



### Cruise Weekly today

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

## NCL to restart in Asia



### Carnival court win

**CARNIVAL** Corporation has won round one of a fight against a class action brought against it by a number of passengers. *The Australian* has reported.

Guests allege they contracted norovirus aboard Princess Cruises' *Sun Princess* after they fell ill during their 13-night Australia sailing in Dec 2016.

The person who brought the class action on behalf of other eligible passengers is seeking a full refund of the \$1,609 cost of the cruise, plus additional damages for inconvenience, distress, and disappointment.

In its defence, Carnival sought to have the case struck out, arguing there was no allegation anyone's illness was connected with services provided by the company.

Justice Ian Jackman agreed "the mere fact the illness occurred during the cruise" did not establish the illness as attributable to a deficiency in Carnival's services.

"It cannot be sufficient to say that the cruise ship operator promised a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, but the claimant has in fact had a miserable and stressful time."

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line (NCL) is counting down to the return of Asian cruising after three years.

NCL's extensive six-month season begins on 19 Oct, when the newly revitalised *Norwegian Jewel* (pictured) makes her grand return to Tokyo.

The cruise line will sail 16 voyages across 11 countries across its nine Asian homeports, with cruises ranging in length from 10-14 days, with fewer sea days, longer stays in port, and more overnights.

*Jewel's* season will include two brand-new departure destinations - the Philippines and South Korea.

The ship will also sail from Yokohama, Taipei, Bangkok, Bali, and Kuala Lumpur.

The season features six new ports of call: Manila, Boracay, Palawan, Salomague, Bintan Island, and Hualien.

A focus on destination immersion means guests will enjoy country-intensive cruises which uncover trending destinations such as Japan, the Philippines, and Indonesia through open-jaw itineraries that allow cruisers to bookend their trip with land tours.

*Jewel* will also stay overnight in places which come alive after dark, such as Phuket, Osaka, and Bali.

"After more than three years, Asia is back in a big way," Vice President & Managing Director, Ben Angell proclaimed.

"We know our Australian guests can't wait to return to this incredible region and as a smaller ship, *Norwegian Jewel* is the perfect size to explore Asia's lesser-known ports, while offering all the features we know local cruisers love."

With capacity for 2,376 guests, *Jewel* boasts 13 bars and 15 dining options, including three Asian restaurants: Sushi, Teppanyaki, and Chin Chin, where friendly wait-staff serve up freshly prepared noodles and wok-fried dishes.

### Cruising to Paris

**CAITLYN** Paris has been appointed Marketing Executive at Creative Cruising.

Paris brings more than seven years' experience working in the cruise sector for Carnival Cruise Line across multiple roles, including Business Development Executive, and most recently, Trade Marketing Executive.

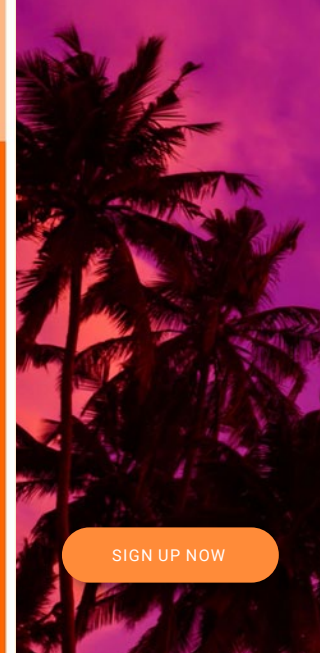
She will be responsible for Creative Cruising's brand presence, trade marketing campaigns, digital platforms, and events for its network of travel agency partners and Cruise Spirit members.

"I am beyond excited to be joining the Creative Cruising family," she said.



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## Crystal '24 WC

**CRYSTAL** Cruises has announced its highly anticipated 2024 World Cruise, which will set sail from San Diego or Miami.

The cruise, which is available to book aboard the newly renovated *Crystal Serenity*, will sail over the course of 125 nights.

