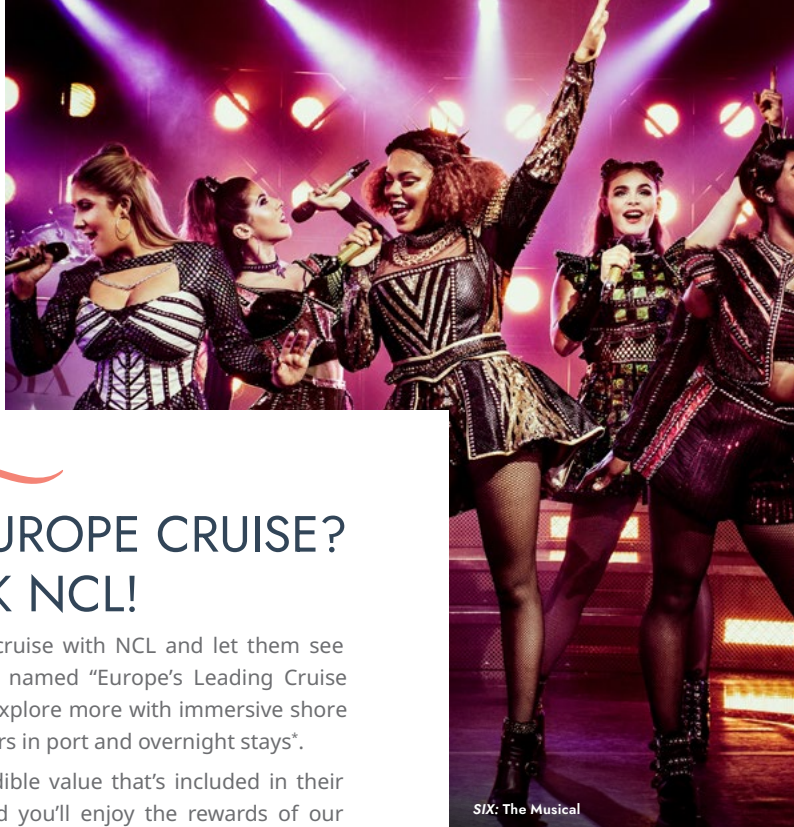




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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of cruise news, plus a front cover wrap from **Norwegian Cruise Line**.

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For more information, head to the **cover page** of today's **Cruise Weekly**.

Emerald to debut on 'Escape to...'

EXCLUSIVE

THIS weekend Emerald Cruises will make a splash in partnership with a major new News Corp Australia initiative.

Dubbed *Escape to...*, it's a new online TV travel show format, with eight 16-minute weekly episodes hosted by TV personality Merrick Watts.

Scenic Group is a primary partner of the show, with *Emerald Azzurra* featuring in the first episode, while the third instalment on 26 Feb will showcase Emerald's European river cruise offering.

See the trailer **HERE**, with more info in today's issue of **Travel Daily**.

Strong RCG outlook for '23

ROYAL Caribbean Group (RCG) has reported a loss for the full year of 2022 of just over USD\$2.2 billion, off total revenue of USD\$8.8 billion.

Load factors were 85% overall for the year, with RCG's full fleet back in operation since Jun.

Despite reporting a loss for the year, President & Chief Executive Officer Jason Liberty (**pictured**) noted RCG's return to a positive adjusted EBITDA (USD\$711.6 million) and operating cash flow, which it was able to achieve by consistently growing revenue and controlling costs.

"We are experiencing a record-breaking wave season, resulting in a booked position approaching previous record highs and at higher prices," he said.

"This, along with the normalisation of our booking window, provides the visibility for us to provide annual guidance.

"The combination of our industry-leading global brands, most innovative fleet, nimble sourcing and our continued focus on profitability positions us well to deliver record yields and Adjusted EBITDA in 2023."

Within its positive start to the new year, RCG noted its seven



strongest bookings weeks in its history have occurred since its last earnings reporting in Nov.

North America sailings are currently leading the way, and are booked in line with record 2019 levels for the full year, and are ahead for the second quarter through the fourth quarter.

Bookings for European itineraries have been accelerating during wave season, and are now higher than 2019.

During 2023, RCG expects to exceed its prior record Adjusted EBITDA, achieved in 2019.

"Leisure travel strength continues as consumer spend is shifting towards experiences, with cruising remaining an attractive value proposition," Liberty added.

"The quality demand trends further exhibit the strength of our brands and the growing propensity to cruise."

NZ Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in New Zealand.

