

2024 - 2025
**VOYAGE
 COLLECTION**
 EVENTS




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Your Invitation

You and your clients are invited to join *Regent Seven Seas Cruises*® for our **2024-2025 Voyage Collection Events**.

Learn about our 160 new voyages sailing on board *The World's Most Luxurious Fleet*™, featuring the world's most sought-after journeys, visiting more than 450 destinations, with 18 exciting new ports of call, immersive new shore excursions and much more.

We will be highlighting our favourite voyages across the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, and South America along with our newly released Grand Voyages. If your clients are keen to sail next year, we will also be sharing some of our popular 2023 sailings.

Your clients will discover the Regent Difference, including how our all-inclusive offering, luxurious ships, personalised service, spacious suites and immersive exploration, come together to create *An Unrivalled Experience*™.

This is a great opportunity for you to host your own table of key clients - creating your own mini-event within our event.

Please be assured these events will adhere to COVID-safe protocols and are capacity limited. To attend any of the events, you must register.

We look forward to welcoming you and your clients to one of these events.

	CITY	VENUE	DATE
NSW	Lower North Shore	Taronga Zoo	Wednesday, 7 Sep
	Sydney CBD	Four Seasons Hotel	Thursday, 8 Sep
	Northern Beaches	Royal Motor Yacht Club Newport	Tuesday, 20 Sep
	North Shore	Avondale Golf Club	Tuesday, 20 Sep
	Sutherland Shire	Doltone House Sylvania Waters	Thursday, 22 Sep
QLD	Brisbane	Customs House	Wednesday, 31 Aug
	Sunshine Coast	The Lakehouse	Tuesday, 13 Sep
	Noosa	Boathouse	Tuesday, 13 Sep
	Gold Coast	Glasshouse at The Island	Wednesday, 14 Sep
SA	Adelaide	Adelaide Pavilion	Thursday, 15 Sep
VIC	Melbourne	Park Hyatt	Tuesday, 4 Oct
	Mornington Peninsula	Jackalope	Wednesday, 5 Oct
WA	Perth	Westin	Wednesday, 12 Oct

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RSSC invitation

THE upcoming series of events showcasing Regent Seven Seas Cruises' (RSSC) 2024-2025 Voyage Collection (CW 11 Aug) is now open for registration.

The all-inclusive luxury line is suggesting travel advisors could even host their own table of clients at the gatherings, creating a mini "event within an event" to highlight the collection of more than 160 voyages.

Events are scheduled for NSW, Vic, Qld, WA and SA over the next couple of months - for details see the **cover page**.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover page from **Regent Seven Seas Cruises**.

Cruises up for grabs at C360

ATTENDEES at this week's sold-out Cruise360 Conference and Trade Show in Sydney will have the opportunity to win one of 19 cruise holidays, which are being offered by cruise line members of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia.

Travel agent CLIA members are eligible to enter the prize draw at participating booths in the trade exhibition, with a Big Cruise Giveaway flyer available at the registration desk upon arrival.

The highly anticipated Cruise360 Conference is set to take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sydney from 8.30am sharp on Thu - preceded by an industry-wide cocktail party for delegates tomorrow night.

The full program for the conference has now been released, with the day opening with a State of the Industry Panel featuring Carnival Australia

President Marguerite Fitzgerald, Royal Caribbean International MD Gavin Smith and Steve Odell, SVP and MD Asia Pacific for Regent Seven Seas and Oceania Cruises.

That will be followed by a presentation from international keynote speaker Ellen Bettridge, CEO of Uniworld Boutique River Cruises who will speak on "Making the Most of Cruising's Revival" and how travel agents can benefit from renewed demand, new demographics and other market evolutions.

A series of panel sessions featuring industry leaders will follow (CW 09 Aug) and the day wraps up with an inspiring keynote from best-selling author and educator Heidi Dening.

Registration opens from 7am on Thu, and conference sessions conclude at 5pm followed by networking drinks which will run through until 7pm.

Cruise Traveller adds Mekong

MEKONG Princess Cruises is the latest addition to the Cruise Traveller portfolio, with the small ship specialist named as the exclusive Australian representatives for the Mekong River product.

The addition sees Cruise Traveller offer a new 12-night "Mekong Majesty" cruise & stay package between Siem Reap in Cambodia and Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam, with a series of departure dates throughout Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug and Sep 2023.

Mekong Princess launched in 2015 and is considered "the best constructed and most elegant vessel plying the waters of the Mekong River today," the company said, with capacity for 28 guests (in a total of 14 cabins) and a top cruising speed of 20km/h.

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Canada hails environmental progress

CRUISE ships have been successfully implementing strict new environmental measures for wastewater imposed by Transport Canada earlier this year, with the first reporting period showing “significant progress towards reducing the environmental impacts of cruise ships and other vessels on the water”.

The regulations were announced in Apr as part of the Canadian cruise restart, aiming to mitigate marine pollution with the return of the industry.

“Out of 47 cruise ships to enter Canadian waters this year, only one vessel was unable to fully implement the new measures, as a result of geographical/technical limitations and for safety reasons,” a statement from the Canadian Government noted.

The overall total included 35 cruise ship visits to Canada’s Pacific Coast, 12 on the Atlantic



side of the country and four in Canada’s Great Lakes region.

