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MSC is All In

MSC Cruises guests can now enjoy the line's All In Plus promotion, which offers a drinks package with wi-fi.

The promotion starts today and concludes at the end of Feb, valid for selected sailings from Apr to Nov.

All In Plus offers a wide selection of classic cocktails, frozen drinks, spirits, wines by the glass, beers, soft drinks, juices, energy drinks, hot drinks, and more.

Guests will also enjoy unlimited wi-fi for two devices per cabin.

Cruise credits are welcome in the All In Plus promotion. which is also combinable with any applicable Voyagers Club members discounts.

CCL Virginia on sale

CARNIVAL Cruise Line (CCL) has opened 2025 bookings from Virginia, as it steers toward Norfolk's first-ever, year-round sailing program.

CCL's Carnival Sunshine will kick off the expansion of operations in Virginia from Feb 2023, with the ship to sail from Norfolk until Apr 2025.

Sunshine will rotate between six- and eight-day sailings, and will visit popular destinations in the Bahamas and Eastern Caribbean, such as Nassau, Freeport, Little San Salvador Island, Bimini, Amber Cove, Grand Turk, and Princess Cays.

Discussions continue between CCL and Norfolk on necessary improvements for year-round cruising.

RCG plots green ships

ROYAL Caribbean Group (RCG) has announced a strategic agreement with Meyer Turku and the Finnish Government to prepare a road map for the production of climate-neutral ships in the country.

The declaration to "chart the way forward for innovative and sustainable shipbuilding" will see the assembling of a digital demonstration of a climateneutral ship, as part of Finland's Ministry of Labor & Economy's sustainable maritime industry development program.

The commitment is also set to strengthen the innovation of the two companies, curb the pair's economic challenges, and pilot & test new innovations & technologies on RCG ships.

The partnership also advances the Destination Net Zero strategy of RCG (CW 29 Oct 2021) to decarbonise its operations by 2050, and its near- and mediumterm targets, which include reducing carbon intensity by double digits by 2025 compared to 2019 levels, and the introduction of a net-zero cruise ship by 2035.

"Our partners in Finland have helped us deliver some of the world's most impressive and sustainable ships of their time, including our newest ship debuting in Jan 2024, Icon of the Seas," said RCG President & Chief Executive Officer Jason Liberty.

"This new partnership sets the stage for future innovations and allows us and the maritime industry to continue pursuing sustainability".

Added Finland's Ministry of



Economic Affairs Mika Lintila: "this new declaration will secure a future in which the maritime industry continues to make strides in our decarbonization goals and economic growth priorities for years to come."

The declaration comes after Icon floated out earlier this month.

RCG also has agreements with Meyer Turku to build its unnamed second and third ships in the Icon class for its Royal Caribbean International brand, as well as Mein Schiff 7, which is currently under construction for the TUI Cruises line

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Majestic expansion

SPECIALIST Scottish cruise line The Majestic Line has launched a new vessel, named Glen Rosa.

The ship will offer scheduled itineraries as well as private charters for up to six guests.

The introduction of Glen Rosa comes off the back of Maiestic's successful 2023 season, with the cruise line's five existing ships almost sold

Due to launch in Apr, Glen Rosa will sail from Oban, and is spacious and well-appointed, with one double ensuite cabin and two ensuite twins.

Glen Rosa will sail the Inner Hebrides, including the popular islands of Mull and

The ship's calendar for 2023 and 2024 is now live.



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THE wreckage of a 120-yearold boat has surfaced as the Great Salt Lake in Utah shrinks to historic lows.

The boat first set sail on the Lake in 1902, and was only recently revealed, as the body of water has shrunk by about half due to an ongoing megadrought.

The ship, which is located just off the Lake's visitor centre, had been lost for decades.

The hull of the ship is still intact, and it is listing to one side, making her entire starboard side visible.

The 12-metre ship used to sail between San Fransico and Utah, and was part of the Southern Pacific Railroad's fleet; she was used during the construction of the Lucin Cutoff railroad, but there is no record of how she sunk.

HAL in a pickle

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has been named the exclusive cruise line partner of the Professional Pickleball Association.

The partnership will see the fleet's pickleball courts refreshed, in preparation for complimentary lessons and tutorials on the fad.

The refresh will be completed by Apr, inviting passengers to "dink" from the "kitchen" to their heart's content.

Japan back cruising



01 Dec) and Princess Cruises (CW 05 Dec).

Coral cruise is back

CORAL Expeditions' Coral Adventurer has returned from her first-of-its-kind voyage, a 59-night circumnavigation of Australia.

Departing Cairns on 17 Oct, the sold-out voyage was a once-in-a-lifetime exploration of the vast and diverse coastal landscape of Australia.

Commercial Director Jeff Gillies said guests and the crew were excited and grateful to have experienced the landmark expedition.

"This voyage was the largest undertaking in our company's history and involved an enormous amount of planning from our team and a huge commitment from our guests," he said.

INTERNATIONAL cruise ship operations have resumed in Japan after almost three years.

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines' Nippon Mauru set sail for the Indian Ocean from Yokohama, becoming the first cruise ship to leave a Japanese port since last month's resumption announcement (CW 16 Nov).

The cruise line says it has implemented a slew of anticoronavirus measures, including requiring passengers to take a PCR test prior to boarding, having their temperature checked daily, and keeping tabs on close contacts among them.

Nippon Mauru's voyage includes stops at Mauritius and Madagascar, after which she will return to Yokohama on 31 Jan.

With Japan dropping a raft of its cruise ship restrictions, a number of brands have already announced their intention to return to the country's waters, such as Holland America Line (CW

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