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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page about *Travel Daily's* Still Standing Celebration - tickets going fast!

New OceaniaNEXT updates revealed

FOLLOWING the

introduction earlier this year of new dining experiences, menus and elevated service levels (CW 14 May), Oceania Cruises has revealed the next phase of its OceaniaNEXT enhancements, including new wine tasting programs, expanded in-room dining offerings and a Souffle of the Day in the Grand Dining Room.

The new updates have already launched on board Marina and Riviera, and will debut on others shortly.

More Carnival cruise cancellations

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has once again been forced to cancel additional Australian sailings due to the ban on international cruise ships, with the company this morning informing travel advisors of further suspensions.

All Carnival Splendor voyages are now cancelled up to and including 04 Mar 2022, along with Carnival Spirit (pictured) departures through until 06 Mar 2022.

"While we continue to make progress on our plan to return to service, there is still no certainty when cruise departures from Australia can resume," Carnival said in a travel agent update.

A range of flexible options are being offered, including 100% refunds or alternatively future cruise credits with bonus onboard credits for rebookings.

"Carnival will resume cruising when the time is right, and will do so with enhanced



health measures developed in conjunction with government authorities, public health experts, local ports of call and the Cruise Lines International Association," the update noted.

MEANWHILE, the news for Carnival is better in the United States, where the cruise line overnight confirmed all 22 of its American-based ships would return to service by Mar.

The previous deployment scheme had planned for 19 ships in operation by Feb, with the latest update to see Carnival

Sensation recommence sailing from Mobile on 05 Mar; Carnival Ecstasy from Jacksonville on 07 Mar; and Carnival Paradise out of Tampa on 12 Mar 2022.

ADDITIONALLY, the cruise line has also announced the 2023 delivery of its third Excel-class vessel, which will be named Carnival Jubilee, and will initially be deployed out of Galveston.

Her sister ships include Mardi Gras which recently started sailing from Port Canaveral, and Carnival Celebration which is scheduled for delivery next year.





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Fantasia resumes Mediterranean sailings

MSC Cruises' 13th ship, MSC Fantasia (pictured), has resumed sailing, with more than 20 Mediterranean voyages planned.

Fantasia departed Genoa on 07 Nov for her winter season in the Mediterranean, with 21 western Mediterranean voyages embarking from France, Italy and

MSC is on track for a continued resumption into next year, and aims to have its entire fleet of ships back at sea by mid-2022.

The cruise line will base three ships in Brazil in the coming weeks, and will also homeport a vessel in South Africa from Dec. to consolidate its position in the two destinations

MEANWHILE, MSC's Black Fri sale is available on a range of selected seven-night cruises for next year.

With up to 45% off per person, departures are between 02 Apr



and 12 Nov 2022.

Commencing 25 Nov, the promotion will run until 03 Dec, with future cruise credit holders welcome to take advantage.

Guests will also be able to take advantage of MSC's flexible booking policy, offering the option to reschedule their cruise free of charge up to 15 days prior to departure.

For a full list of sailings included in the Black Fri promotion, call 1300 028 302.

French barge sale

EUROPEAN Waterways has announced Black Fri specials of 30% off on select barge charters in France.

With bookings for next year's hotel barging season "red hot" and space quickly filling up, the saving is available on three of European Waterways' most popular luxury hotel barges in France.

They include the 03 & 17 Apr departures of L'Impressionniste and the 03 & 10 Apr departures of L'Art de Vivre - both of which cruise the canals of Burgundy.

They are also applicable to the 27 Mar & 03 Apr departures of Anjodi, which cruises the historic Canal du

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HAVE you ever heard of a zombie river?

London's Thames, which back in the late 1950s was declared "biologically dead", has apparently sprung back to life, according to a study by the city's Zoological Society.

The State of the Thames has found the river is "home to myriad wildlife as diverse as London itself", including seahorses, eels, seals, venomous sharks, and the avocet, a bird once thought extinct in Britain.

Virgin hits an ace



VIRGIN Voyages has recruited a group of world-class athletes to join its team via specialised private investment platform

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With a roster including professional tennis player Venus Williams, basketball superstars Blake Griffin and Kemba Walker, and Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, Patricof will work with Virgin to establish an Athlete Advisory Council, which will play an active role in designing experiences for the cruise line's sailors to "ensure the Virgin Voyages sailings are distinct from other holidays."

The athletes will also work collaboratively with Virgin on sustainability initiatives.

"I'm thrilled to be partnering with Virgin Voyages and helping to bring this incredible experience to the US," said Williams, who grew up just a few hours from Miami, Scarlet Lady's homeport.

"Travelling and taking in different cultures is so important to me and I'm excited to work with this team to deliver that opportunity to more customers."

Pictured: The group of new Virgin investors checking out Scarlet Lady.

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