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NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is today inviting the industry to lodge their votes in the National Travel Industry Awards, with the company nominated as a finalist in the "Most Outstanding Industry Support - Cruise" category. Cast your vote now for the 2022 NTIAs by heading to the [cover page](#).

ATG events soon

APT Travel Group is offering special deals and giveaways at its current series of APT and Travelmarvel Showcase Events across the country. Taking place through until 20 Sep in each state, travel advisors are urged to invite their clients to discover their perfect destination and travel style, in partnership with Air Canada and HAL - more at aptouring.com.au/events.

Hurtigruten green finance

HURTIGRUTEN Group shareholders will provide the company with a €55 million loan to be utilised to finance ongoing environmental projects which are currently being undertaken by the Hurtigruten Norway brand.

The marque is currently in the midst of its largest environmental fleet upgrade ever undertaken, which will deliver significant benefits including the projected reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by up to 25% and NO_x emissions by up to 80%, through the conversion of three vessels into battery-powered hybrid ships (*CW* 22 Feb).

The loan will also deliver working capital to support other growth opportunities across the Hurtigruten Group.

For Hurtigruten CEO Daniel Skjeldam, the quantum of funding secured reflects the strong confidence of the company. "Our owners continue to

show continued support for our dedication to push the tourism industry in a sustainable direction, and that they're eager to invest in the long-term growth of our company," he said.

"That's the kind of ownership that enables and encourages us to make the necessary choices for our future," Skjeldam added.

Hurtigruten also said it continues to enjoy strong forward bookings for its Original Coastal Express, Expeditions, and Svalbard products, with gross bookings for the 12-month period through to 30 Jun 2023 now at the same levels as the same period prior to the pandemic.

At the same time, Hurtigruten has been delivering higher yields across all business units and destinations, with the cruise line anticipating its total revenue for the six months to 30 Sep will be around the same level as the equivalent period in 2019.

Azamara vax off

AZAMARA has announced that for departures from Dec, it will remove the COVID-19 vaccination requirements for guests travelling on all Caribbean and European sailings, unless required by local regulations.

The cruise line continues to encourage all guests departing from any port to get tested at their convenience prior to travel to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable travel experience, however these results will not be required to board the ship.

Azamara removed testing for COVID-19 from 25 Jul.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover page from **Norwegian Cruise Line**.

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CRUISE WEEKLY

On location aboard
Norwegian Prima

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of Norwegian Cruise Line aboard its newest flagship, *Norwegian Prima*.

OUR voyage aboard *Norwegian Prima* comes to an end tomorrow as the ship wraps her special christening cruise in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Yesterday the ship was in Le Havre, France, where passengers enjoyed excursions to Paris, Normandy, Giverny and nearby Honfleur before returning to the ship exhausted but full of memories.

A day at sea will see *Prima* arrive in Amsterdam late in the afternoon - just in time for some evening canal cruising before returning to the ship for a final onboard celebration courtesy of iconic musical performer Chaka Khan.

Christmas in the Cooks with Paul

SPEND Christmas with Paul Gauguin Cruises (PGC) this year, with a 12-day voyage departing on 17 Dec to the Tahiti's Society Islands and the Cook Islands.

The limited time offer can see guests receive a flight credit of up to \$800 per person, which is combinable with savings of up to 20% off the brochure fare.

New guests to PGC will also receive a welcome offer of \$400 per person - find out more about this sailing [HERE](#).

New dates for Aurora webinars

NEW dates have been announced for Aurora Expedition's virtual events, for those who missed the first round of webinars.

There are two new dates for the online sessions this month, which will showcase Aurora's upcoming seasons in Antarctica, the Arctic & beyond.

The webinars will tell about Aurora's 11 new itineraries, with special guest Edwin Sargeant, who has dived in the polar regions with the line.

The first session will take place on 19 Sep at 11am (RSVP [HERE](#)), while the second will take place the following day at 4pm (RSVP [HERE](#)).

Jumping for *Prima* joy

IT'S been a huge week for Damian Borg and Angela Middleton from Norwegian Cruise Line as they hosted a local contingent aboard the new *Norwegian Prima* on her christening cruise in the North Atlantic Ocean.

The pair ventured into Paris from the ship, which docked in Le Havre overnight, with stunning weather in the City of Lights for the first day of autumn.

They're **pictured** jumping for joy in front of the iconic Eiffel Tower -

perhaps thrilled at a new bonus offer for Australian travellers including a free beverage package, wi-fi package, specialty dining package and shore excursion credit, along with reduced rates for the third and fourth guests on select sailings.