AUCKLAND	
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	8 Feb
CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	8 Feb
WELLINGTON	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	9 Feb
BAY OF ISLANDS	
<i>Islands Princess</i>	9 Feb
FIORDLAND	
<i>Viking Neptune</i>	8 Feb
GISBORNE	
<i>National Geo Orion</i>	8 Feb
NAPIER	
<i>National Geo Orion</i>	9 Feb
TAURANGA	
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	9 Feb
<i>Viking Mars</i>	9 Feb
NAPIER	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	3 Feb
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	4 Feb
<i>Viking Mars</i>	4 Feb
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	5 Feb
<i>Viking Neptune</i>	5 Feb
PICTON	
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	3 Feb
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	3 Feb
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	4 Feb
TAURANGA	
<i>ms Zuiderdam</i>	3 Feb
<i>Grand Princess</i>	4 Feb
<i>Viking Neptunes</i>	4 Feb
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	5 Feb
<i>Viking Mars</i>	5 Feb
TIMARU	
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	5 Feb



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On location aboard Viking Orion

Today's issue of *Cruise Weekly* is coming to you courtesy of Viking, which has this week embarked on a mini-famil aboard *Viking Orion*, sailing from Hobart to Christchurch.

GUESTS on Viking's mini-famil aboard *Viking Orion* will trace the steps of the first European explorer to discover New Zealand, Abel Tasman.

The Dutch seafarer first crossed what is now known as the Tasman Sea back in 1642, undoubtedly in nowhere near the level of comfort or style as *Orion's* passengers will.

Guests will experience all the ship has to offer today, such as Manfredi's Italian Restaurant, the clinker-built bar, and the Nordic Spa.

Orion will arrive in the Foveaux Strait tomorrow for a day of scenic cruising.

Liverpool's big '23

CRUISE Liverpool is expecting a bumper schedule this year, which will include a record number of turnaround calls, two simultaneous berths, and a return of *Queen Victoria*.



On Board: Viking Orion



Main Pool

The heated Main Pool and its adjoining hot tub provide a calming oasis no matter the conditions. With a retractable roof, cruisers can relax in this area at any time of the day, while getting in some laps, wading, or enjoying a poolside drink. During the night, the space transforms into the idyllic spot for stargazing, or taking in *Orion's* "movies under the stars" collection. Adjacent to the Main Pool is the Pool Grill, which offers relaxed lunches, afternoon snacks, and a salad bar.

Princess Alaska '24 season



PRINCESS Cruises has announced its 2024 Alaska season, which will showcase glaciers, wildlife, mountains, and more.

The 2024 season marks the 55th anniversary for Princess sailing in Alaska, with seven ships scheduled to depart from four home ports, including San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, and Anchorage.

The Alaska 2024 season features 158 departures on seven ships, cruising 14 unique itineraries with 17 destinations, including five glacier viewing experiences.

Royal Princess, *Sapphire Princess* (departing Sats) and *Grand Princess* (departing Weds) will sail the cruise line's famed Voyage of the Glaciers.

In addition, northbound voyages on this itinerary include a "More

Ashore" late-night stay in Juneau.

The season also features 86 visits to Glacier Bay National Park, including seven-day Inside Passage voyages round trip from Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver.

Princess' newest ship *Discovery Princess*, along with *Majestic Princess*, depart from Seattle on Sats and Suns for Inside Passage cruises, which include More Ashore late-night stays in Juneau.

Also embarking on Inside Passage voyages will be *Crown Princess* (from San Francisco) and *Ruby Princess* (from Vancouver).

Guests can also experience more of Alaska by combining Princess' signature Voyage of the Glaciers cruise with various land tour options, staying at exclusive Princess Wilderness Lodges.

Highlights include an extension of the Voyage of the Glaciers cruise of up to 10 nights, with visits to Glacier Bay National Park and Denali National Park.

"As the leading cruise line in Alaska, we deliver unforgettable vacations and we're also the most recommended line by travel advisors to their trusted clients," said President John Padgett.

"We're celebrating our 55th anniversary in 2024 cruising to this must-see destination, so whether it's your first or fifth time visiting Alaska, we are ready to help guests make inspiring memories to last a lifetime."

Quantum change

ROYAL Caribbean International has modified *Quantum of the Sea's* 07 Feb cruise, which will now visit Hobart and Sydney.

The change follows the development of tropical cyclone Gabrielle in and around Vanuatu and New Caledonia.

