



Anne next in line to Cunard throne

CUNARD Line has announced *Queen Anne* will be the name of its new ship joining the fleet in early 2024.

Anne will join *Queen Mary 2*, *Queen Victoria* and *Queen Elizabeth* to mark the first time since 1999 that Cunard will have four ships at sea.

The new vessel will feature reimagined Cunard signature spaces, new guest experiences within dining, culture and entertainment, and an updated livery.

"I am absolutely delighted to welcome *Queen Anne*, the fourth ship to Cunard's fleet," said outgoing President Simon Palethorpe.

"This marks a very special moment in Cunard's 182-year history and showcases Cunard's exciting global plans for the future, allowing even more guests around the world to set sail with



Cunard.

"With design inspired by the past and set for the future, *Queen Anne* is the perfect way for our customers to rediscover the joy of exploration and travel again."

Named after the Queen of England from 1702 to 1714, *Anne* was chosen among multiple naming options with the help of British historian Kate Williams.

Pictured: *Queen Anne* render.

Cruise Weekly today

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

Uniworld offer

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruise Collection will include airfares on all European river cruises this year.

Launching its offer with Qatar Airways, all new bookings in 2022 (excluding Christmas Markets cruises) will also be able to upgrade to a Qsuite from \$4,650 per person.

The deal is great news for travel advisors also, as Uniworld will pay full cruise commission on the economy airfare.

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For more information, please contact the reservations team at 1300 780 231.



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Vidanta debuts

VIDANTA Cruises, Mexico's first ever luxury cruise line, has presented its exclusive preview itinerary, available exclusively to resort company Grupo Vidanta's guests at its hotel Vidanta Nuevo Vallarta.

Consisting of a three-day voyage from Puerto Vallarta to Mazatlan return, the cruise will travel aboard *Vidanta Elegant*, the first ship with COVID protocols built into its launch and operation.

Elegant features capacity for 298 guests, 13 restaurants and bars, a state-of-the-art spa and fitness centre, a lounge with live entertainment, and almost twice as many outdoor and public spaces per guest as a typical cruise ship.

She also features medical-grade PYURE filtration technology that is proven to eradicate 99.9% of all viruses while circulating fresh air throughout the vessel.

"When we began the process of bringing Vidanta Cruises to life, we were very clear that we wanted to exceed our guests' expectations, while also positively impacting Mexico and our people," said Grupo Vidanta Executive Vice President Ivan Chavez.

"After an arduous process, we couldn't be happier with the result."

The adults-only cruise kicks off on 14 Apr.

NCL Extraordinary Journeys



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is inviting passengers to make travel more mindful with its Extraordinary Journeys in 2022 and 2023.

The collection includes more than 100 distinctive sailings visiting every continent, from exploring Iceland's landscapes, fishing villages and cities; to spotting whales and glaciers in Greenland; uncovering ancient history and treasures in the Middle East; getting close to colonies of elephant seals and penguins in Antarctica; and the dramatic coastlines and vibrant cities of South America.

One of the highlight Extraordinary Journeys is *Norwegian Jade's* 18-day Mediterranean cruise to Greece, Egypt, Jordan, and Israel, departing from 13 Feb 2023.

The journey visits 11 ports, and takes in the jewels of the Middle East, and the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean.

"We know from our recent research that 90% of Australians believe holidays are important for their mental wellbeing, with 94% intending to make their future travel more mindful by making a conscious effort to live in the moment and appreciate travel for the privilege that it is," said Vice President & Managing Director, APAC Ben Angell.

"These exceptional Extraordinary Journey itineraries, ranging from nine to 19 days, invite guests to do just that; to slow down, unwind, unpack once and enjoy a holiday where they can do as much or as little as they like, with no set schedules, formal dress codes or dining times."

Viking weekly deal

VIKING'S ocean cruising deal of the week is a 15-day voyage departing from Sydney.

Priced from \$8,995 per person, the deal includes savings of up to \$2,000 per couple when booked before 04 Mar - [CLICK HERE](#).

