



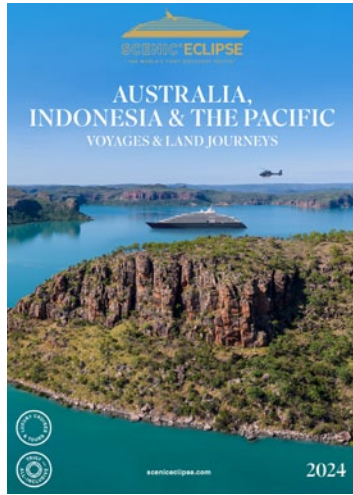
Scenic Eclipse II to visit Qld, NT in '24

SCENIC Luxury Cruises & Tours has launched its 2024 *Scenic Eclipse* Australia, Indonesia & the Pacific brochure, which details *Scenic Eclipse II's* inaugural arrival in her home market (**CW** 13 Jan).

The highlight of the season will be the Grand Australian Sojourn: Newcastle to Broome Grand Voyage, which begins in Newcastle, and travels along the New South Wales and Queensland coastlines, the NT to the Hunter River, Montgomery Reef, Talbot Bay, and Lacepede Island, ending in Broome.

Departing 22 Apr 2024, super earlybird prices start from \$43,510 per person, inclusive of \$10,135pp worth of savings.

Once *Scenic Eclipse II* arrives in the NT, she will embark on journeys on the Kimberley Coast, where cruisers will take Zodiac voyages around the waterfalls on the Discover the Kimberley



Coastline: An Ancient Wilderness 11-day voyage from Darwin to Broome.

The cruise visits the King George River, Mitchell Falls, Bigge Island, Montgomery Reef, Talbot Islands, Buccaneer Archipelago, and Lacepede Island.

Super earlybird prices start from

\$16,195pp twin share, inclusive of \$3,850pp of savings, departing from 10 May 2024.

Scenic Eclipse II will also explore the Queensland Islands on her Chairman's Voyage, which visits K'Gari, the Percy Isles National Park, Airlie Beach, Magnetic Island, Willis Island, and more.

Scenic Enrich experiences will take guests on an ultimate Whitehaven Beach excursion, with a gourmet barbecue set up on the white sand.

Commencing in Newcastle, guests will be welcomed on this exclusive departure by the Scenic Executive Team, including Chair & founder Glen Moroney.

Earlybird prices start from \$13,960pp, inclusive of a saving of \$1,415pp, departing 22 Apr 2024.

For more information or to book, call 1300 253 463, or view the brochure (**pictured**) **HERE**.

Cruise Weekly today

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

Heritage + Kimberley

HERITAGE Expeditions has set sail for the Kimberley, and has added two exciting new itineraries aboard flagship *Heritage Adventurer* to its schedule for next year.

The two new 11-day expedition cruises are 'Kimberley Explorer: Expedition Cruising Australia's Iconic Kimberley Coast', and 'Kimberley Coast & Beyond: Expedition Cruising Australia's Kimberley Coast and Indonesia'.

Guests have the option to experience this incredible landscape by *Adventurer's* fleet of Zodiacs and by foot on special landings - **CLICK HERE**.

IT'S TIME TO BREAK FREE!

New Zealand cruising is back! To celebrate we're rewarding Partners First Rewards members with up to 35 Points for every NCL booking in June*.

START YOUR REWARDS JOURNEY WITH NCL TODAY

[LEARN MORE](#)



PARTNERS FIRST
REWARDS

*Conditions apply, visit partnersfirstrewards.ncl.com for details.




CRUISE WEEKLY

On location in
Mackinac Island

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of Viking, aboard the brand new *Viking Octantis*.

THE last transit port on our Great Lakes Journey sees *Viking Octantis* spend a day at Michigan's charming Mackinac Island, where horse-drawn carriages traverse car-free streets in front of well-preserved Victorian-era homes.

Activity options here include kayaking, taking a carriage ride, or simply strolling the streets and taking in the ambience.

We then wrap up our journey in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where *Octantis* turns around with a new complement of passengers to head north again.

P&O christens Brisbane



P&O Cruises Australia's flagship *Pacific Explorer* (pictured) made history yesterday morning when she became the first vessel to dock at the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal (BICT) - the halfway point in the line's first guest sailing since the pandemic (CW 31 May).

Explorer passed down the Brisbane River toward BICT and arrived at the facility, which was underwritten by P&O parent company Carnival Corporation, to be greeted by President Australia Marguerite Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald, who will board the ship for her trip back to Sydney, said Queensland is once again set to be a key market for cruising in Australia after a two-year pause in operations.

"I'm thrilled that P&O Cruises' *Pacific Explorer* is making history here today as it becomes the first cruise ship to dock at the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal," she said yesterday.

"[The] arrival in Brisbane heralds the resurgence of the

cruise industry in Queensland with its multitude of cruise destinations now set to benefit from the revitalisation of cruise tourism".

"Prior to the pandemic, cruising accounted for more than \$1 billion annually in economic activity in Qld with regional destinations from Moreton Island to Cairns benefiting."

Also at BICT to welcome guests as they arrived was singer-songwriter and proud Queenslander Ricki-Lee Coulter, who roused passengers with a rendition of the 'Love You Queensland' jingle made famous in the 1990s by the state's rural television station STQ.

Explorer spent the day docked at BICT while guests enjoyed shore tours and the sites of Brisbane before returning to the ship for the comeback leg of the four-day cruise.

The ship's fleetmate *Pacific Encounter* will take up residence in Brisbane as her home port from Aug.



WE'RE in an age when individual diets are as different as those who follow them, and Carnival Cruise Line has noticed.

The brand has deployed its new Menu Mate food ingredient program fleetwide, with the software to help guide guests with food allergies.

Aboard all Carnival ships, guests will be able to enter any allergies or restrictions into the program, which will then sort through all available options and display which items are allergen friendly, which options can be modified, and more.

RCI to Malaysia

ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) is finally setting a course for overseas shores from Singapore.

Spectrum of the Seas travellers can now set their sights on exploring popular destinations in Malaysia as soon as 30 Jun, with a combination of adventures in Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

Spectrum's line-up of shore excursions to choose from range from a trip to visit South East Asia's oldest Anglican chapel, St. George's Anglican Church, Penang, Malaysia; to an adventure into the Batu Caves of Kuala Lumpur.

The new three- and four-night itineraries on Asia's largest ship are open to book today on RCI's website.

A-ROSA dumps most COVID regulations

PROOF of vaccination or recovery will no longer be required on most A-ROSA cruises from tomorrow.

Guests will also not require a certified negative test result to board an A-ROSA ship.

The cruise line has adapted its hygiene protocol to the relaxed European entry regulations; however, aboard the *A-ROSA ALVA* in Portugal, guests over 12 years of age must continue to require proof of complete vaccination or recovery.