



Viking Explorer Sessions

The Viking Explorer Sessions are back. Don't miss the chance to reconnect with your clients and secure new bookings for 2022 and beyond.

The latest Viking Explorer Sessions have just been announced for Sydney and Brisbane. For one day only in each city, Viking will host a series of informative and inspiring information sessions showcasing the best of Viking's river, ocean and expedition products. This is your opportunity to register you and your clients for these complimentary sessions, learn about the world of Viking and walk away with new bookings.

If you have clients in the Sydney or Brisbane area, here's why you should attend:

- It's the perfect opportunity to reconnect with your clients in a five-star environment.
- Enjoy tea, coffee, and refreshments before each session.
- Viking will do the selling for you. Each information session will leave your clients eager to book their next cruise.
- There's an exclusive offer available to clients who attend.
- Viking experts will be there to answer any questions you and your clients may have and place bookings back to your agency.
- It's a great training opportunity with back-to-back sessions covering everything you need to know about Viking.
- You'll earn commission for all bookings your clients make from the day.

Simply choose the sessions that are of most interest to you and your clients and register — but be quick, these information sessions book out fast!

What's New in the World of Viking | 10.00 am
River Cruising | 10.00 am and 1.00 pm
Ocean Cruising | 11.30 am and 1.00 pm
Ocean and Expedition Cruising | 6.30 pm

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Thunder Bay

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

VIKING Octantis is this week undertaking her first ever voyage southward from Thunder Bay, Ontario in Canada to Milwaukee through the Great Lakes.

The 378-passenger ship has been purpose built for exploration, with Special Operations boats launching from a special hangar along with kayaks, Zodiacs and even two on-board submarines.

Thunder Bay has welcomed the ship with open arms, with locals queuing up to take photos during her first visit.

Give us more NT access

ACCESS to wilderness regions, national parks, islands and indigenous communities is very important for the NT cruise sector, Coral Expeditions believes.

In light of the release of the Territory's Cruise Tourism Strategy 2022-2025, Coral told **Cruise Weekly** that among the many key actions and strategic pillars outlined, the line is encouraging the "prudent re-opening and uninterrupted permitting of these key areas".

"It is important for operators to have consistent and reliable access to visits with places and people in the region as this is the primary purpose of travel and the most inhibiting factor for cruise development in the NT at this time," Coral said.

The cruise line also believes Darwin is very well positioned to service the cruise sector as a key northern port - one of

the main actions listed in the Strategy - with key attributes including well-protected harbour and port facilities, good hotel and supply infrastructure, and good frequency and reliability of affordable air uplift.

Coral also believes investment into port infrastructure in the NT has been positive and is encouraging its continuation, "especially for the expedition sector, and to ensure that the facilities have the ability to handle more frequency of ships".

"At present, there is some pressure on the wharf and terminal with long standing and year-round small Australian operators struggling for key wharf access when seasonal foreign lines come through the port."

The Cruise Tourism Strategy was released earlier this month by the NT's Department of Tourism - **CLICK HERE** for more information.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover page from **Viking**.

Explore once more!

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Tea, coffee, and refreshments will be provided, and there will also be exclusive offers available to those who attend.

Viking experts will be available to answer any questions clients may have - see the **cover page**.

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Sail Croatia ship update



REVELLERS at a bachelor party wreaked havoc on a waterway in England last week, during a series of chaotic events reminiscent of a plotline from *The Hangover* movies.

The group, after hiring three barges of around 10 metres each for a boozy trip on the Droitwich Canal, managed to crash into another boat just hours into their jaunt.

The group then carried on down the waterway, with disaster striking once more when one of the boats became stuck as they tried to navigate their way through a lock.

The party-goers decided to abandon the boat, with all packing onto one barge.

The abandoned boat was later found partially submerged by a rescue team.

As a result of the blockage, the canal's water levels rose and several nearby roads were flooded.

Fortunately, there were no injuries sustained, and the local police said the matter isn't being investigated.

According to residents, chaotic occurrences like this aren't uncommon...yikes!



SAIL Croatia has completed upgrades on its luxury ship *Olimp* (pictured).

The improvements, worth almost \$1 million, have transformed the top deck into a shaded, ambient lounge area that surrounds the jacuzzi (inset).

The colour scheme & design of the cabins, dining salon, and lounge area have also been updated; and a new swimming platform that extends into the sea has been built, offering easier access into and out of the water.

The works were carried out at a shipyard near Split, and took seven months to complete.

"*Olimp* is a stunning ship, and these upgrades will ensure she remains one of the most sought-



after luxury small ships to sail the Adriatic," said Director Grant Seuren.

"We can't wait for guests to step onboard and experience the enhancements for themselves, from fresh and contemporary cabins, to the stunning new top deck that exudes relaxation."

Almost all gone!

LESS than 50 cabins are left this year for Murray River Paddlesteamers' *Emmylou*.

Travellers can currently save 10% on all Winter Sun Cruises - see live cabin availability **HERE**.

Celeb goes Greek

CELEBRITY Cruises has launched curated Greek shore excursions designed by its Captains.

The Captain-Curated shore excursion program takes cruisers from olive mills, to hidden culinary gems, and the best panoramic views Greece can offer.

Other highlights include visiting the history of Rhodes and Thessaloniki, the distilleries and wineries of Nafplio and Corfu, and the picturesque seaside town of Chania.

The all-new collection of unique and exclusive excursions will be offered aboard all Celebrity ships sailing the Greek Isles during this northern summer.

"Celebrity Cruises has a proud Greek heritage and Greece holds a special place in our hearts that we are now uniquely sharing with our guests," said Chief Executive Officer Lisa Lutoff-Perlo.



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