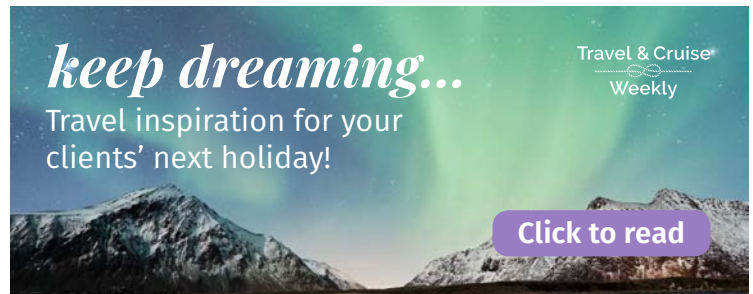
Royal Caribbean apologised for the change, and noted the safety of its guests as its top priority.

Gabrielle is one of four tropical cyclones expected to threaten the Pacific, as well as the Queensland, NT, and Western Australia coastlines.

AU Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia.

SYDNEY	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	8 Feb
<i>ms Amera</i>	8 Feb
<i>ms Amera</i>	9 Feb
<i>Carnival Splendour</i>	9 Feb
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	9 Feb
<i>ms Zuiderdam</i>	9 Feb
MELBOURNE	
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	8 Feb
<i>Noordam</i>	8 Feb
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	9 Feb
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	9 Feb
PHILLIP ISLAND	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	8 Feb
PORTLAND	
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	9 Feb
HOBART	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	8 Feb
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	9 Feb
BURNIE	
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	9 Feb
DEVONPORT	
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	8 Feb
PORT ARTHUR	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	9 Feb
<i>Zuiderdam</i>	9 Feb
DARWIN	
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	9 Feb



THE cruise sector is worth a ton of money to the Australian tourism industry, but we won't be copping at least one American's dollars.

The man, who had booked a cruise from Sydney, only realised in the air that instead of travelling on his way to Australia, he was heading to Sidney, Montana.

He said he only realised his mistake when he looked out the window of the aircraft expecting to see the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge, and Bondi Beach, but instead saw snow-capped mountains.

Fred savings

SAVINGS for couples and solos are available on a Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines Norwegian northern lights voyage.

Available through Cruise Traveller, the 17-night Northern Lights Express package departs Feb 2024, and begins with a flight from Australia to London, three nights in the British capital, and a 14-night voyage aboard *Balmoral* to Norway return.

Those who book the new fly, stay, and cruise package by the end of next month can save up to \$600 when travelling solo, and up to \$475 per person twin share.

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The gang's all together



YESTERDAY marked a milestone for Royal Caribbean Group in Australia, with the combined 100-plus local staff team of Royal Caribbean International (RCI), Celebrity Cruises and Silversea Cruises coming into a single office for the first time ever.

The event included a celebratory ribbon-cutting undertaken by the brand's respective VPs (**pictured**), Silversea's Adam Radwanski, Tim Jones from Celebrity and RCI's Gavin Smith.

While Celebrity and RCI were previously co-located, bringing Silversea into the mix is a big move, and in fact Sydney is the first of the group's global offices to incorporate the luxury brand, which was acquired several years ago.

Radwanski noted the Silversea team was also growing rapidly, with the recent recruitment of a new call centre cohort which operates locally.

"We are extremely excited to be here, and to finally feel a part of this amazing and inclusive group," he said.

Jones echoed the sentiments on behalf of Celebrity, saying that having had "office envy" over recent years visiting the group's operations in the UK and USA, "we've now got the best office space out of all the three main offices around the world".

"The fact we can see our ships coming and going under the bridge on the way to White Bay, or pulling up at the Overseas Passenger Terminal is just amazing," Jones enthused.

Smith recounted key elements of Royal Caribbean's history in Australia, noting from small beginnings about 25 years ago the business had grown to more than \$500 million in annual sales.

He also flagged expectations of future strong growth, with the new office having capacity for a 50% uplift in the team.



Education is key

AS CRUISING'S global renaissance gathers pace, education and training have become more important than ever.

The most highly trained travel agents are also the most successful travel agents, so a huge focus for CLIA this year will be on providing education to ensure our members stand out in a competitive retail environment.

This week we announced our CLIA LIVE program for 2023, offering two-day training events in six cities between Mar and May.

CLIA LIVE gives agents the chance to learn from multiple cruise lines in the one place at the one time.

It's an ideal opportunity to catch up on what's new, get the latest product insight, and connect with the industry.

CLIA is also preparing for the next intake of candidates for our Masters Program.

This is our highest level of certification, designed to help travel agents stand out as cruise specialists and move into an environment beyond mainstream selling.

It's a six-week course beginning 20 Mar, available to CLIA members with Ambassador status.

