

Cruise Weekly today

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

New Scenic brox

SCENIC Luxury Cruises & Tours has unveiled its new Canada, Alaska, & United States collection for next year, featuring five new luxury journeys.

The new brochure includes more than 20 handcrafted journeys, a range of new immersive Scenic Freechoice experiences, and *Scenic Eclipse* ultra-luxury voyages.

The collection includes five new itineraries covering the diverse coastline of the continent, the Inside Passage of Alaska and the West Coast of the United States.

Scenic guests can enjoy a sojourn through some of the continent's most iconic locations over 15 days, including two iconic capitals, Quebec City and Washington, on the Eastern Canada & USA Explorer.

This itinerary will allow guests a deeper and richer exploration of Eastern Canada and the United States, with the cultural centres of Montreal and New York City included.

Scenic's iconic Majestic Rockies & Alaskan Cruise has been extended by an additional two days for next year, providing the cruise line's guests with more time to unwind and experience Western Canada's mountains and landscapes.

Meanwhile, *Scenic Eclipse* guests can experience an Adventure through the Inside Passage over 16 days, where they will discover wildlife including elk, killer whales, and humpback whales.

Scenic's 2023 Canada, Alaska & USA brochure is now available [HERE](#).

Encounter on her way home



P&O Cruises Australia's new ship *Pacific Encounter* is on her way from Singapore to Australia to join her fleetmate *Pacific Explorer*.

Encounter will sail into Sydney Harbour on 02 Aug, where flagship *Explorer* is already homeported, having become the first of P&O Australia's ships to return home after more than two years.

The ship's time in Sydney will be a relatively "brief encounter", before she heads to Brisbane, where she will continue to be based at the epicentre of the Queensland cruise market.

Carnival Corporation President Australia Marguerite Fitzgerald said *Encounter's* arrival would be another step towards the rebuilding of the country's cruise industry.

"Knowing that we have a second P&O ship only weeks away reminds us all that cruising is making a return to normal scheduling," she said.

"It is hard to believe that as warmer weather returns, Australia is now on the way to having a near normal 2022-23 summer cruise season."

"This is testament to our onboard and shoreside teams and to the many P&O passengers who were patiently waiting during the pause for the opportunity to



cruise again."

Encounter's first guest cruise from Brisbane will be on 20 Aug, a seven-night Barrier Reef Discovery Cruise.

This itinerary will include *Encounter's* maiden call to Cairns, helping to bring cruise tourism back to Far North Queensland.

During her recent wet dock in Trieste (*CW* 30 Jun) *Encounter* received her P&O transformation, which included the creation of a multi-storey atrium, and the addition of new dining outlets from Australian chef & restaurateur, Luke Mangan, & award-winning Melbourne chef Johnny Di Francesco.

There is also a number of new-look bars aboard *Encounter*, with new experiences including a new lobby precinct on deck 5, the Encounter Hotel, and The Blue Room (*inset*).

Vega departs

SWAN Hellenic's second ship *Vega* has embarked on her inaugural Arctic season, departing Tromsø on her 11-day maiden cruise.

Vega's inaugural season will see her explore the Arctic, from the Svalbard Archipelago and Iceland's landscapes of ice and fire to Greenland, the Northwest Passage, and the wilds of Northern Canada.

Later in the season, *Vega* will make her way down the east coast of the United States over 12 days, taking in New York, Norfolk, Charleston, Miami, and more.

From Nov, *Vega* will be offering a range of 11 to 21-day cultural expedition cruises.

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Hip-hop on this!

HIP hop's only music festival at sea, Days of Summer Cruise Fest, has announced its dates for next year will be 02-05 Jul.

With headliners Lil Baby and Future, the cruise is set to be hosted by DJ Khaled, with cabins on sale now.

Sailing aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Sky* out of Miami, the voyage will travel to Nassau, with more artists to be announced soon.

Days of Summer 2023 will mark the second sailing for the music festival cruise, after the inaugural voyage in 2019.

The festival is available for those over the age of 21, with cruisers currently able to purchase early bird rates until Oct - [CLICK HERE](#).

A HAL-ping hand for agents



HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has hosted more than 300 travel advisors on its ships this year already - more than ever before.

HAL's Australian Business Development Managers have escorted the agents on famils to Norway and Alaska, with many

advisors also taking themselves on a self-famil.

Some agents brought family and/or friends on their famil, using it to celebrate occasions which occurred during the pandemic, including a mother's 70th birthday, and even a honeymoon, celebrated this week by Helloworld Lakehaven's Chantelle Emerton.

She has been on a Helloworld/ Cruiseco famil group of 15 agents and their travelling partner, cruising to Alaska aboard *Koningdam*.

Pictured are HAL's Nikki Glading, Trans Otway Travel's Kirsty Williams, Globetrotter's Jodee Sorrell, Emerton, Cruiseco's Greg Wilson, St Ives Travel's Senia Gupta, Capital Travel's Lisa Calabria, Travel on Crown's John Hickman, Helloworld Seven Hills' Kathy Zagas, Flying Colours Travel's Jacqui Ingram, The Cruise Centre's Sue Wallis and Mel Chapman, My Travel Expert's Leonie Clay, Endeavour Travel & Cruise's Mike O'Leary, Atour Travel Service's Roslyn Savio, and Helloworld Everton Hills' David Sorpassa.



HAVE you ever found a rubber duck on a cruise ship?

You're not alone - in fact, you're among a more than 116,000-strong Cruising Ducks community, which has strict rules for its sport.

The tradition began in 2018 as a gesture by a 10-year-old cruiser, and if you find a duck, the next step is to take a photo of yourself with it.

You should also mention the name of the person who hid it, which can usually be found tagged on the duck, and you might also choose to reach out to thank them if they have provided their contact information.

Other rules dictate you should never put a duck in a pool or a hot tub, due to safety risks, nor should you hide one in a gift shop.

Cruisers should also not place a duck where it might fall overboard, for obvious reasons.

Isl Escape restart

ISLAND Escape Cruises' new Chief Executive Officer-designate Erik Helseth has told **Cruise Weekly** the line is hoping to resume normal operations by 10 Aug.

The cruise line has cancelled its 03, 16, and 28 Jul voyages in recent weeks, and has insisted guests on these sailings will receive refunds, as it hopes to restart next month (**CW** 21 Jul).



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