On top of that, for a limited time travellers will also enjoy savings of up to 40% off published fares.

As well as *Norwegian Prima*, the offer is valid on a wide selection of NCL's worldwide voyage including Mediterranean and Great Isles departures on *Norwegian Viva* as well as other ships through 2022, 2023 & 2024.



Stockholm adding shore power

PORTS of Stockholm has announced the development of Sweden's first-ever onshore power connection facilities for cruise ships.

The shore power installation is currently under construction at two downtown docks, with the organisation saying the move aims to significantly decrease greenhouse gas emissions from ships while they are docked at the port.

Celestyal easing

CELESTYAL Cruises has amended its COVID-19 protocols, with a range of measures including the removal of a requirement to wear masks while indoors.

All guests 12 years plus must continue to be fully vaccinated and present a negative test result upon boarding.



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ONE of the most popular parts of sailing with Disney Cruise Line is back - character meet-and-greets.

Even though Disney has returned to sailing post the COVID-19 pandemic, this particularly well-liked feature of its cruises had not, until now.

Disney's announcement regarding the characters aboard its ships comes a few months after it was announced character meet-and-greets and autographs would return at its theme parks.



Atlas sales chief

ATLAS Ocean Voyages has announced the appointment of cruise industry veteran Tanya Springer as its new Vice President of Sales.

Springer joins the fledgling cruise line after almost two decades with Oceania Cruises.

Emerald new brochure

EMERALD Cruises has launched its new 2023/2024 Southeast Asia River Cruising program, ahead of the restart of its Mekong River voyages next month.

The brochure (pictured) promises itineraries exploring Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Mekong River on board *Emerald Harmony*.

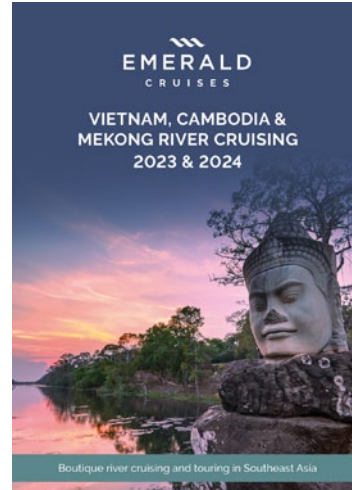
"To celebrate the re-start of operations on the Mekong River, we are delighted to release our new 2023/2024 brochure with exceptional savings of up to \$4,300 per couple," told Director of Sales, Marketing & Product Angus Crichton.

"Our local team are looking forward to welcoming guests on to our beautiful, as-new, *Emerald Harmony* for an unforgettable river cruise through Vietnam and Cambodia."

Itineraries featured in the 2023/2024 Southeast Asia collection include the eight-day Majestic Mekong River Cruise, departing from Vietnam's largest metropolis, Ho Chi Minh City.

The cruise stops off in small communities along the Mekong Delta, where guests can attend a fruit workshop in Dat Dua, and visit Tan Long Pagoda.

Meanwhile, the 13-day Wonders of Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong explores the bustling



metropolises of Southeast Asia, such as My An Hung, a beautiful, remote village which is known for its hot chilli peppers.

Guests will witness daily life as it unfolds in this peaceful Vietnamese countryside community.

Earlybird offers are available with savings of up to \$1,750 per person.

Super Earlybird savings of up to \$400 per person are also available for full payment made 12 months in advance.

Meanwhile, solo travellers can enjoy no single supplement on Balcony suites on selected cruises.

For more information visit your travel advisor, call 1300 286 110.

World Europa brox

MSC Cruises has released its 2023-2024 *World Europa* brochure.

The 64-page publication showcases everything about the newest ship in the MSC fleet.

Readers can find out all about the incredible onboard features, information about onboard dining, bars, lounges, entertainment, kids, & teens entertainment, Aurea Spa, and MSC for Me.

The brochure also details the wide range of accommodation available aboard *World Europa*, as well as a cross-section of the ship, and deck plans, in addition to covering her itineraries for 2023 and 2024.

World Europa will commence her inaugural season in the United Arab Emirates from Dec - read a digital copy of the brochure [HERE](#).

Creative Cruising + Celebrity offer

CELEBRITY Cruises' exclusive Europe offer with Creative Cruising will see those who book and deposit a voyage of 10 nights or more this month receive \$100 cashback per booking.

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