The journey will visit 29 countries and 62 destinations, with guests also able to add on a Panama Canal segment, which would extend the overall cruise to 141 nights.

The cruise visits Australia, as well as Colombia, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Singapore, Indonesia, India, Egypt, Jordan, Italy, and the French Riviera.

Guests booking the World Cruise will receive benefits including an "As You Wish" shipboard credit - [CLICK HERE](#).

## Royal's beach-ing day in Brisbane

**ROYAL** Caribbean International (RCI) launched The Royal Caribbean Beach Club on Sat at Streets Beach in Brisbane (CW 14 Apr).

The one-day only event in South Bank attracted thousands of Queenslanders and showcased the *Quantum of the Seas* ship experience, with the vessel having just completed her inaugural sailing season from Brisbane.

The Beach Club included an interactive photo booth wall, a DJ playing holiday anthems, sun lounges to relax on, a "spin-to-win" prize tent in partnership with Nova 106.9, and Australia's largest-ever sand sculpture of a cruise ship, which was of *Quantum* itself.

There was also the chance to win one of four seven-night cruise holidays to the South Pacific on *Quantum*, and a Flight Centre



kiosk to book a sailing for the upcoming 23-24 season, with a 15% off deal available to those make a reservation on the day.

"We were so excited for Queenslanders of all ages to immerse themselves in the adventure and relaxation of the most innovative ship that calls Brisbane home, *Quantum of the Seas*," VP & MD Gavin Smith said.

"It was fantastic to see so many experiencing a taster of what their ultimate holiday can be, and we look forward to seeing even more Queensland families and friends cruising with us for their next holiday."

**Pictured** is the RCI team: Rob Patane, Jessica White, Sam Langton, Asthika Ram, and Dave Humphreys.

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**SEAPLANES** are set to start flying from Sydney's eastern suburbs to Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra, cutting more than two hours off a trip between the area and the capital city.

Passengers would only have to check in 15 minutes before take-off for their hour-long flight, which is currently being tested by Sydney Seaplanes.

Trials took place last month between Rose Bay and different areas of the Lake, in various weather and wind conditions.

Sydney Seaplanes is now seeking approval for the twice-daily return trips, which is being supported by the National Capital Authority.



## TTC + Virtuoso dinners



**THE** Travel Corporation's (TTC) Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection and Lindblad Expeditions recently co-hosted a number of dinners exclusively for Virtuoso members.

Also co-hosted by Adventure World and Luxury Gold, the exclusive members-only dinners celebrated TTC's partnerships with Virtuoso advisors.

Attendees were provided with key industry updates from the luxury travel sector.

The series kicked off with the exclusive take-over of Palette Restaurant on the Gold Coast, followed by an intimate dinner

at Sydney's Chiswick Woollahra, before Melbourne advisors were hosted in the private dining room at Cutler & Co (**pictured**).

The nights also served to showcase the values at the core of TTC's brands' offerings, and welcome Adventure World into the Virtuoso network.

"We have loved connecting with agency owners and frontline advisors within the Virtuoso network, to celebrate our partnership and share the passion we all have for the incredible experiences that we offer," Adventure World Managing Director Neil Rodgers said.

## Evergreen '24

**EVERGREEN** is offering early access to next year's Canada & Alaska collection.

To celebrate the new program, Evergreen is offering a saving of up to \$2,000 per couple.

The 2024 brochure will be released early next month, when prices will increase, Evergreen warned.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

## Aus to Arabia cruise

**A NEW** voyage from Australia to the Arabian Peninsula next year with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is on sale now.

Including a stay in Dubai, savings are available for those who book by 30 Jun on the new fly, cruise, and stay package including drinks.

Beginning in Sydney on 27 Feb 2024, guests will board Fred. Olsen's *Borealis* for a 28-night sector of her world voyage.

*Borealis* will take guests to 11 destinations in seven countries - [CLICK HERE](#).



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