

### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Viking Great Lakes

**VIKING** has released new Great Lakes expedition departures, with six additional voyages for next year.

The additional sailings are scheduled for Jul, Aug, and Sep 2023, on the 15-day Great Lakes Collection, which sees guests cruise to all five bodies of water; and the eight-day Niagara & the Great Lakes voyages, where travellers depart from Toronto to the scenic shores of Milwaukee.

The cruise line's first expedition vessel *Viking Octantis* begins her maiden sailing season of the Great Lakes this week, with this year's program in the region almost sold out.

## RCG execs reap rewards

**SENIOR** executives at Royal Caribbean Group (RCG) have seen their pay packets soar in the last 12 months, as their long-term equity-based incentives benefited from the ongoing cruise recovery.

Executive compensation tables released by RCG in the lead-up to its upcoming annual general meeting showed the top earner for the year was Royal Caribbean International (RCI) President & CEO Michael Bayley, whose total income was over USD\$17.5m.

That included just under USD\$15 million in stock awards, on top of a base salary of USD\$1 million and a USD\$1.4 million short-term bonus.

Bayley's income, which was boosted by a significant increase in his long term incentives, eclipsed that of RCG's overall Chairman & CEO, the outgoing Richard Fain, whose package was worth USD\$15.8 million - of

which USD\$11.25m was in stock.

Jason Liberty, who was the overall group's Chief Financial Officer last year prior to being elevated to replace Fain as RCG CEO, took home a package worth USD\$13 million overall, including a USD\$950,000 base pay and a USD\$1.38 million bonus.

Like Bayley, Liberty's compensation increased significantly year-on-year due to a big jump in the value of his share-based remuneration.

Celebrity Cruises President & CEO, Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, received USD\$10.4 million in total compensation, comprising a USD\$820,000 base salary, a USD\$1.066 million bonus, and USD\$8.25 million in stock awards.

RCG's top five was rounded out by EVP Marine Harri Kulovaara, with a total package worth USD\$3.6 million including US\$1.5 million in stock.

### RCI booster for UK

**ALL** Royal Caribbean International (RCI) guests departing from the United Kingdom aged 12 years and older must be fully vaccinated with a booster, if eligible.

Guests must have received their final dose no less than 14 days prior to sailing, and must be boosted if their second dose was administered more than 270 days (9 months) ago.

The newly released protocols apply to ships sailing from Southampton through to the end of next month.

Children aged five to 11 years are not required to be vaccinated, and RCI will not accept a certificate of recovery in the place of a vaccination record.

All crew on board RCI ships and at the cruise line's private destinations will be fully vaccinated.

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# Riviera and Marina next for renos

OCEANIA Cruises has announced both *Riviera* (pictured) and *Marina* will undergo "re-inspiration", as part of the cruise line's OceaniaNEXT initiative.

Following her bow-to-stern re-inspiration, *Riviera* will return on 07 Dec, on a 16-day Mediterranean, Atlantic, and Caribbean cruise from Rome to Miami.

*Marina* will make her first appearance almost 12 months later, on a 13 Nov 2023 seven-day cruise from Barcelona to Lisbon.

Every surface of every suite and stateroom will be entirely new, while public spaces will receive a refreshed colour palette, and a tasteful renewal of fabrics, furnishings, & lighting fixtures.

"At Oceania Cruises, we continue to raise the bar and elevate the guest experience at every opportunity," declared



President & Chief Executive Officer Howard Sherman.

"Whether it's innovative new culinary concepts, immersive new destination experiences, or presenting our guests with ships that are not just better, but better than new, Oceania Cruises sets the standard."

*Riviera* and *Marina* are the latest two Oceania Cruises ships to undergo "re-inspiration", following *Nautica*, which just re-entered service this month.

All her suites and staterooms have been dramatically restyled, and her public spaces repleted with chic residential furnishings.

## Crystal auction

**SOME** of Crystal Cruises' assets are set to be auctioned next month.

According to the court-appointed assignee, furniture, tables, casino equipment, office equipment and other items will be auctioned off, but not Crystal's ships.

Full auction details and a catalogue will be released soon.

An inspection day is planned on 23 May for in-person viewing by appointment in Pompano Beach, Florida.

