



Cruise Weekly today

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

Two more for CCL

CARNIVAL Cruise Line (CCL) will now have two more ships re-entering service in the first two weeks of next year, with *Carnival Sunshine* to restart from Charleston on 13 Jan and *Carnival Liberty* from Port Canaveral on 11 Feb.

The additions mean Carnival will have 19 ships in service.

Unfortunately, the cruise line has had to cancel all sailings through the end of Feb on *Carnival Ecstasy* from Jacksonville, *Carnival Paradise* from Tampa, and *Carnival Sensation* from Mobile, in addition to *Carnival Splendor* and *Carnival Spirit* from Sydney and Brisbane respectively (**CW** 08 Oct).

CLIA Showcases return next month

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) travel advisors will be able to gain expert insight with the return of the Cruise Port & Destination Virtual Showcase next month.

The two-week webinar program is returning after its debut last year (**CW** 27 Oct 2020) and will offer insight into some of the world's great ports and cruise destinations.

Running from 16 to 25 Nov, the Showcase will offer presentations from 12 CLIA Executive Partners, each providing practical insights to assist cruisers in getting the most from future visits.

Showcase presenters will include Tourism Western Australia, Cruise Atlantic Canada, Cruise Baltic, Department of Culture & Tourism Abu Dhabi, Hong Kong Tourism Board, Korea Tourism Organization, Port of Seattle, Qatar Tourism, Samoa



Tourism Authority, Singapore Tourism Board, Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Visit Monaco.

Members will be able to learn more about each destination including helpful information like the location of cruise terminals, details on public transport services, touring options and insider visitor tips.

Participants can earn three CLIA

Accreditation points for each destination presentation joined live, after completing a short quiz.

There are also 10 prize packs to be won simply by collecting destination code words during each presentation.

Further education opportunities for CLIA members will be announced soon - see Cruise Port & Destination Virtual Showcase **HERE** for full details.

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CARNIVAL Cruise Line has now been back at sea for three months, and President Christine Duffy is sharing some numbers from its return to service.

Almost 100 voyages have been sailed across Carnival's first three months back on the seas, and almost 250,000 guests have been on those cruises.

Passengers have clearly been enjoying themselves too, with more than 600,000 beers served, almost 500,000 burgers flipped at Guy's, and more than 300,000 chocolate meltings offered up.

Guests are keen to display their love for Carnival too, with more than 200,000 branded items of merchandise sold, perhaps funded in part by the roughly 8,000 times the USD\$1,000 jackpot has been paid out on the slot machines.

Take-up of the new normal has been strong on board, with three-quarters of Carnival's pax using the cruise line's new smartphone app to check in for dining, reducing on-board lines.

A new way to pay

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings' Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises have announced an additional payment option for Australian travel advisors with the introduction of MintEFT.

Agents who choose to use the platform should contact Mint directly to register.

Azamara heads south



AZAMARA is making its return to South Africa (pictured) following the reopening of international cruising in the region.

The brand will immerse travellers in six back-to-back voyages – five of which are the cruise line's signature Country Intensive itineraries.

Azamara Pursuit will set sail from Jan to Mar, with highlights of the voyages including a 12-night PerryGolf sailing, which includes five rounds, beginning with Humewood Golf Club, a true links course in Port Elizabeth which has hosted numerous PGA events, and is one of South Africa's top-rated gold clubs.

Other notable clubs along the coast include East London Golf Club, Zimbali Country Club, Durban Country Club and Pearl Valley Golf Estate & Spa.

Guests will also enjoy immersive destination programming, venturing ashore with Abercrombie & Kent's cruise division Akorn.

Experience Thula Thula Private Game Reserve, one of the

oldest in KwaZulu-Natal, with rangers guiding travellers in a convertible four-wheel drive through the African bushveld to spot elephants, rhinoceroses, leopards, giraffes, zebras, buffalos, birds, and more.

The day will end with a delicious buffet featuring local African cuisine.

On board, guests will be treated to a District Six-themed cabaret show as part of Azamara's Destination Celebration – a new program that brings the culture and heritage of the destination to life on board.

The show will take guests on a journey into the heart of District Six for an evening designed to entertain and educate.

Guests can then travel even further to the heart of the destinations they visit with Micato Safaris for pre- and post-land explorations.

Greater Kruger National Park Safari & Winelands, and Victoria Falls & Chobe Game Park Safari are two highlights, both operating across five nights pre- or post-cruise.

Colour Your World

DURING Norwegian Cruise Line's Walk for Wellness challenge this month, the line and *Cruise Weekly* are encouraging advisors to colour one of the illustrations from the new colouring book, *Colour Your World*, and submit it for a chance to win a \$200 wellness hamper.

CLICK HERE to download or **CLICK HERE** for a hard copy.



It's time to embrace your inner artist with NCL's mindful adult colouring book, "**Colour Your World**". Because wellness means different things to different people, during NCL's Walk for Wellness challenge this October, the line has partnered with *Cruise Weekly* to encourage readers to take a moment for mindfulness.

Simply colour your favourite illustration from the new colouring book and submit it for your chance to go into the running to win a \$200 wellness hamper.

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