



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### New Coral series

CORAL Expeditions has launched its new Small Islands of Japan & Philippines series.

The four intrepid new expeditions added for next year will explore the rarely visited remote Southern islands of the two countries.

The line's *Coral Adventurer* will cast off from Guam on the inaugural expedition of the series in Sep 2023.

The voyages will explore sites that lie in the wake of war, from Tinian and Torishima to Iwo Jima.

Guests will also explore the island chains of the Japanese Ryukyu, Ogasawara and Izu archipelagos.

## Can't help falling in love with P&O

**P&O** Cruises Australia's *Pacific Encounter* briefly berthed side by side with her sister ship yesterday, *Pacific Adventure* (pictured) ahead of commencing her journey home to Australia from Italy.

*Encounter* will initially arrive in Sydney before heading for her new cruising home in Brisbane.

Alongside *Adventure*, *Encounter* is undergoing final preparations ahead of joining *Pacific Explorer* to complete P&O Australia's three-ship fleet.

The work on the two ships includes important technical upgrades as well as other enhancements such as upgraded hotel facilities, such as staterooms and interior furnishings, and the addition of P&O's iconic red, white and blue bow livery depicting the Southern Cross.

**MEANWHILE**, P&O's Tribute to



the King cruises are back, as Elvis fever sweeps the nation following the release of the eponymous biopic on the American singer.

Following the sold-out Sydney cruise next month, the popular tribute voyage is being offered for the first time from Melbourne in Dec, followed by Brisbane next year.

2023 will also see P&O Australia go international with its Tribute to the King cruise, with a departure

from Auckland.

P&O has partnered with BIG AL'S Elvis World to curate a sensational line-up of tribute artists.

The cruises will feature 14 entertainers, 42 dedicated tribute shows, a movie marathon, 1950s and 1970s dress-up nights, plus themed trivia, and karaoke.

Prices start from \$399pp under P&O's current seven-day flash sale, on now until Tue.

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## UnCruise 22-23

**UNCRUISE** Adventures has revealed its fleet deployment for the second quarter of 2022 through to the first quarter of 2023.

Guests can find seven- to 14-night sailings to eight destinations on board nine vessels, including the 86-pax *Safari Endeavour*, returning to Alaska after 26 months of refurbishments, including new ceiling tiles, a modern re-design in the lounge, a new green hull to match the rest of the fleet, and more.

"It's a pleasure to see our fleet wilderness plans actualised, the *Safari Endeavour* returns to Alaska, along with celebrating a return to our enriching international adventures in places like Belize, Costa Rica, and Panama," said Chief Executive, Captain Dan Blanchard.

## Happy Int'l Seafarer Day!



**P&O Cruises Australia** has marked International Day of the Seafarer with an array of treats aboard *Pacific Adventure*.

Captain Gavin Pears and the onboard team created a special display representing Carnival Corporation's cruise brands, while the galley team baked an International Day of the Seafarer cake, along with other mouth-watering treats.

The day is an annual initiative of the United Nations' International

Maritime Organisation, and this year it had a "then" and "now" theme to celebrate how far seafarers have come.

**Pictured** are Assistant F&B Manager John Dsouza, Senior Restaurant Manager - Maitre'd Gac Ang Brillantes, Executive Chef Ravi Rajamanikam, Deputy Captain Luciano Imperato, Pears, Hotel Director Jane Herron, F&B Director Tony Gleeson, Bar Manager Brijesh Naik and IT Officer Sherwin Magsino.

## New Indian cruises

**HERITAGE River Journeys** has announced its evolution into Antara Luxury River Cruises, India's only indigenous luxury river cruising firm.

The Antara fleet of five ships - *Ganges Voyager*, *Ganges Voyager II*, *Bengal Ganga*, *Ganga Vilas*, and *Nauka Vilas* - will operate a number of scheduled cruises from Sep to Apr, between 2 and 52 nights.

Each ship is lovingly handcrafted in the Indian tradition, and is designed to operate the challenging waterways of Indian river systems.

Founded by a 40-year tourism industry innovator, Antara's vision is "to curate joyful journeys of discovery & transformation, that regenerate & restore ancient riparian networks & landscapes".



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**THE Po**, the longest river in Italy, is hitting record low water levels after months without heavy rainfall, unearthing a sunken World War II ship.

The river has not had any rain in more than 110 days, revealing the *Zibello*, which sank 80 years ago.

The ship is jutting out of the water near the northern village of Gualtieri.

She was used to transport wood during World War II, and sank into the river in 1943.

## MSC not kidding around



**MSC Cruises** has unveiled its biggest and most exciting family offering to date on board *MSC World Europa*, with the line's largest-ever kids' area, spanning more than 766m<sup>2</sup> across seven distinct spaces.

The new family offerings have been enriched with brand-new activities and facilities, specially designed for children of all ages, with more than 100 hours of live entertainment on offer for children, such as high-tech games, LEGO adventures, and much more.

New activities include a LEGO Celebration Room; family game shows '3, 2, 1, Knock' and 'Beat the Music'; Z Active; and Drone Academy 2.0.

The Kids' Clubs are available from the youngest guests through to teens, and activities are organised according to age group: Baby Club for toddlers up to three years, with dedicated crew members; Mini Club and Juniors

Club (3 – 11 years); and Young Club and Teen Club (12-17 years) including the brand-new TEENS LAB area, a totally immersive, tech-filled, modern room just for teens.

"More than 350,000 young people who have travelled with us over the years and we have listened to their feedback," Kids Entertainment Manager Matteo Mancini said.

"We have invested heavily in the entertainment offering for our younger guests, and we know they value the latest technology, trends and experiences.

"We have worked to introduce real innovations in both the design of the facilities as well as the development of an incredible programme of activities, all carefully planned to ensure that the differing needs of all age groups are met - from our youngest guests through to teenagers."

**Pictured:** 'Doremi' with the kids.

## TSSC fees halved

**FEES** have been halved for Cruise Traveller's small-ship sales program The Small Ship Collective (TSSC).

Launched last year and designed to help travel advisors grow their cruise business and make them a small ship cruise specialist, The Small Ship Collective is now available to join for just \$90 per month - call 1300 561 001.



## RSSC new menus

**REGENT** Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has revealed highlights of a new menu for its onboard Italian favourite Sette Mari.

A number of new dishes will be incorporated into the current offering and unveiled onboard *Seven Seas Grandeur's* inaugural season in Nov 2023, and then throughout the rest of the fleet.

Following an exciting culinary journey through Puglia, the new menu explores century-old cooking techniques and local ingredients (**pictured**).



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