The court filing also said thousands of refund claims have been filed, as well as travel advisor and vendor claims.

A website was launched last month for out-of-pocket Crystal passengers to submit refund claims (**CW** 11 Mar).

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**WHILE** excitement is mounting around next week's hugely anticipated launch of Celebrity Cruises' new *Celebrity Beyond*, that may even be eclipsed further by the news that Hollywood megastar Gwyneth Paltrow will be aboard a special "wellness" sailing of the ship later this year.

Paltrow, who has a major partnership with Celebrity under her 'goop' lifestyle brand, and is the "go-to wellbeing advisor for the cruise line," will appear on a nine-night Riviera and France sailing out of Barcelona at the end of Sep.

The goop At Sea cruise will feature "transformative experiences and sessions" available to suite guests in the ship's The Retreat enclave.

CMO Michael Scheiner said "goop is the perfect partner for us to collaborate with to capture the therapeutic essence of the ocean in a relevant and meaningful way for our target audience".

## Seabourn 2023-2024



**SEABOURN** Cruise Line has earlier this week unveiled its new 2023-2024 itineraries for *Seabourn Encore* (pictured) and *Seabourn Odyssey*.

New cruises are now available for booking aboard both *Encore* and *Odyssey*, with the latter ship to explore Australia between Nov 2023 and Feb 2024.

*Odyssey* will offer a series of 15-day voyages from Sydney, some travelling round trip and others travelling to Auckland.

Destinations include Port Lincoln, where adventurous cruisers can snorkel with sea lions and cage dive with great white sharks, or view the action from a distance at Glen-Forest Tourist Park & Vineyard.

Cruisers can also visit Disaster Bay lookout, where they can bird-watch across picturesque Eden.

Overseas destinations from Australia include Christchurch in New Zealand, as well as Fiordland National Park, which includes a visit to Milford Sound.

Meanwhile, *Encore's* season begins in Arabia and India, with

four voyages departing in Nov and Dec 2023.

*Encore* will sail 18 days from Athens to Dubai, departing 19 Nov 2023, visiting Egypt, as well as including Aqaba, where cruisers can visit Petra, the historic archaeological city in southern Jordan.

There is also a 16-day voyage from Dubai to Singapore departing 07 Dec 2023 which visits Sir Bani Yas and the Arabia Wildlife Park, and Kochi, which is known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea".

*Encore* will return to the region in Mar and Apr 2024 to reprise a number of these voyages, after she has journeyed to Asia on four voyages ranging from 14 to 32 days from Dec 2023 to Mar 2024.

The first of the two fortnightly voyages will round trip from Singapore, where cruisers will celebrate the holiday season with an overnight on New Year's Eve in Ho Chi Minh City.

*Encore* will also visit Port Klang, from where cruisers can visit Kuala Lumpur and the Batu Caves.

## New Princess series

**PRINCESS** Cruises has debuted its new *Ocean Treks Conservation Connections* series, featuring short stories of environmental management, wildlife conservation, and sustainability.

The weekly video series highlights topics such as recycling, food waste reduction & biodigester systems, and leveraging shore power & energy efficiency.

Hosted by American biologist Jeff Corwin and Princess President John Padgett, the 28-episode series premiered yesterday on the cruise line's YouTube channel - [CLICK HERE](#).

## RSSC two new deals

**REGENT** Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has unveiled two luxury travel offers for its 2022-2023 voyages.

'Upgrade & Explore More' and 'Free Extended Explorations' are available on select voyages booked until the end of Jun.

Travellers can access a two-category suite upgrade, up to a Penthouse Suite, plus a USD\$1,000 shipboard credit per suite, when booking the Upgrade & Explore More offer.

Meanwhile, the Free Extended Explorations deal offers a free pre- and post-cruise land program, available on select voyages on board *Seven Seas Mariner* and *Seven Seas Voyager* sailing between 03 Nov 2022 and 15 Mar 2023.

For more information, call 1300 455 200.

## MSC flash sale

**MSC** Cruises is hosting a 96-hour flash sale next week, which will see a second passenger cruise free.

The sale is from 26 Apr to 29 Apr, with guests able to sail to destinations such as the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Morocco, Portugal, and Italy.

Call 1300 028 502 for more.