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## NT increases cruise passenger cap

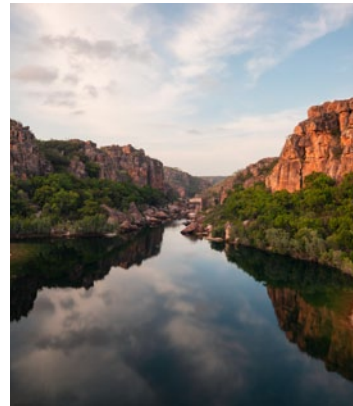
**CRUISE** Lines International Association Managing Director Australasia Joel Katz has said the NT's (pictured) decision to increase its capacity cap for cruise ships (**CW** breaking news yesterday) is a "welcome step forward".

The NT is now permitting expedition cruise ships with up to 350 pax and crew members to operate within its waters.

The new cap is a significant increase on the previous total of 150 passengers and crew members (**CW** 16 Apr).

The decision forms part of the staged reopening of the cruise industry in the NT, which was formerly a key economic driver for the Territory, generating an estimated \$60 million of annual expenditure pre-COVID.

"The Northern Territory is a key piece of the puzzle when it comes to cruising in Australia, especially



for the expedition sector which benefits many remote communities across the north of the country," Katz said.

NT Minister for Tourism Natasha Fyles said the cruise industry is a vital part of the Top End tourism sector, injecting millions into the economy each year.

"This increase to the capacity of crew and passengers on board domestic boutique cruise ships

will be a major boost to operators and retailers," she said.

"We are safely reopening the cruise ship industry in a staged approach and look forward to seeing this industry return and grow into the future."

Ponant Chair Asia-Pacific Sarina Bratton said her line applauded the Government of the NT's decision to "lead the nation" in its cruise revival.

"The international expedition sector is a major contributor to indigenous Australians along the Kimberley coastline, and significant contributors to the tourism economies of both the Northern Territory and Australia's North West," she said.

"We are now calling upon the Australian Government to immediately adjust the declaration under the *Biosecurity Act* to allow our operations in Australian waters to commence."

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## Norwegian has TIME

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While this may not be exactly the same, one Japanese household is living out their cruise dreams in a building shaped like a hull.

This modified flatiron building in Kobe is designed to fit into the sloping terrain and follow the fork of the road it is located on, blending efficiently into its urban surroundings.

Although narrow on the outside, the residence generates open interiors with ample storage space, ensuring comfort and convenience for the residents.



**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line has partnered with the Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) to sponsor two Partners First scholarships this year.

The opportunity will offer two aspiring individuals the chance to further their careers through a six-month mentoring experience that will help them achieve their individual career goals and objectives.

The partnership between Norwegian and TIME was announced by the cruise line's Senior Sales Manager Angela Middleton at yesterday's graduation event for last year's cohort, where she was on-hand to support her colleague,

graduating Business Development Manager NSW/ACT Vanessa Green.

Another member of the Norwegian team, Business Development Manager WA, NZ & Home-Based Agents Jacinta Baker, is set to graduate in Apr.

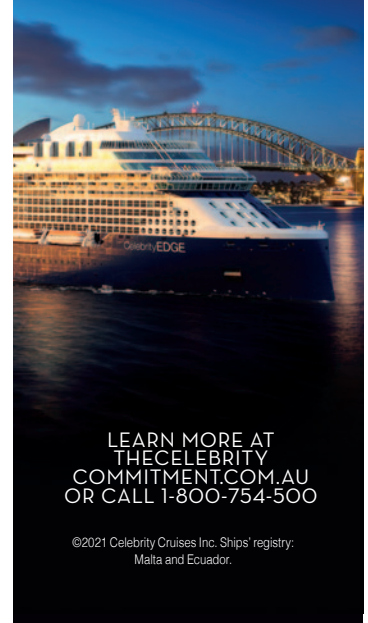
Middleton herself has previously been both a TIME mentor and mentee, and has served as a committee member.

"TIME is an incredibly well-rounded and practical program which inspired me to accelerate my career through the rewarding experience as a mentee, and later, a mentor," Middleton said.

**Pictured:** Green, Middleton, and Baker.

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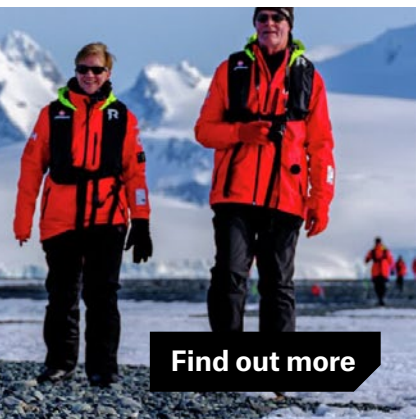
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