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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a full page from Windstar Cruises.

Windstar groups

A NEW group offer is available with Windstar Cruises, allowing travel advisors to earn tour conductor (TC) credit faster than ever.

Travel advisors can earn a TC credit for every seven guests booked, for a limited time, while cruisers can score 10% group savings, and get Windstar's "Best Available Offer", among others.

They can also get USD\$100 per guest onboard credit and a complimentary cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres - for more information, see page 3.

Aussie market surging for Silversea

SILVERSEA Cruises has grown its business in Australia more than 70% this year, Senior Vice President & Managing Director Adam Radwanski has told CW.

The result marks a monumental 12 months for Silversea in Australia, with the Down Under market entrenching itself as the cruise line's second-highestselling destination.

Silversea is continuing to invest in the local region, through support for its team and its market offers, as demand for its product remains strong.

The cruise line late last week announced the promotion of Casandra Kerr (pictured) to Director of Sales (CW breaking news Fri) among a raft of appointments, and is also preparing a "serious and robust offering" for the market.

"We don't see a slowdown,



especially in luxury cruising, we have had fantastic Oct and we just closed Nov on a high, achieving all our KPIs given to us by head office...we anticipate a very strong wave [season]," Radwanski told Cruise Weekly.

Reverberating strongly with the market is Silversea's recently announced circumnavigation of Australia with its new ship Silver Nova in late 2025 (CW 20 Oct),

as well as its transformed 2025 Kimberley program (CW 21 Sep).

"Bringing Nova and opening up some of the new ports in Australia for us, and having new product on land for that ship is resonating with the market," Radwanski said.

"Kimberly has exceeded all expectations with the deployment of [Silver] Cloud next year," he added.

Radwanski also said Silversea's pre-/post-luxury program in Australia (CW 29 Sep) has been very well received, and the cruise line will be looking at expanding it in the coming months and years.

The strategic direction of Silversea's sales development will be led by Kerr, who will be joined in her new-look team by new National Account Manager Anoushka Kudav, and promoted Sales Manager for NSW/ACT Nicole Buzelin. MS





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NORTH America's Great Lakes are full of fresh water, offering a unique cruise experience without the characteristic briny breeze, with operators including Viking, American Queen, Ponant, and Hapag-Lloyd.

The wildlife on offer is also unique - not least because the aquatic environment provides the perfect place for goldfish to grow, with authorities citing a spate of "feral monsters" (pictured) as former pets are discarded into the waterways.

A new scientific article published in the Journal of Great Lakes Research details work done at Canada's Great Lakes Laboratory for Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences in Burlington, Ontario, where researchers captured 19 of the large goldfish and fitted them with trackers.

They were able to predict when their tagged fish would move to spawning areas based on water temperatures, with the data used to "inform control strategies...including active removal".



Edge docks in Darwin



CELEBRITY Cruises' Celebrity Edge made her Down Under debut in Darwin on Sat, with the vessel and her 2,800 passengers receiving a warm welcome from Tourism Top End ambassadors.

Edge (pictured) arrived from Singapore on the final leg of her repositioning cruise to the South Pacific, and is now heading south via Yorkeys Knob and Airlie Beach before completing her journey in Sydney on Sat.

Celebrity Vice President & MD Tim Jones, who is pictured inset with NT Tourism & Hospitality Minister, Joel Bowden, said the first-time arrival of an Edge-class ship in Australia was a milestone for the brand.

MEANWHILE Celebrity has also celebrated the christening of Celebrity Ascent in Miami, with Below Deck's Captain Sandy Yawn and her sister officiating as joint godmothers. BP

Four Seasons steel

CONSTRUCTION of the first Four Seasons Yachts vessel is now underway at Fincantieri's Ancona shipyard, with the first steel cut late last week.

Larry Pimentel, CEO of operator Marc-Henry Cruise Holdings, confirmed she will feature just 95 suites with a priority access reservations model for Four Seasons loyalists, along with a wait list at fourseasonsyachts.com.



Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY Carnival Splendor o₄ Dec Viking Orion o₄ Dec Resilient Lady o₄ Dec Viking Orion os Dec Seabourn Odyssey o₇ Dec Brilliance of the Seas o8 Dec Seabourn Odyssey o8 Dec

MELBOURNE Pacific Explorer o₄ Dec Seabourn Odyssey os Dec Noordam o6 Dec Pacific Explorer o8 Dec Viking Orion o8 Dec

PENNESHAW Pacific Explorer o6 Dec Silver Whisper o₇ Dec Pacific Adventure o8 Dec

BRISBANE Coral Princess o₄ Dec Pacific Encounter o5 Dec Quantum of the Seas o6 Dec Le Soleal o₇ Dec Disney Wonder o8 Dec

AIRLIE BEACH o6 Dec Celebrity Edge Pacific Encounter o7 Dec Quantum of the Seas o8 Dec

Pacific Adventure os Dec Noordam o8 Dec AUCKLAND

Disney Wonder o₄ Dec Grand Princess o₅ Dec Silver Muse o₇ Dec **Coral Princess** o8 Dec

CHRISTCHURCH **Royal Princess** o₇ Dec **Grand Princess** o8 Dec

WELLINGTON **Grand Princess** Queen Elizabeth

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