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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a front cover wrap from Cunard Line and a full page from Windstar Cruises.

Windstar knows

WINDSTAR Cruises knows the way to the Mediterranean, with its Wind and Star Plus yachts departing from Athens and Rome, delivering cruisers to intimate ports.

A voyage with Windstar features open dining with no reservation fees required and complimentary room service; locally inspired cuisine developed by Michelin-starred chefs featuring fresh, locally sourced ingredients and plantbased options; and more.

For further information, see page 4.

Cruise mobilises for Maui

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has replaced calls to Maui with an additional overnight in both Hilo and Nawiliwili, in response to the Hawaii wildfires.

The replacement is through to the end of the month, to avoid stressing local resources battling the fires.

Norwegian is supporting local relief efforts with a donation of \$50,000 to nonprofit charity organisation Maui United Way.

The cruise line's team aboard Pride of America, which sails itineraries in Hawaii, has also begun to mobilise donations of surplus inventory, including clothes, towels, and diapers, to the Hawaii Community Foundation.

"We are deeply saddened to hear about the wildfires currently impacting the town of Lahaina in Maui," Norwegian said.

"We have a very special

relationship with the people and islands of Hawaii, as we sail to the beautiful state year-round.

"As always, our top priority is the safety and security of our guests and crew...we will communicate further updates as appropriate."

MEANWHILE Princess Cruises said it is continuing to monitor the situation, and is reviewing the itineraries of its upcoming voyages to Maui.

"Our thoughts are with the local community and all those affected by the devastating wildfires in Maui," Princess said.

"If any adjustments need to be made to our published itineraries, we will advise guests and our travel advisor partners."

The series of wildfires has killed almost 100 people in the popular cruise destination of Lahaina, and has destroyed the town's harbour (CW yesterday).

Be a good sport!

CUNARD Line is today promoting its Sporting Greats & Wellness Voyage aboard Queen Elizabeth next year (CW 04 Jul).

Pitched at those who love sports and being pampered, legends such as Brett Lee, Adam Goodes, and Karrie Webb will inspire guests with their courage as they share their enthusiasm for their craft.

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Pursuit embarks on inaugural cruise

SEABOURN Cruise Line's new Seabourn Pursuit (pictured), the company's second ultra-luxury, purpose-built expedition ship, has embarked on her first voyage.

Pursuit welcomed her initial guests on board on Sat for an eight-day voyage from Valletta to Rome.

The ship will sail five voyages in the Mediterranean between Aug and Oct, and two cruises across the Atlantic and through the Caribbean.

Pursuit will arrive in Barbados on 10 Oct to begin her expedition journeys, heading south for cruises exploring South America, the Amazon, and Antarctica into late Mar.

Following her inaugural Antarctic season, Pursuit will head across the islands of the South Pacific to Australia, which will be the start of Seabourn's first exploration of the Kimberley



region in the NT and WA (CW 17 Aug 2022).

Pursuit will also visit Papua New Guinea, West Papua, and Indonesia, before sailing across the South Pacific between Chile and Melanesia between Mar and Oct 2024.

"For 10 years, we have offered immersive, ultra-luxury expedition experiences with our team of experts, and now we have two purpose-built, ultraluxury, state-of-the-art expedition ships: Seabourn Venture and Seabourn Pursuit," President Natalya Leahy declared.

"They take expedition experiences to the next level and deliver truly out of the ordinary experiences to our extraordinary guests."

Big year for Barbados

BARBADOS is expecting a record-breaking cruise season, it has been reported, after posting excellent numbers last year.

Local authorities are projecting a record-breaking year for the 2023-2024 cruise season, with almost 750,000 guests expected across more than 400 port calls from Carnival Cruise Line, TUI Cruises, and more.

Barbados recovered strongly last season, with more than 85% of passengers and cruise ship visits, compared to the last pre-pandemic reporting year of 2018-19.

This is a promising result considering travel restrictions were still in play for the year.

More than 625,000 cruise passengers visited Barbados last season on 362 calls from 25 lines.





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SCIENTISTS have found a new sea creature with "20 arms", which they have named after a strawberry.

The new species, the Antarctic strawberry feather star, is part of the Antarctic feather stars group, and is broadly related to starfish.

The formal name of the newfound species is Promachocrinus fragarius, and it belongs under the class of Crinoidea, which includes starfish, sea urchins, sand dollars, and sea cucumbers.

According to the paper, the Antarctic strawberry feather star was found somewhere between 215 feet to about 1.17kms below the surface.

CCL creative win

ADVERTISING agency Today The Brave has won Carnival Cruise Line's (CCL) creative account, appointed to accelerate the company's marketing strategy.

Today the Brave will be supporting CCL to help drive Australians to reappraise. experience, and embrace the value of a cruise.

"Today the Brave will be working with the CCL team to unlock the value in their brand platform, Choose Fun, reminding Australians of the possibilities of a cruise," Today The Brave's Celia Wallace said.

Spectrum returns to Japan



ROYAL Caribbean International's Spectrum of the Seas (pictured), Asia's largest cruise ship, has made her long-awaited return to

Spectrum arrived in Yokohama on Sat with more than 4,000 guests following a 12-night

Passengers enjoyed exploring top Asian destinations including Nha Trang, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, as well as Kobe and Mt Fuji, before arriving in Yokohama.

Celebratory events were held on board Spectrum as the ship called at Kobe on Thu and Yokohama on Sat, in recognition of the ship's return to Japan.

Royal Caribbean Asia Pacific Vice President & Managing Director Angie Stephen, Spectrum Captain Wu Huimin, Port & Harbor Bureau Director General Hiroya Nakano, and Yokohama Port Promotion Department Executive Director Ayako Miyata exchanged gifts when the ship called on Yokohama, in a traditional onboard plaque and key ceremony.

"These longer sailings which take in key port destinations in Japan have been extremely popular especially with the flycruise market from Australia, Europe and the US, with guests who are keen to explore the unique culture and rich heritage of Japan," Stephen emphasised.

"The first two sailings sold out so quickly we added another two."

Spectrum will set sail from Shanghai from Apr, offering guests a combination of four- and five-night cruises to getaway destinations such as Fukuoka, Okinawa, Nagasaki, Osaka, and

The ship will also offer eight sailings from Hong Kong, starting from Dec 2024, bringing guests to Japan, China, and Vietnam.

Turkey is cruising

TURKEY is seeing a significant leap in cruise passenger traffic, as bookings witness a resurgence after the COVID-19 pandemic, according to local reporting.

More than 550,000 tourists have arrived at Turkey's ports aboard a cruise ship during the summer, a 66.7% year-overyear increase, according to Transport Minister Abdulkadir Uraloglu.

"The investments we have made in cruise ports are translating into tangible contributions to both tourism and our country's economy," he said.

"We anticipate reaching record-breaking pax numbers by the end of the year."

Uraloglu emphasised the vital role of the cruise industry in Turkey's overall tourism landscape, highlighting the surge in arrivals, and stressing the role of key port cities such as Istanbul, as well as Kusadasi, which has welcomed a majority of the country's ships.





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