



Octantis revealed

VIKING Cruises is today showcasing its new *Viking Octantis* expedition ship, which is currently undertaking her inaugural Great Lakes season.

Exclusive features include the ship's Hangar, a large space within the vessel containing equipment such as two submarines, high-speed expedition jetboats, Zodiacs and kayaks as well as the onboard scientific laboratory.

The comfortable ship has a wide array of restaurants, bars and lounges, while *Octantis* staterooms feature private "Nordic Balconies" for cosy panoramic viewing which can also be opened to the elements - more on [page 3](#).

Emerald Luna christened



EMERALD Cruises has officially named its newest Star-Ship in Europe, with the event seeing US travel industry advocate Vanessa McGovern take the honours as the ship's official godmother.

The Scenic offshoot is undergoing rapid growth, with Emerald also recently welcoming its first ocean-going luxury yacht, *Emerald Azzurra* ([CW 31 May](#)).

The 180-guest *Luna* is the ninth river vessel in the Emerald fleet, joining sister ships *Emerald Sun*, *Sky*, *Star*, *Dawn* and *Destiny* sailing the Rhone and Saone Rivers in France, the *Emerald*

Radiance on the Douro in Portugal and the 84-passenger *Emerald Harmony* on the Mekong.

McGovern, who's pictured with Father Eric Fennis from St Nicolaas Basilica in Amsterdam, Scenic Group Chief Operating Officer Rob Voss and Luna Captain Vladimir Mitranovic, said she was honoured to formally name the new river ship.

"I've long admired Emerald Cruises' commitment to working with travel advisors, and it's with great pleasure that I welcome *Emerald Luna* to the fleet and wish her a safe passage".

G Adventures adds new Galapagos vessel

G ADVENTURES has announced the expansion of its Galapagos fleet, with a new custom-built catamaran offering 10 cabins over two decks.

The *Reina Silver Voyager* "enables G Adventures to cater to the rise in travellers seeking both bigger adventures and more activity during their holiday time," according to the company's Global VP of Product, Yves Marceau.

"The pandemic has made travellers rethink how we holiday, and we're seeing high demand for once-in-a-lifetime adventures as travellers commit

to booking trips they've long dreamt about," he said.

The ship includes two dedicated solo cabins - a first for G Adventures - while other features include a third deck with lounge chairs, a covered cocktail bar, grill station and outdoor jacuzzi.

There's also an air-conditioned indoor salon with a large video screen for visual presentations from naturalists who will guide each tour, while guests will be able to access shore destinations via two Zodiacs and eight on-board kayaks.

More at [gadventures.com](#).

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page from **Viking Cruises**.

Tweet Mekong start

TWEET World Travel is currently operating its first ever post-pandemic Mekong river cruise, with the *RV Indochine II* cruising between Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

The nine-day itinerary has 30 Australian pax on board, with Tweet CEO, Thuy Carroll, saying the departure "marks the true recovery of tourism".

Tweet will release its 2023 Mekong packages next week.



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Elvis cruise a sellout



LONG Live The King, was the cry aboard P&O's *Pacific Explorer* during an Elvis-themed departure out of Sydney last week.

The sold-out voyage was awash with blue suede shoes, high hair and jewelled jumpsuits, with both passengers and performers making the most of the opportunity to get all shook up.

The four-night celebration cruise will be reprised in a Melbourne voyage this coming Dec, while Elvis-themed P&O departures are

also on the agenda for Brisbane and Auckland next year.

Pictured are some of the scores of Elvis impersonators on board: Bill Croft, Nigel Stanley, Gabe Phoenix, Stuey V, Mark Andrew and Carmine Cimilio.

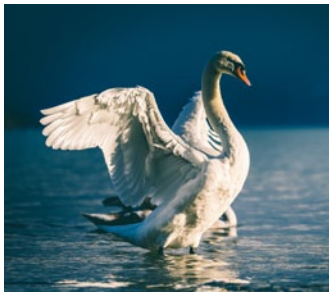


IN A welcome sign that land-based law enforcement is being equipped to deal with maritime incidents (well, sort of), police in the UK are now being given formal instruction in how to handle swans.

