



### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page from **Norwegian Cruise Line**.

### Walk for Wellness

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line's Walk for Wellness launches next month.

Registrations are now open for the third walking of the annual wellbeing initiative, with this year to feature brand new challenges and the highest-value prize pool yet - \$16,000.

Events will run throughout the month of Oct, coinciding with National Mental Health Month and WHO World Mental Health Day on 10 Oct.

This celebrates the debut of the all-new *Norwegian Spirit*, which travel agents can win a cruise on - see **page 3**.

## HAL embraces Australia once more

**HOLLAND** America Line's (HAL) Grand Australia & New Zealand Voyage is returning in 2024, after more than a decade, as the cruise line continues to bolster its longer itineraries.

Departing from San Diego, the 94-day journey includes 43 port calls, with highlights including Great Barrier Reef and Komodo Island.

Leaving 03 Jan 2024 aboard *Volendam*, the round trip sailing will see guests circumnavigate Australia, and explore other Pacific destinations such as Hawaii and New Zealand.

There are four overnight calls: Fremantle, Sydney, Auckland, and Papeete, and two evening departures: Honolulu and Brisbane.

There will be scenic cruising in the Great Barrier Reef, exploring the Ribbon Reef, & Far North Queensland, as well as the Torres



Strait, and Milford Sound.

There will be a call at Komodo, with the opportunity to see the Komodo Dragon prowling its homeland.

Two shorter segments are also available: 58 days from San Diego to Sydney and 36 days from Sydney to San Diego.

"It's been more than 10 years since we've offered this Grand Voyage itinerary, and

we listened to our guests who requested that we bring it back," Chief Commercial Officer Beth Bodensteiner said.

"Australia continues to be a sought-after cruising destination, and by offering it as a Grand Voyage we're able to take our time and feature other beautiful locales like the islands of the South Pacific, New Zealand, and the Great Barrier Reef."

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## PORTHOLE

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line will premiere 'The Great Cruise Cookoff' tomorrow, its next 'EMBARK with NCL' episode.

The next installation will see Norwegian chefs battle it out for their chance to have their dish featured aboard *Norwegian Prima*, the cruise line's newest ship.

Hosted by *Prima* Cruise Director Simon Akinwolere and Senior Director of Culinary Development & Operations Christian Pratsch, viewers will watch each competing chef flexing their culinary skills and sharpening their knives to whip up three creative dishes for judging.

The chefs are given 60 minutes to prepare three incredible dishes using three distinct ingredients.

Once the time is up, the chefs will present their plates to be judged and proclaimed the winning chef of the very first *Great Cruise Cookoff*.

## NCL takes 3 for the sea



**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line (NCL) participated in the annual Take 3 CEO Beach CleanUp on Fri, as part of its partnership with Take 3 for the Sea.

NCL Managing Director & Vice President APAC Ben Angell was joined by Take 3 Chief Executive Officer Jacqui Riddell to kick off the partnership, which will support the non-profit organisation's target of removing 50 million pieces of trash from waterways by 2025.

The new partnership will see Norwegian create and undertake a range of engaging activities to encourage awareness of the movement among the travel community, and empower stakeholders at an individual level to recognise the important role they can play.

Take 3 believes in "simple actions to tackle complex problems", advocating for

Australians to "take 3" pieces of trash with them each time they visit a beach, park, or bushland.

"Conserving the health of our oceans and reducing plastic pollution is an important part of our comprehensive Sail & Sustain program," Angell said.

"As the first major cruise line to eradicate single-use plastic water bottles from our ships, we're proud to say that so far, across our three sister brands at NCLH we've kept over 14 million water bottles and 50 million plastic straws from harming the environment."

An avid surfer, the ocean is a big part of Angell's life.

"Together with my family, I've been 'taking 3 for the sea' for many years in my local community," he added.

**Pictured**, Angell (second from right) with the Take 3 team at Manly Cove.

## Cruise tragedy

**A ROYAL** Caribbean

International guest sailing aboard *Harmony of the Seas* died last week after being attacked by a shark.

The guest was on an independent shore excursion in Nassau, during *Harmony's* current seven-night cruise.

Royal Caribbean is providing support and assistance to the guest's loved ones at this time.

## Scenic appointment

**CLAIRE** Kaletka-Neil is starting a new position as Manager - Oceans Product Marketing with Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours.

It brings to an end her almost 20-year association with Atout France, during which time she served as the destination management organisation's Marketing Manager.

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# WALK FOR WELLNESS

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Join the NCL team for a walking challenge like no other in October.

For our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Walk for Wellness challenge we're promoting health and wellbeing within the travel industry, while also celebrating the all-new Norwegian Spirit's inaugural Australia & New Zealand season.

Get active and track your steps alongside your travel industry friends as we follow Norwegian Spirit's voyage from Hawai'i through to Australia and New Zealand. As we journey around an interactive map, there will be fun weekly challenges and \$16,000 worth of prizes up for grabs — our highest value prize pool to date — including an Oceanview stateroom on Norwegian Spirit's inaugural sailing from Sydney!

Register by 30 September to take part in this year's Walk for Wellness challenge.

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*Registration ends 30 September.*



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