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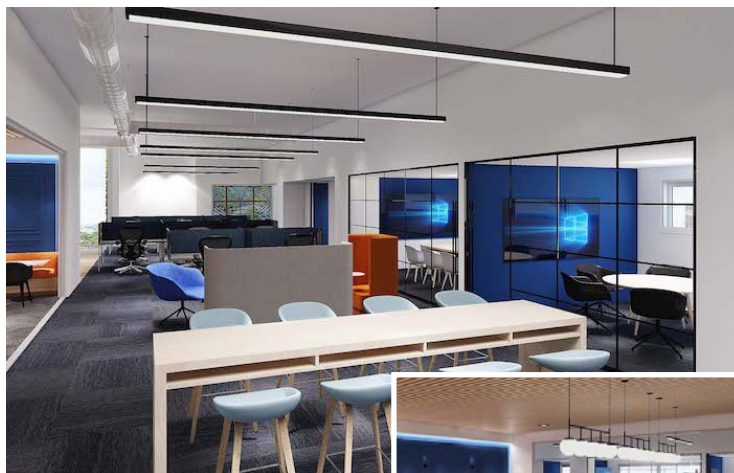
A MASSACHUSETTS woman recently helped rescue the three crew members of a sinking fishing boat, all while on a Zoom call.

The doomed vessel caught the woman's eye while she was on a conference call from her third-floor apartment, which features views over Massachusetts Bay.

Although figuring authorities were likely on the case, the woman excused herself from the call and dialled 911, and it was not a moment too soon.

As it turns out, no-one else on shore had noticed, and the lives of the trio were saved.

Azamara's new house



AZAMARA has showcased its new headquarters in the heart of Miami.

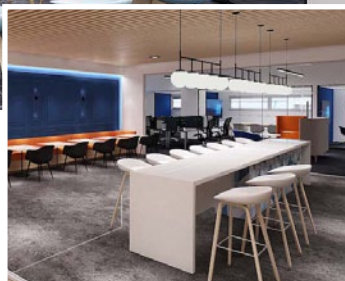
From Mon, Azamara is welcoming its shoreside team members back to its brand-new office, which encourages collaboration, flexibility and wellbeing.

Located in Miami's Coconut Grove neighbourhood, close to PortMiami, the office promotes a vibrant workforce, while Azamara has also increased vacation time, and introduced flexible PTO policies for all employees.

"As a close-knit team, we've missed being able to work in the same environment together, and now we have the opportunity to build a new space and schedule that works best for us," said President Carol Cabezas.

"We're thrilled to welcome our dedicated team to the newly renovated Coconut Grove CocoWalk area that has so much to offer – from restaurants, galleries and boutiques to lush gardens, trees and an open-air environment – our new

neighborhood is sure to inspire creativity and help foster a new sense of community here at Azamara."



Antarctic bonuses

COMPLIMENTARY bonuses are being offered on Antarctic expeditions next year with Hurtigruten.

Those who book by the end of this month on a range of all-inclusive expedition voyages to Antarctica next year will receive complimentary onboard credit and a polar gear gift card, as well as return flights from Australia to Argentina, where the cruise begins.

The exclusive offer is only available through Cruise Traveller - [CLICK HERE](#) for more.



CLIA UPDATE

with Joel Katz
MD, CLIA Australasia

Back words with action

THE return of international visitors to Australia later this month is fantastic news for our tourism industry after two years of border closures, but once again the cruise industry has been left abandoned by our governments.

After the groundswell of support that has been heard around the country over recent weeks, there should have been no mistaking the anger and frustration among the thousands of Australians who have been devastated by the ongoing cruise ban.

Leaders at state and federal level seem to acknowledge this.

New South Wales Premier Dominic Perrottet and federal Minister for Tourism Dan Tehan have both voiced their support for cruising in recent days.

Yet, we still have no firm plan for cruising's revival in Australia, no sign of a date, and our state and federal governments are still pointing at each other when asked why.

After Mon's announcement by the Prime Minister, we're now in the ridiculous position where international visitors will soon be arriving without quarantine, Australians are free to travel overseas to cruise, yet we still cannot sail in our own waters.



Ponant Arctic sales

SALES have launched for Ponant's 2023 Arctic season aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*.

With 10 departures scheduled including five exceptional, new, or revisited itineraries, *Le Commandant Charcot* is equipped with state-of-the-art green technology, and is the only cruise ship in the world able to reach these remote regions in May, which is early spring in the Arctic.

Awaiting guests are experiences such as meeting with the local Inuit communities, dog sled excursions, sea kayaking, hiking, polar diving & swimming, and citizen science projects.