The move comes after years of so-called *Hot Fuzz* moments in which officers have struggled to keep the feisty aquatic birds away from major roadways - in many cases being forced to awkwardly subdue the creatures and take them away in patrol vehicles.

The special training was conducted at the Slimbridge Wetland Centre wildlife reserve in Gloucestershire, with Stroud Police tweeting that some of its "rural crime officers attended a #SwanHandling course this week...so if we get called to incidents of #swans in the road we can handle them correctly".

The *Hot Fuzz* reference is connected to the 2007 comedy movie of the same name, which features a famous scene where two hapless detectives apprehend a menacing swan.



Virgin vax changes

VIRGIN Voyages has changed its COVID-19 requirements, and is no longer requiring pre-testing for the virus for those boarding *Scarlet Lady* and *Valiant Lady*.

The company is also implementing a new 90% immunisation requirement, opening up its voyages so that 10% of passengers can be unvaccinated.


Virgin's crew will continue to be subject to a 100% vaccinated requirement.

RWC digital deal

RESORTS World Cruises is using IBS Software's iTravel Cruise Enterprise Reservation platform to offer a "digital and enriched shopping experience".

Backed by interests associated with the defunct Genting Hong Kong, Resorts World relaunched last month from Marina Bay in Singapore with the former Dream Cruises vessel *Genting Dream*.

President Michael Goh said "as a new dynamic lifestyle cruise brand, Resorts World Cruises is committed towards equipping itself with a modern, fully digital landscape to increase efficiency and implement transformational service to meet the evolving demands of today's consumers".



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Ship showcase: *Viking Octantis*



Cruise Weekly was recently among the first Australians to experience Viking's new expedition ship *Viking Octantis* on the inaugural Great Lakes and Canada season, sailing the 8-day 'Undiscovered Great Lakes' itinerary. The ship is ideally suited to be able to access areas that allow passengers to discover the natural beauty of this destination. And of course, the expedition craft means guests can participate in a whole new range of experiences. The ship has many unique features that sets it apart from other expedition ships. Below are just a few of the exclusive offerings on board.



The Aula & Finse Terrace

The Aula is the auditorium located at the rear of the ship on level 2, with its floor to ceiling windows it offers spectacular views. The venue is used for lectures and entertainment, as well as the daily briefing. It also has a huge retractable screen which can come down for presentations.

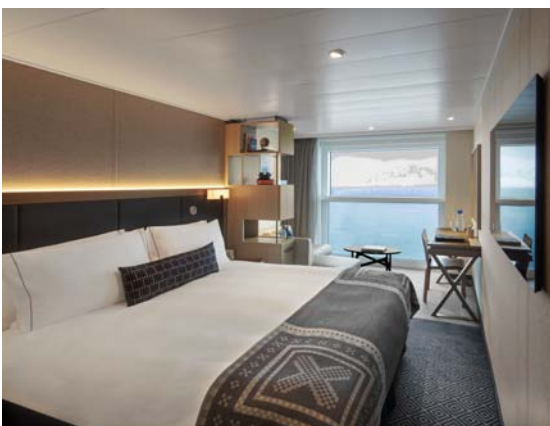
Adjacent to the Aula through sliding glass walls is the Finse Terrace, an outdoor lounge area with seating around firepits to stay warm while enjoying the surrounding nature.

The Hangar

The Hangar is home to all the expedition craft on board *Viking Octantis*. From the Hangar, guests can load directly onto the smaller vessels such as the Special Operations Boat which then travels down the slipway to enter the water - no waves to contend with while boarding.

This area is also home to the other excursion craft on board - kayaks, RIB's and of course the two six-seater submarines, which are complimentary to use throughout your voyage.

The ship's laboratory is also in the Hangar, where guests can participate in some of the on board scientific studies.



Staterooms

Viking Octantis features all veranda staterooms. There are a wide variety to choose from including the Nordic Balcony to the spacious Owners Suite. All beautifully decorated in classic Nordic style and very functional, with plenty of storage. There is even a heated drying closet to dry your expedition gear after an adventurous shore excursion.

One particular feature that sets the ship apart is the private Nordic Balcony—a floor to ceiling distortion free glass at the ship's edge for cosy viewing. Lower the top glass for an al-fresco outlook.