



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

Celebration floats for Carnival's 50th

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's *Carnival Celebration* (pictured) has floated out at Meyer Turku shipyard. The second Excel class ship built for Carnival at the shipyard, *Celebration* is a sister to *Mardi Gras*, which is already sailing from Port Canaveral.



Celebration features BOLT, the world's first roller coaster at sea, and a large, open space atrium in the middle of the ship, allowing passengers sea views while cruising. Three of the six distinct zones aboard *Celebration* have been designed specifically for the ship. She is scheduled to enter service in Nov with a trans-Atlantic voyage from Southampton. As indicated by her name, the LNG-powered vessel will mark the culmination of Carnival's 50th anniversary, which the cruise line announced last week will also

include *Celebration's* naming ceremony at PortMiami at the newly transformed Terminal F - one of the first berths at the facility to provide cold ironing. Other plans recently revealed for Carnival's 50th anniversary 'Sailabration' cruises include ship meetups, 50th birthday sailaway parties, special games

& activities, and unique menus & drinks. Carnival will also host the biggest-ever TikTok video at sea, a choreographed dance taught and led by *Celebration's* Cruise Director and Fun Squad. Guests will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue to show their Carnival spirit.

Ponant + The Ghan

SAVINGS for couples and solos have been released on a Kimberley rail and sail voyage next year. Couples can save up to \$11,210 and solos \$16,065 on the luxury, all-inclusive adventure, which pairs two bucket list items - a Ponant cruise and a trip aboard The Ghan. The savings are available until the end of Jun on the Icons of Australia by Ship & Train package, which departs twice, on 20 May 2023 and 08 Aug 2023. The 14-night adventure travels from Adelaide to Broome - **CLICK HERE.**

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Be Curious, friends

VIKING'S Be Curious sale ends soon, with just a week and a half remaining.

Guests can enjoy exclusive offers, including flights, and savings of up to \$8,000 per couple, when booking by 04 Mar.

New Viking guests will also receive a special welcome gift of \$200 per couple off their first cruise, and the line's returning guests will receive \$400 per couple off new bookings.

Guests who book now for this year are also covered by Viking's Risk-Free Guarantee.

For additional information, call 138 747.

BLC self-famil deal

BLUE Lagoon Cruises (BLC) is offering super self-famil rates for accredited travel advisors.

Available on limited departures between 04 Mar and 25 Apr, agents can snap up a Hibiscus cabin for \$629 or an Orchid cabin for \$729 on a three-night cruise, and \$925/\$1,055 respectively for a four-night cruise, including all meals.

To access the deal, advisors must complete BLC's quick Agent Accreditation Program, which can be registered for and completed **HERE**.

Self-famil rates are based on twin/double occupancy, with a solo cabin twice the twin per person rate.

Full payment due upon confirmation, with a 3% international card service fee applying.

Ascent maiden season



CELEBRITY Cruises' *Celebrity Ascent's* (pictured) maiden voyage will take place from 03 Dec 2023, from Fort Lauderdale to the eastern Caribbean.

The fourth ship in Celebrity's Edge series, *Ascent* will visit Philipsburg, St. Maarten, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Puerto Plata, and the Dominican Republic.

Following her maiden voyage, *Ascent* will make round-trip sailings from Celebrity's state-of-the-art Terminal 25 at Port Everglades every Sun, journeying through the Caribbean on seven-night westbound and eastbound itineraries.

Eastern sailings will visit locales, including San Juan, Tortola, and Basseterre, while Western cruises will take guests to Nassau, Cozumel, and George Town.

"We're so excited to debut the spectacular *Celebrity Ascent* in the serene setting of the Caribbean where she and all of her guests will have their

moment in the sun," said Chief Executive Officer & President Lisa Lutoff-Perlo.

"Celebrity is committed to bringing guests more sailing options and Caribbean destinations to choose from."

Ascent will be one of eight Celebrity ships navigating the region for the 2023-2024 season, including three from the cruise line's Edge series.

Itineraries will range from four to 12 nights.



A BOAT builder has finally set sail from Carnarvon, four years after becoming stranded in the Western Australian town.

Back in 2018, *Hybrid Arc's* skipper found himself stranded in Carnarvon when the town's harbour became too shallow for his 22-metre ship.

However, the 75-year-old put his time stranded in the town to good use, taking the opportunity to get to work rebuilding 10 of the Carnarvon Yacht Club's 14-foot windrush yachts.

Last week, the perfect conditions arose for the retired civil engineer to embark on his next adventure, and after a successful launch, he has resumed his solo circumnavigation of Australia, travelling east.





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