



### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus full pages from:

- Norwegian Cruise Line
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### Proud once again

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line's *Pride of America* has celebrated its "Great Cruise Comeback" in Hawai'i, with the ship's return to service in the state on year-round sailings.

The 15th ship in Norwegian's fleet to return to service, *Pride of America* set sail again over the weekend, on its weekly departures from Honolulu on seven-day, inter-island voyages.

*Pride of America* is the only ship which sails Hawai'i year-round.

## Use of Eden's port to be expanded

**CRUISE** Lines International Association's local Managing Director Joel Katz has praised the Government of New South Wales' proposition to "transform" the Port of Eden (pictured).

With consultation to commence this week on a number of upgrades to the Port, the community has been encouraged to have its say on the future of Eden's cruise industry.

Improvements include an increase to the current limit of 60 vessels per year; an increase in vessel size of up to 370 metres long (up from the current 325 metres); and allowing vessels to stay at berth overnight seven days a week.

Katz said Eden has an especially passionate local community which has done a lot of work to support and develop cruise tourism in the region.

He echoed New South Wales



Minister for Transport David Elliott's comments, saying there has recently been growing demand from the cruise industry to expand the use of existing facilities.

"Eden is a great example of a community that has worked closely with the cruise industry and governments to foster cruise tourism in a way that provides enormous benefits to local people and businesses," Katz said.

"Cruising has an excellent long-term outlook in Australia and it's important that we continue to look at ways to support well-managed cruise tourism in regional destinations around the country."

Consultation with community groups and stakeholders over the next few weeks will inform an environmental assessment report for evaluation and consideration by planning authorities.

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**A ROBOTIC** boat is set to help measure the sea effects of Jan's Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai eruption.

The undersea volcanic explosion devastated the surrounding ocean, and a scientific team is set to find out just how badly, using the robot to map the sea floor.

The eruption was the largest in the 21st century.

## Beyond joins the fleet



**CELEBRITY** Cruises has taken delivery of *Celebrity Beyond*, the third ship in the fleet's new Edge series.

Marking Chantiers de l'Atlantique's first physical delivery ceremony since the pandemic, *Beyond's* Captain, Kate McCue, was joined by Celebrity Chief Executive Officer Lisa Lutloff-Perlo and Royal Caribbean Group President & Chief Executive Officer Jason Liberty (pictured).

The trio officially took ownership of *Beyond* from Chantiers de l'Atlantique, and completed the traditional changing of the flags, hosting a celebratory ceremony on board the ship.

The momentous occasion was celebrated alongside other Celebrity executives, as well as shipyard officials, and *Beyond's* 1,400 crew members.

The ship's maiden voyage will depart on 27 Apr from Southampton for a 10-night Western Europe cruise visiting Bordeaux, Lisbon, Seville, Malaga, Palma, and Barcelona.

*Beyond* will then offer a variety of Mediterranean journeys, including a nine-night Italian Riviera & France itinerary, and 10-night Greek Isles itineraries through early Oct, after which she then heads to the Caribbean.

Voyages are on sale now.

## TTW Ponant deal

**TRAVEL** The World (TTW) has released an exclusive deal, with cruisers able to sail the Kimberley for 10 nights aboard Ponant's *Le Soleal*.

For only \$10,550 per person, travellers can explore King George River & the majestic Twin Falls; Collier Bay & the Montgomery Reef, and more.

Embark on the journey from Broome from 03 Aug 2023.



### PRESENTS AN EXECUTIVE INTERVIEW

with publisher Bruce Piper and Joel Katz, Managing Director, Cruise Lines International (CLIA) Australasia and Jill Abel, CEO, Australian Cruise Association.

#### The Tide Turns For Cruise

After more than two years of international cruise ships being banned from Australian waters, the local cruise sector has finally received a green light to recommence operations. Join us at this special event as we chat with Joel Katz and Jill Abel. They will discuss all things cruise including their journey during the pandemic, the current state of the start-up, protocols, destinations and much more.



**WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL, 1.00pm (AEST)**

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