



Cruise Weekly today

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

Nova line-up

SILVERSEA Cruises has revealed its line-up of senior officers for *Silver Nova's* maiden voyage, which will depart on Mon.

Captain Cosimo Pontillo, with almost 30 years of experience at Silversea, will be at the ship's helm.

"Nova represents the pinnacle of ultra-luxury cruise travel and I am excited to welcome our guests aboard to experience her many innovations," Captain Pontillo said.

Other senior onboard officials joining him will be Hotel Director Lester Woodfall and Cruise Director Vicki Van Tassel.

Viva makes debut from Trieste

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's (NCL) all-new *Norwegian Viva* has made her debut in Europe, welcoming her first guests.

NCL has introduced its newest ship in Trieste (pictured), the second in its Prima-class, which will home port in four Mediterranean destinations this summer.

Viva departed for her first nine-day journey through the Mediterranean, taking guests from Trieste to Lisbon, with stops in Salerno, Cannes, and Ibiza.

The ship will sail a selection of bucket-list worthy Greek islands and Mediterranean voyages through Nov, before homeporting in San Juan in Dec for a season in the Caribbean.

Following *Viva's* maiden voyage, she will sail a series of Mediterranean and Greek Isles itineraries, before her official Christening ceremony in Miami.



From Puerto Rico, *Viva* will cruise voyages to Tortola, St. John's, Bridgetown, Castries, Philipsburg, and St. Thomas.

"This summer, our guests will have the opportunity to explore Europe aboard our newest magnificent vessel, *Norwegian Viva*, while enjoying its well-appointed spacious design, elevated experiences, expansive

culinary offerings and signature Norwegian Cruise Line hospitality provided by the best crew in the industry," President David Herrera said.

"*Viva's* tagline is 'Live it Up,' and I have no doubt our guests will be doing just that while they cruise to some of the liveliest cities in Europe and the Caribbean during the ship's inaugural season."



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A MINNESOTA

businessman's new creation is making waves - in more ways than one.

The trucking company owner has traded the highway for the waterway, giving the term "cruising" a whole new meaning.

The man has created a combination of a semi-trailer truck and a pontoon (pictured). Unlike a traditional semi truck, there's no diesel engine under the hood, only a 90 horsepower outboard motor off the back of the boat.

The man says the boat handles like a regular pontoon and can reach speeds of around 30km/h.



Emerald Sakara debut



EMERALD Cruises' newest luxury yacht *Emerald Sakara* departed Athens on her inaugural sailing last week.

The sold-out *Sakara* was welcomed to the cruise line's family by fleetmate *Emerald Azzurra* the morning after departure for a sailing through the Corinth Canal (pictured).

Sakara is now sailing the eight-day Ionian Sea Adventure from Athens to Rome.

Guests had a guided tour of

Delphi and visited the stunning island of Cephalonia, before calling on Giardini Naxos.

From there, *Sakara* made her way up the western coast of Italy calling on Amalfi, Sorrento, and Capri, before the cruise concludes in Rome.

After her debut, *Sakara* will embark on her European summer season, exploring the coastal waters of Italy, Greece, Turkey, and the Adriatic.

From there, both *Sakara* and *Azzurra* will cruise Central America from Nov to Mar.

The first Eastern Caribbean and Grenadines sailing is scheduled to depart on 18 Nov, before *Sakara* is christened in San Juan on 02 Dec by godmother, Cruise Lines International Association President & Chief Executive Officer Kelly Craighead.

Although nearly identical to her sister yacht, *Sakara* features enhancements to her elegant interiors, as well as technological upgrades including Starlink internet services.

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	18 Aug
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	12 Aug
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	16 Aug
AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	14 Aug
BROOME	
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	11 Aug
<i>Heritage Adventurer</i>	11 Aug
<i>Le Ponant</i>	11 Aug
DARWIN	
<i>Coral Geographer</i>	11 Aug
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	11 Aug
<i>Caledonian Sky</i>	16 Aug
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	17 Aug
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	17 Aug
<i>Le Soleal</i>	17 Aug
AUCKLAND	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	18 Aug

HAL promotion

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) is offering up to 35% off, plus US\$200 per person onboard credit.

The promotion is available on selected 2023-2024 sailings in Australia as well as New Zealand, cruising aboard *Noordam*.

Subject to availability, the promotion ends Tue, and excludes Grand Voyages and cruises lasting three days or less.

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