designed interiors with elegantly appointed accommodations, world-class entertainment, gourmet dining & artisanal craft cocktails, extensive al fresco dining areas, and expansive views from Princess' balconies - a feature of the new Sky suites.

With the most al fresco dining options of any Princess ship, among *Enchanted's* 25 bars and restaurants are three main dining rooms; Bistro Sur La Mer by three-star Chef Emmanuel Renaut; Sabatini's Italian Trattoria, which has its

own pasta room; Crown Grill Steakhouse & Bar; The Salty Dog Gastropub, and more.

In addition to multiple hot tubs, *Enchanted* also boasts two deep-tank pools, adjacent to the top-deck bar.

At *Enchanted's* aft, the infinity-style Wakeview pool & bar offers spectacular views of the horizon, while the Retreat Pool offers a quiet oasis.

In addition to the popular *Rock Opera* and *Take Five*, first debuted aboard *Sky Princess*, *Enchanted* will also feature *5-SKIES*, one of Princess' most visually advanced shows ever - a technologically enhanced production featuring a virtual gaming world, spectacular digital effects & acrobatics, intricate sets, and more.

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PORTHOLE

A QUEENSLAND man has used a pocket knife to fight off a crocodile dragging him into a river.

The 60-year-old Cape York local was fishing on his property when a crocodile he had earlier shoed away returned for a dish of coldly served revenge.

The reptile clamped its jaws around the man's boots on the banks of a remote part of the Mclvor River near Hope Valley.

The man initially grabbed a mangrove tree branch and held on for grim death, but after losing his grip, he went for the kill, stabbing the beast several times in its head with his pocket knife before it let go.

He then drove himself to Cooktown Hospital, and from there he was flown to Cairns, where he is recovering from his injuries.

It's unlikely anyone will believe his story, but he'll for sure be telling it until the cows come home.

Walk for Wellness winners



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has thanked its valued travel partners for taking part in this year's Walk for Wellness challenge, in which participants trekked a collective distance of almost 140,000km.

Walkers smashed the initial target of 100,000km, which was perhaps partly down to the fact this year's challenge saw significantly more participants than last year's.

The challenge's major prize winners were announced yesterday, with RAA Travel's Brooke Rand selected as the lucky recipient of a cruise for two.

Her efforts saw her receive a Balcony stateroom for two on board a Norwegian cruise

departing next year.

Manase Travel Studio's Peter Manase was the top stepper, with his total of 1,122,286 steps, seeing him score an Apple Watch Series 7.

Phil Hoffmann Travel Glenelg's Mahalia Gunn was awarded most improved, winning a pair of Bose Sports Earbuds, after she went from 6,444 steps in her first seven days to 23,526 in the final week.

Outside of the major winners, Norwegian also awarded more than 270 prizes to winners of 13 mini-challenges.

Pictured: Business Development Manager Craig McLaurin takes a stroll on the Gold Coast with a number of trade partners.

Japan savings

SAVE up to \$8,600 per couple and enjoy complimentary stays in five-star hotels on a Seabourn Cruises sailing around Japan in 2023.

The springtime Jewels of Japan 18-night cruise & stay package from Cruise Traveller begins in Japan's second largest city, Osaka, on 20 Apr 2023, with two complimentary nights in a five-star hotel, followed by a private car transfer to nearby Kobe to board *Seabourn Odyssey*, for a 14-night cruise.

The sailing takes in all four main islands: Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu and Hokkaido, and ends in Yokohama, where the package concludes with two nights in a five-star hotel so guests can experience the bustling excitement of Tokyo at their own leisure.

Including the four complimentary hotel nights, on-board beverages, unlimited wi-fi, and transfers, the package is available from \$11,499ppts in an Oceanview suite - [CLICK HERE](#).

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