



Cruise Weekly today

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

Antarctica is on!

SWAN Hellenic has confirmed its Antarctica cultural expedition cruises will be sailing as planned, as Argentina announces the reopening of its borders. Recognising guests may have postponed booking while awaiting this certainty, Swan Hellenic has extended its big return celebration savings until the end of next month, allowing all guests to benefit from savings of 20% off its brochure prices, a gift of USD\$300 on-board spending per person, no supplement for single stateroom occupancy on selected cruises and a down payment of just 15% when booking - **CLICK HERE**.

ACA postpones conference for 12 months

THE Australian Cruise Association (ACA) has cancelled this year's Annual Conference, rescheduling it to 2022.

As a result of ongoing border closures, the next conference will be held from 07-09 Sep 2022, with ACA to soon confirm the speaker line-up.

The event will still be held at The Ville Resort-Casino in Townsville (**pictured**), with networking activities and pre- and post- touring options to give attendees an opportunity to get to know one of Queensland's popular cruise destinations.

ACA also aims to hold a series of cruise-ready workshops early next year.

Delegates who have registered for the conference and booked their accommodation will be automatically moved to the new dates with ACA honouring the existing pricing.



Registration remains open for new bookings **HERE**.

"We were hopeful that the border openings would be further advanced to allow us to meet the Nov dates, but we are not confident that will now be the case," said ACA Chief Executive Officer Jill Abel.

"In the interim, we are looking at holding a series of cruise-ready

workshops in the early part of next year.

"We are increasingly confident that domestic cruising will start to build by that time and it will give us the opportunity to reconnect with our members."

Prior to the cancellation, the ACA in Aug moved its 2021 conference to Nov, due to the outbreak of the Delta variant.

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Ponant film drops

PONANT released its *Beyond the Polar Circle* documentary yesterday with brand ambassador Andrew Daddo.

Showcasing the entertainer's once-in-a-lifetime experience sailing on board Ponant's *Le Boreal* to Antarctica, *Beyond the Polar Circle* was debuted to a number of lucky trade partners, who enjoyed an Antarctic-style cocktail (pictured) with Daddo via Zoom - more in **TD** today.

The 45-minute feature can be viewed [HERE](#).



An evening fit for a King



ROYAL Caribbean Cruises District Sales Manager Erin King recently hosted 30 trade partners on a cruise along the Noosa River aboard *Catalina*.

Dressed in white with their "loyal to Royal" gold crowns, the partners were treated to a beach club vibe, complete with sunset tunes, all while taking in the

beautiful Noosa evening.

"It's been a long time between events and it was so great to see the agents who continue to support us reunited and able to enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon," King said.

"We look forward to more cruises like this and some of the larger size in the near future!"

Pictured are Tina Maas, Helloworld Travel Buderim; Michaela Curtis, Suncity Travel Caloundra; Chloe Blundell, Helloworld Travel Forest Glen; Jacinta Blundell, Helloworld Caboolture King Street; Erin King; and Rosemary McTeigue, Suncity Caloundra.



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's (NCL) second annual Walk for Wellness for the month of Oct kicked off today, but you can still be involved even if you're not able to get out and get active.

This year, NCL is inviting travel advisors to make time for mindful moments with the launch of its very first mindful colouring book for adults.

The benefits of colouring-in are well known, including bringing the mind to a meditative state by quieting restless thoughts.

The colouring book can be downloaded to print at home from NCL's Marketing HQ.

For those who prefer their mindfulness a bit more uptempo, the NCL Relax and Unwind Spotify Playlist is also available via Spotify by scanning the code pictured below.



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Bar Harbor cuts?

BAR Harbor Town Council is considering steep cuts in the number of cruise ship passengers it takes (**CW** 23 Jul).

If implemented, the new cruise ship restrictions would result in an 87% cut in the 2022 schedule, which the town's Cruise Ship Committee says is too restrictive.

An earlier *Encore*

SEABOURN Cruise Line's *Seabourn Encore* will return to service in Feb.

Resuming earlier than anticipated starting 19 Feb 2022, *Encore* will depart on a series of new 10- and 11-day itineraries to the Canary Islands and the Mediterranean, roundtrip from Lisbon.

Encore was initially set to return on 17 Apr.