



Fridtjof Nansen named in Svalbard

HURTIGRUTEN Expeditions' battery-hybrid powered *Fridtjof Nansen* (pictured) has been named in the world's northernmost naming ceremony for a passenger ship.

At latitude 78° north in Svalbard, the local community joined the celebrations of one of the world's greenest and most advanced cruise ships.

Replacing the traditional bottle of champagne with a chunk of ice, godmothers and environmental advocates Hilde Falun Strom and Sunniva Sorby named *Fridtjof Nansen*, continuing a Hurtigruten ritual invented by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen.

As the two crushed the ice against *Fridtjof Nansen's* bow, they quoted Amundsen's words from when he named *Maud*, a ship specifically built for his second expedition to the Arctic.



"It is not my intention to dishonor the glorious grape, but already now you shall get the taste of your real environment.

"For the ice you have been built, in the ice you shall stay most of your life, and in the ice, you shall solve your tasks," the pair said.

The traditional godmother

gift was also replaced by a joint donation to Sorby and Strom's Hearts in the Ice project and Hurtigruten Foundation.

In honouring the cruise line's century-plus-long Svalbard heritage, *Fridtjof Nansen* is also the first cruise ship ever to be registered in Longyearbyen.

Cruise Weekly today

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

Carnival out to Jan

CARNIVAL Cruise Line is extending its pause in operations for Australian sailings through to 16 Jan.

Those booked on a *Carnival Spirit* or *Carnival Splendor* cruise departing before this date will be communicated with by Carnival shortly.

Full details of the changes and specific offers available to travellers are available **HERE**.

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CANAL holidays in the United Kingdom were peaking pre-pandemic, but one of these narrowboats has recently served a different purpose.

The aptly named *Piano Boat*, currently moored just outside London in Uxbridge, recently served as a floating concert hall for classical performances.

Captain Masayuki Tayama, the house pianist of *Piano Boat*, told *Reuters* the vessel was the only one of its kind.

Tayama played a program including Ludwig van Beethoven and Robert Schumann to an enthusiastic audience in evening dress, seated around tables covered in white tablecloths.

The project's manager Rhiana Henderson said the idea came about when they were living on a narrowboat with a digital piano that was drawing interest from passersby, which has since developed into a number of fully booked holidays.

Silversea Kimberley 22-23



SILVERSEA Cruises is inviting travellers to discover Australia's Kimberley region with the line's latest destination brochure.

Voyages range from 10 to 32 days, and are hosted aboard the 144-guest *Silver Explorer*.

The brochure covers two seasons - both 2022 and 2023 - with each to include Zodiac excursions, hikes, and nature walks ashore, enriched by a team of expedition experts, including marine biologists, ornithologists, naturalists, and more.

Included experiences range from a Zodiac trip to the King George Falls, where guests will get close enough to feel the spray from the 80-metre twin cascades, to an introduction to Aboriginal rock art (**pictured**), which dates back more than 50,000 years.

Highlight itineraries include Darwin to Broome and return, departing from 04 Jun 2022 and 14 Jun 2022 respectively, Darwin return, from 30 Jun 2023, and Darwin to Fremantle, from 09 Aug 2023.

Silversea's Kimberley voyages are priced from \$13,600pp, with a 10% early booking bonus offered until the end of the month.

Guests will enjoy door-to-door service, with private executive transfers, round-trip flights & transfers, luggage handling included, and more.

There is also a referral bonus for repeat clients who send on new-to-Silversea guests, valued at \$650 for each party - for details, **CLICK HERE**.

View Silversea's new Kimberley brochure **HERE**.



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with Jill Abel - CEO

Great news for SA

GREAT news for South Australia last week as Coral Expeditions announced five new intrastate itineraries for Dec and Jan.

The voyages follow Coral's successful foray into SA earlier this year and are a great example of how domestic cruising can work to benefit both passengers and the state's tourism industry at a time when we are all looking for opportunities in this challenging environment.

Coral Expeditions is also operating in WA and Queensland although won't be allowed to enter some other states this year based on the current health advice which we would have hoped was universal.

Our organisation has been calling for consistent decision making between the states to allow for cruise lines to forward plan with confidence.

Unfortunately, this continues to fall on deaf ears.

This has also been the case at the national level where requests by CLIA to the federal government to make decisions on a rolling 30- or 60-day basis as opposed to 90-day exemptions have not been recognised.

As such, CLIA has launched the next phase of the Ready, Set, Sail campaign urging industry stakeholders to write to their local MPs and Ministers requesting further conversations around a cruise restart.

ACA continues to support this strategy.

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