The requirements govern the type of wastewater discharges permitted at certain distances from shore, as well as governing how water is treated prior to its discharge further out to sea.

As part of the new suite of environmental measures the cruise industry is required to document and report activity to Transport Canada, while compliance with the enhanced

requirements is also verified during formal ship inspections.

The strict measures, which exceed international standards, “will continue to help keep our waters and our environment clean,” the statement added.

Canada is also planning to add further requirements for areas of concern, including scrubber discharges that release acidic wastewater into the ocean.

Canadian Transport Minister, Omar Alghabra (**pictured**), said “cruise ships are an important part of our economy and tourism sector and we must all work together to reduce their impact on the environment, and keep our waters safe and clean for everyone”.

“These new environmental measures are a first step towards making shipping cleaner and protecting our waters from coast to coast to coast,” he added.

Quick cruise profit

A FORMER Holland America cruise ship which was sold for US\$10 million in the early stages of the pandemic has just been traded again - but this time with a US\$30 million price tag.

The *MS Maasdam* was purchased back in Jul 2020 by Greek shipping billionaire Marios Iliopoulos who owns high speed island-hopping ferry company Seajets.

It’s understood the latest owner of the ship is a French start-up cruise line called Compagnie Francaise De Croisieres (CFC), which was registered earlier this year.

Corporate records indicate that CFC is led by Clement Mousset, who was formerly GM for France at Cruise & Maritime Voyages, which collapsed just over two years ago (*CW* 21 Jul 2020)



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\$4,941 price based on Q2 Mini Suite aboard *MS Nordnorge* on 28 Nov 2022 Classic Roundtrip Voyage and is subject to availability. Price correct as of 12 Aug 2022. On sale until 30 September 2022.



THERE'S no telling the sorts of things that wash up on the beach - but a lifeguard in the seaside town of Westerly on Rhode Island in the USA really came up with something unusual after a female swimmer unfortunately lost her prosthetic leg in the water.

Apparently the incident happened while she was body surfing, with local TV station WJAR citing a Facebook post from the Windjammer Surf Bar saying that upon hearing about the loss hero lifesaver Dakota Bryson leapt into the water with some snorkelling gear.

After about an hour of searching Dakota successfully found the missing leg, and was greeted with a standing ovation upon returning to the shore.

The bar posted this **picture** of Dakota with the no-longer legless lucky lady.



Devonport revamp

TASPORTS has awarded a major contract for work to revamp the Port of Devonport to a local Tasmanian firm.

The Devonport East Quaylink project will deliver a new berth, a new wharf structure and reclamation of an area near the existing Berth 3E, which will be specifically designed for the new *Spirit of Tasmania* Bass Strait vessels.

A joint venture company established by Hazell Bros Group and Brady Marine & Civil will undertake work on the eastern side of the Mersey River, with the Tasmanian Government saying the awarding of the initial contract is a "great milestone for the project and the port".

Crystal sales chief

FORMER Silversea Cruises VP of Passenger Services and Consumer Sales, Mattias Lira, has joined the reborn Crystal Cruises as Senior VP of Global Sales & Guest Services.

Lira will be based in the company's Miami office and report to CEO Jack Anderson who has returned to Crystal under its Abercrombie & Kent rebirth (**CW** 28 Jul).

Anderson said Lira "appreciates the incredible value of travel advisors and will build strong relationships, working with reservations and sales support to keep the focus on guest satisfaction".

Other recent Crystal appointments include former NCLH staffer Lee Quittner as Head of Consumer Sales.



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Coral Expeditions East Indies



CORAL Expeditions has announced a unique three-voyage series taking in the "island trails of the East Indies" including Komodo, Sulawesi and Borneo.

The *Coral Geographer* itineraries start with a 14-night "In the Wake of the Makassans" cruise ex Darwin on 20 Mar 2024, following ancient Makassan trading routes.

On 03 Apr 2024 the second voyage will depart Makassar on a 20-night "Sulawesi Circle" circumnavigation, while the final "Into the Wilds of Borneo" expedition will depart Makassar

on 23 Apr 2024 for 14 nights exploring seaside villages, wildlife sanctuaries and isolated atolls en route to Singapore.

Highlights will include encountering the unique culture and rituals of the people of Torajaland in the Sulawesi mountains (**pictured**), experiencing rare and endangered wildlife, the stilt villages of the Bajau tribe, the floating markets of Banjarmasin and much more.

Reservations are now open - see coralexpeditions.com for details.

St Kitts opens up

THE Caribbean port of St Kitts has removed all testing and vaccination requirements for visitors, and is welcoming all travellers effective immediately regardless of their vaccination status.

St Kitts Tourism Authority Ellison Thompson said the easing comes when traveller confidence is on the rise.

"The combination of increasing demand and more seamless travel processes will make St Kitts even more desirable to visitors," he said.

Murray 2023/24

MURRAY River Paddlesteamers has debuted its new 2023/24 program, featuring longer itineraries and new shore excursions.

The operator's biggest ever schedule of overnight Murray River cruises for the first time ever showcases an entire year of back-to-back departures.

An unprecedented 94 sailings will operate aboard the *PS Emmylou* - the world's only wood-fired paddlesteamer carrying overnight guests - to view the brochure **CLICK HERE**.