



Cruise Weekly today

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

Ponant Eu 2023

PONANT has launched its northern hemisphere summer 2023 sales with several itineraries aimed at the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Northern Europe.

A total of 59 sailings are proposed aboard Ponant's eight small luxury ships.

A selection of luxury expeditions and yacht-style voyages bound for the Arctic, Iceland, and North America, and are also already available to sell for the northern hemisphere summer of 2023.

Ponant's 2023 Kimberley luxury expeditions are also now available to book, beginning last month.

Bigger Cruise360 announced for 2022

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has announced its Cruise360 Australasia Conference, which is scheduled to take place in Sydney next year, will take place "on a scale similar to past years", thanks to the easing of venue capacity restrictions.

The highly anticipated conference, which has not taken place for the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will now be held on Fri 04 Mar at the Hyatt Regency Sydney.

As well as a packed program of keynote presentations, Cruise360 will also see the return of the popular trade show component of the event, allowing cruise lines to showcase their products to the hundreds of travel sellers expected to attend.

All CLIA members are eligible to attend Cruise360, and tickets have gone on sale today at



earlybird pricing of \$260 per person, valid until the end of the year.

Qatar Tourism has been unveiled as Cruise360's headline sponsor, while other destinations involved in sponsoring the event include Tourism & Events Queensland, Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Singapore Tourism Board.

A plethora of CLIA member lines have once again thrown their support behind Cruise360 while **Cruise Weekly** and **Travel Daily** are also supporting the event as media sponsors.

New for next year will be an industry-wide welcome cocktail party on the night of 03 Mar.

CLIA said the Cruise360 sessions, including industry updates and interactive panel discussions, would be designed to "give travel agents essential insight as the cruise sector forges its path to recovery".

The event will also see a CLIA 'Cruise Champion' named (**CW** 05 Jul) to highlight a travel advisor who has actively advocated for the sector, with nominations still open until the end of the year.

Entrants lodged for last year's event will also remain active.

The full Cruise360 Australasia 2022 program line-up will be revealed in the new year, with more information and bookings now available at cruising.org.au.

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DISNEY Cruise Line's float (pictured) has debuted at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Named 'Magic Meets the Sea', the float participated in the 95th Thanksgiving Day Parade on Thu.

Magic Meets the Sea was inspired by *Disney Wish*, which will set sail in the northern summer.

The float featured 15 Disney characters that represent the stories and experiences on *Wish*, including Captain Minnie Mouse, who adorned the ship's bow.

Magic Meets the Sea's participation in the parade was accompanied by a special performance by singer Jordan Fisher.



NCL Cyber sale

SAVINGS and bonus value are available as part of Norwegian Cruise Line's (NCL) Cyber Sale.

Travellers can save up to 35% and enjoy USD\$2,900 in bonus value for a limited time, in addition to its five popular free at sea offers.

Offers are valid for bookings until 09 Dec - for more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Azzurra sea trials



EMERALD Cruises' *Emerald Azzurra* (pictured) has celebrated its successful sea trials, conducted by Captain Jonathan Edwards and Marine Operations Manager Robert O'Leary, along with more than 98 specialised crew, contractors and shipyard staff.

The sea trials took place in Ha Long, departing Ha Long Shipyard on 20 Nov, and were completed within 48 hours.

Azzurra will shortly undergo the final touches to her interior and exterior, and will complete the training of the on-board teams before her maiden voyage on 28 Jan, the Best of the Red Sea itinerary.

She is the 10th vessel in the Emerald fleet, joining nine river cruising Star-Ships.

The cruise line's superyacht, *Emerald Sakara*, is set to join the fleet in early 2023.

"During *Emerald Azzurra's* sea trials, all design parameters were exceeded, including speed, noise, vibration and overall comfort and maneuverability whilst sailing.

"*Azzurra* really is a very special superyacht, and will undoubtedly deliver a fantastic experience for our guests."

Saga board appt

SAGA Cruises has announced the appointment of Fran Collins as a new non-executive director.

The cruise line will benefit from Collins' more than 20-year history in the shipping and travel industry, with the appointment giving Saga access to her insight and perspective.

The appointment follows the resumption of Saga's cruises earlier in the year, and the launch of the cruise line's brand-new ship *Spirit of Adventure* (CW 04 Sep 2020).

Collins said she was proud to join Saga at such an exciting time in its journey, and will replace Tom Allan on the board, who will be retiring in the new year, after serving 10 years.

Singapore opens

SINGAPORE is welcoming Australians to cruise aboard its ships, after the state's government changed its rules to capture the fly-cruise market.

Previously, sailings in Singapore were only open to residents, but the rules have now been adjusted to welcome non-residents, including international visitors arriving via the vaccinated travel lanes from Sydney and Melbourne.

All passengers are required to be fully vaccinated, and fulfil the prevailing COVID-19 testing and Stay-Home Notice requirements before they board their cruise.

When entering Singapore passengers must present their vaccination certificates at the immigration counter for verification and processing, and download the TraceTogether mobile app.

Travel advisors can also apply for a grant from Singapore's Cruise Development Fund to support the development and marketing of cruise packages.

Emerald savings

EMERALD Cruises is hosting a Cyber Mon sale with savings and inclusions on next year's river and ocean voyages.

The line's River Cruise Cyber Mon sale is offering up to 60% off a second guest, with an extra 10% savings when paid in full by 15 Dec.

There is also a Yacht Cruise Cyber Mon Offer.

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