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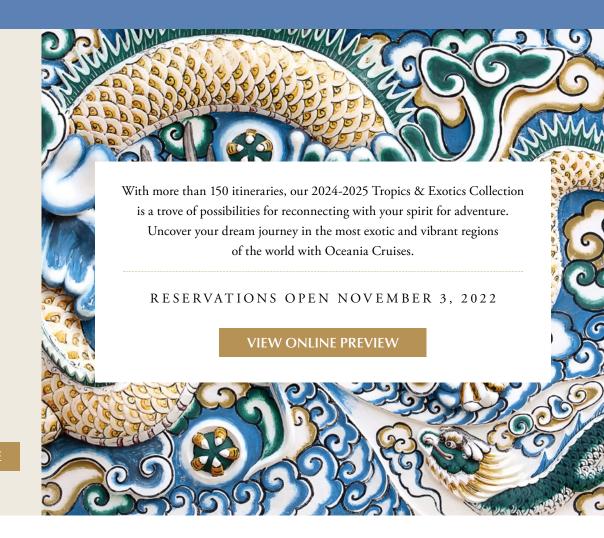
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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover page from Oceania Cruises.

Search for the squid commences

A CHIMU Adventures charter will launch the firstever Antarctic expedition to find the elusive colossal squid.

Chimu is working with ocean exploration and conservation non-profit orgnisation Kolossal to launch the world's first scientific expedition to look for the Antarctic squid.

Departing 30 Nov, Ocean Endeavour's Complete Antarctica 14-day charter, featuring special guest Adam Spencer, will serve as the pilot voyage for Kolossal's threeyear search.

Using innovative deep sea technology, Kolossal will deploy the cameras into the deep Antarctic waters throughout the 2022/2023 season and beyond, with the aim to locate and film a colossal squid by 2025 - the 100-year anniversary of its first discovery in 1925, when a specimen was found inside the stomach of a sperm whale.

The colossal squid, not to be confused with the giant squid, has only been witnessed in nets or photographed on the surface after death.

"We're thrilled that this trip will have such a strong element of citizen science for our travellers," said Chimu Managing Director Chad Carey.

Rotterdam back in NYC



HOLLAND America Line's (HAL) Rotterdam (pictured) has arrived in New York City for her historic maiden call in NYC.

The ship will overnight in New York in celebration of HAL's 150th anniversary, following a transatlantic crossing that departed her namesake port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

The vessel is nearing the end of a 15-day cruise recreating the maiden voyage of HAL's first ship, Rotterdam I, which departed the Netherlands for New York 150 years ago, on 15 Oct 1872.

To celebrate the milestone, an event is being held on board today for invited guests.

A highlight of the evening will be the performance of a musical piece by American composer Steven Schoenberg, written exclusively for HAL's anniversary, to accompany a special short film about the cruise line's journey.

During the crossing, guests indulged in exclusive menus showcasing HAL's 150-year history, with entrees each evening reminiscent of dishes served as early as the 1920s.

Additional special programming included Dutch High Tea, a "Throwback Happy Hour" which rolled back the clock with drinks priced as low as 25 cents, presentations that relived the history and roots of HAL, and anniversary-themed trivia.

The cruise line also introduced a limited-edition Pilsner beer, HAL Pils, in a commemorative can adorned with the iconic Jan van Beers advertising poster of 1898, depicting a woman holding a Holland America steamship above her head

HAL has also partnered with The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation to celebrate the brand's 150-year journey from its humble beginnings as an immigrant carrier.

The partnership features on-board video content across HAL's entire fleet, produced by an Ellis Island researcher, as well as a curated exhibit launching next year on the island, detailing the cruise line's historical prominence, which has seen it bring one in 10 immigrants from Europe to the United States.

New Oceania brox

OCEANIA Cruises is today promoting its 2024-25 Tropics & Exotics Collection, which includes more than 150 itineraries during the season.

Reservations open next Thu, with a number of featured sailings on display today including 'The Essential Australia', 'Tahitian Legends', and 'Africa Navigator'.

Head to the cover page for more information.

Disney Adriatic

ADVENTURES By Disney will debut its first-ever Adriatic Sea expedition cruise in 2024.

The new, one-of-a-kind adventure along the Adriatic coastline will cruise for seven nights, sailing round trip from Venice aboard Ponant's Le Bougainville.

The cruise will visit seven ports in Croatia and Montenegro before returning to Venice.

The chartered Adventures by Disney expedition voyage is planned for two sailings in 2024, with departures set for 25 Jun and 02 Jul.

Highlights will include a stop at Korcula to taste the famed Mali Ston oysters & Hvar to kayak along the Paklinski Islands, enjoying delicious food, Croatian wine, & captivating architecture, biking through vineyards & lavender fields, tasting local delicacies such as Dalmatian prosciutto, and more.

