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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover from **Norwegian Cruise Line**.

Sail Croatia GOT

SAIL Croatia has unveiled a Game of Thrones cruise to mark next month's release of the show's prequel series, *House of the Dragon*.

The seven-day sailing will take place on a luxury small ship, which will call at several of the series' most famous filming locations, including the city of Dubrovnik, home of Kings Landing.

Here, guests can visit the Red Keep, Blackwater Bay, the Walk of Shame, and the Iron Throne, and can go on a walking tour.

Elsewhere, guests can explore Lokrum Island, which was the stand-in location for the city of Qarth, and Klis Fortress, the setting for the city of Meereen.

Entrance to various Game of Thrones must-see locations will also be included, such as tickets to Museo de "Il Trono di Spade" in Split.

The cruise departs on 20 Aug from Split, with prices starting from £939 (AUD\$1,655)pp.

A dedicated tour manager will be on hand throughout to point out the highlights.

For more info, **CLICK HERE**.

Scenic Eclipse II floats out



THIS week, Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours' *Scenic Eclipse II*, the second ultra-luxury 'Discovery Yacht', entered the water for the first time in her float out ceremony in Croatia (**pictured**).

The 168-metre-long and 21.5-metre-wide Discovery Yacht is a sister to *Scenic Eclipse*, and is due to launch in 2023.

The process of managing the construction of the vessel is being led by MKM Yachts, a division of Scenic Group.

"This is a big and important moment for all of us at Scenic... *Eclipse II* represents improved vision of our pioneering approach in the world of ultra-luxury cruising," said owner Glen Moroney.

"We are grateful to be able to build the most technologically advanced discovery passenger ships in the world and to cooperate with shipyards with a long, proud tradition of shipbuilding.

"We were able to find

the suitable partners in the Republic of Croatia and the 3. maj shipyard, and I would like to thank them for their co-operation, as well as all other stakeholders who recognised the seriousness of our intentions and the importance of this project for Croatian shipbuilding on a global scale, (the) Croatian government [sic], Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development, OTP Bank and others".

Eclipse II is due to launch in Apr, with her maiden voyage sailing from Lisbon to Barcelona.

The vessel will have several enhancements following feedback from guests and crew members who sailed on *Eclipse*.

In addition to the new features in the Senses Spa, the new ship will have a newly designed outdoor pool and Panorama Bar on her top deck, and will be equipped with a next generation custom-made submarine, *Scenic Neptune II*, that can dive down to a depth of up to 200 metres.

New EMBARK season

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's new season of 'EMBARC with NCL' premieres today, with the first episode '*Caribbean Adventures*', available now at ncl.com/embarc.

The second season will focus on the high-calibre offerings on board and ashore, as well as the more than 300 destinations visited by Norwegian each year, beginning with the Caribbean.

American television personality Zay Harding will bring viewers along this season as the host of EMBARK, chronicling his cruise adventures around the globe.

Season two follows the successful first season, which garnered nearly three million views, and showcased Norwegian's fierce resilience as it returned to cruising after a 500-day pause.

Meanwhile, to celebrate the launch of Norwegian's new 2023-2024 Asia season on board *Norwegian Jewel* (**CW** 24 Jun) the cruise line is rewarding travel partners with double points.

Earn up to 70 points for every deposited Asia booking on board *Jewel* made this month, and up to 35 points for all other destinations deposited this month.

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Cairns welcomes Princess



CAIRNS has welcomed the arrival of Princess Cruises' *Coral Princess* earlier this week in a boost for the local economy.

Coral's maiden call to Cairns took place on Wed, and is yet another positive step for the tourism industry.

The visit is one of 10 calls the 2,000-guest *Coral* will make as part of her winter season from her new homeport of Brisbane, and marks 10 years of Princess ships sailing from Queensland.

The calls are expected to generate \$6.6 million for Cairns, a much-needed boost for local tourism operators and the hospitality sector, which has struggled with reduced visitation numbers.

Cairns-based tour operator Nikki Giumelli from Bad Fishy Jet Boating said the return of cruise ships to the region was a positive step towards recovery.

"We've experienced many challenges due to ongoing border closures resulting in our business being forced to shut down for a period," she said.

"Cruise ship guests make up a large portion of our customer

base, so the restart of cruise will allow us to build up our business once again."

Venture arrives

SEABOURN Cruise Line recently took delivery of *Seabourn Venture*, its first purpose-built, ultra-luxury expedition ship.

The official handover ceremony took place at the T. Mariotti shipyard in Genoa.

"Today is so incredibly special and important as we take ownership of our first ultra-luxury expedition ship and welcome *Seabourn Venture* to the Seabourn family," President Josh Leibowitz said at the ceremony.

"The Mariotti team has done a wonderful job in the building of the ship and bringing Adam Tihany's stunning design vision to life."

Venture is the first of two purpose-built, ultra-luxury expedition ships for Seabourn, and will feature 132 luxurious oceanfront veranda suites.



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Lindblad adds four Antarctic cruises

LINDBLAD Expeditions has added four early season Antarctica departures aboard *National Geographic Resolution*.

The voyages are all set for the early season in Oct and Nov, offering guests pristine conditions, an ice-filled ocean, virgin snow, and the opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime "into the ice" hike, snowshoe or cross-country ski trek.

Early arrival also provides a front row seat to an extraordinary wildlife spectacle of the courtship rituals of penguins, including Adelies, chinstraps, and gentoos, all of which come ashore to mate and begin building their nests.

Offers currently available include \$1,250 per person special savings, complimentary private charter flights to Ushuaia to embark the ship, 25% off solo cabins, and a fourth guest travels free promotion - for more, visit au.expeditions.com.



DISNEY Cruise Line's new *Disney Wish's* Star Wars-inspired Hyperspace Lounge boasts a 'Kaiburr Crystal' drink worth USD\$5,000 (pictured).

Served in a "camtono", a container often used by bounty hunters in the franchise, it's unclear what is in the drink, but it has become one of the most talked-about offerings aboard *Wish*.

The Kaiburr Crystal drink comes in a hefty carrier complete with mechanical doors and dry ice.

Fortunately, there are other, less-expensive experiences including a "Frozen" sing-along dinner, and a Marvel dining experience.



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