Bookings open to the public on 27 Oct.



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Eclipse makes inaugural Dunedin call

CELEBRITY Cruises celebrated a major milestone yesterday, as the first line to return to Dunedin in almost 1,000 days, on what was her inaugural visit to the city.

On her first sailing of the 2022-23 season, *Celebrity Eclipse* (pictured) was greeted in Dunedin with a traditional Maori welcome, followed by a plaque exchange to commemorate the momentous occasion.

Vice President & Managing Director APAC Tim Jones, *Eclipse* Master Captain Taramas Zisis, and retiring General Manager of Marine Captain Sean Bolt, were all present for the ceremony.

Guests on board set sail from Sydney on 22 Oct on a 12-night round trip around New Zealand.

Throughout the 2022-23 season, *Eclipse* will host a series of three-to 13-night itineraries across Australia and the Pacific.

"Returning to this region is



another significant milestone in the industry's global recovery, as we sail forward into a bright future," said President & Chief Executive Officer Lisa Lutoff-Perlo.

"Eclipse is the first Celebrity ship to sail this region for 930 days - a momentous occasion for the brand and our team members who have worked so hard to get to this point; and the first of many WonderFULL sailings".

Last weekend, Celebrity returned to Australian waters after a similarly long absence, with the arrival of *Eclipse* into Sydney Harbour ahead of her current cruise (*CW* 24 Oct).

Taiwan lifts ban

TAIWAN has lifted its ban on international cruises which was introduced early in the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Maritime & Port Bureau said in a statement on Mon the ban was lifted as Taiwan has ended its mandatory quarantine for all overseas arrivals on 13 Oct.

The Central Epidemic Command Center approved new protocols for cruises, which have been sent to lines, and are based on similar rules introduced by the European Union, the US, and Australia.

The Maritime & Port
Bureau's statement said
Taiwan is looking forward
to a swift resumption of
international cruising, which
will help the country resume
the growth it was seeking
to develop within the sector
before the pandemic.





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ITALIAN actress Sophia Loren (pictured) has been the celebrated godmother for the MSC Cruises fleet for nearly 20 years, so she must know a thing or two about the cruise industry.

Leading up to MSC Seascape's naming ceremony in New York City, Loren has named NYC her favourite and most chic destination to visit on a cruise.

New York topped a sevendestination list of Loren's favourites, with Barcelona, the Caribbean, Dubai, the islands of Greece, Copenhagen, and Naples also making the cut.

"Throughout my life I have had the privilege of visiting some of the most beautiful places in the world, so it was hard to pick just a few that top the list," Loren said.

"What makes these destinations so special are the unique experiences I have had in each one, from naming a glamorous cruise ship to creating special memories with my family.

"Each of these destinations provide a chic atmosphere to unwind, relax and truly immerse yourself in a new place and its unique culture."



PTM experiences Portugal



THE National Travel Industry Awards' 'Most Outstanding Mobile/Home-Based Travel Advisor', TravelManagers' Rose Febo (pictured), has sampled a luxury river cruise in Portugal.

The personal travel manager cruised the Douro River with Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, capturing her experience on her travel blog, which includes a YouTube video (CLICK HERE).

Febo, who is TravelManagers' representative for Hawthorne, Queensland, says Portugal has long been on her wish list of destinations to explore, so she was delighted when the opportunity arose to visit via a self-famil.

"It was also my first experience with river cruising, which I absolutely loved; the intimacy of the experience and the incredible service every step of the way made it truly exceptional," she

"I particularly loved the personalised butler service that is a hallmark of Scenic's luxury river cruises, and the destination itself was incredible."

TravelManagers Executive General Manager Michael Gazal said famils such as the one experienced by Febo are

providing PTMs with vital firsthand experience not just of spectacular destinations like the Douro Valley but also of the flight uncertainties and airport disruptions that their clients may experience when travelling internationally in the current environment.

"These are essential tools in providing clients with reliable, upto-the-minute itinerary planning and advice," he noted.

"In addition, TravelManagers' partnership with Signature Travel Network ensures that our PTMs have access to an incredible wealth of luxury travel experiences, and they are relishing being able to experience them for themselves while also sharing them with their clients."

Regent Seven Seas Faberge tie-up

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) and Faberge have collaborated to design the first Faberge Egg which will permanently reside at sea.

The exclusive, customdesigned masterpiece 'Journey in Jewels' will be the piece de resistance of a multi-milliondollar art collection on RSSC's new ship Seven Seas Grandeur.

'Journey in Jewels' is not available for sale, and the prized art piece will only be on display to guests once Grandeur sets sail in Nov 2023.

Faberge Creative Director Josina von dem Bussche-Kessell said the opportunity is "a first in Faberge's 180-year history."





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