



Cruise Weekly today

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

Viking announces 24/25 world cruises

VIKING has announced details of its World Cruise itineraries in 2024-2025, including the full 180-day 'Viking World Voyage I', which will visit 37 countries and 85 ports, with overnight stays in 13 key cities.

The *Viking Sky* voyage will depart Fort Lauderdale on 19 Dec 2024 and circumnavigate the globe, returning to the United States for its final port in New York City on 17 Jun the following year.

Guests can also choose the shorter 163-day Viking World Voyage II portion of the journey (from Los Angeles to New York City), or the 138-day Viking World Cruise itinerary (from Fort Lauderdale to London).

Launch deals available for bookings made before 31 Mar include Business class air, ground transfers, all onboard gratuities and service fees, complimentary visa services and a beverage package.

All World Cruise guests also receive a AUD\$2,800pp shore credit plus AUD\$1,400pp for onboard spending - call 138 747 (AU) or 0800 447 913 (NZ).

CLIA new ship showcase



FIFTEEN new ships are set to go on display in a Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) online showcase next month.

Some of the most anticipated new cruise ships of this year will be introduced at the '2023 Ocean Debut Virtual Showcase'.

Running from 06 Feb to 15 Feb, the showcase will offer live online sessions presented by 14 leading CLIA cruise lines, and will include ships such as Virgin Voyages' *Resilient Lady* and *Brilliant Lady*, Carnival Cruise Line's *Carnival Jubilee*, Celebrity Cruises' *Diana* (Swan Hellenic), Emerald Cruises' *Emerald Sakara* (Emerald Cruises), *Explora I* (pictured) (Explora Cruises), MSC Cruises' *MSC Euribia* (MSC Cruises), Royal Caribbean International's *Icon of the Seas* (Royal Caribbean International), Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Viva* (Norwegian Cruise Line), Oceania Cruises' *Oceania Vista II* (Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours),

Seabourn Cruise Line's *Seabourn Pursuit* (Seabourn Cruise Line), Seven Seas Grandeur (Regent Seven Seas Cruises), and Silver Nova (Silversea Cruises).

Each cruise line will outline essential facts and features of their new ship, including elements like dining options, entertainment, accommodation styles, public spaces, unique features and designs, and what type of experience guests can expect when they step on board.

The showcase is available exclusively to CLIA member travel advisors, who can register online for each of the sessions via the Members Hub.

Participants will earn CLIA points and have a chance to win prize packs by tuning in live, collecting a codeword and completing a quiz.

For more information and to register, visit CLIA Ocean Debut Virtual Showcase [HERE](#).

AU Cruise Calendar

The next few port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia.

SYDNEY	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	13 Jan
<i>ms Noordam</i>	14 Jan
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	15 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	15 Jan
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	16 Jan
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	16 Jan
EDEN	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	14 Jan
MELBOURNE	
<i>Silver Muse</i>	16 Jan
<i>ms Noordam</i>	16 Jan
ADELAIDE	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	14 Jan
PORT LINCOLN	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	13 Jan
KANGAROO ISLAND	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	15 Jan
BRISBANE	
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	13 Jan
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	14 Jan
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	15 Jan
<i>Coral Princess</i>	16 Jan
HOBART	
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	13 Jan
<i>Silver Muse</i>	13 Jan
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	14 Jan
BURNIE	
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	12 Jan
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	13 Jan
PORT ARTHUR	
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	13 Jan
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	15 Jan
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	15 Jan

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RSSC Explorer's brief NZ debut



THE triumphant maiden visit of Regent Seven Seas Cruises' (RSSC) *Seven Seas Explorer* to New Zealand (pictured) has been somewhat tempered by a last-minute move from authorities who have ordered that the ship return to international waters for more work to clean its hull.

Explorer was welcomed by a water salute on her inaugural arrival to Auckland yesterday morning - but later in the day guests were advised the ship would be returning to international waters, and the first port of call, in the Bay of Islands, had been cancelled.

Guests on board have confirmed via social media they are currently sitting about 31 nautical miles off Tauranga, posting that

"apparently the hull cleaning conducted last week was a failure".

The biosecurity issue for ships visiting New Zealand has plagued several cruise ships this season, including Princess Cruises' *Coral Princess*, Viking's *Orion* and Cunard's *Queen Elizabeth*, all of which have been forced to modify itineraries in order to satisfy New Zealand officials (CW 10 Jan).

Despite the ructions, those on board are being well catered for on the "most luxurious ship ever built", with RSSC also this week launching its Upgrade Your Horizon offers of suite upgrades, savings of up to 40% and reduced deposits across sailings through to 2025 - for more details see rssc.com/specials.

Pandaw adds new India cruise itinerary

PANDAW has introduced a new India short cruise exploring West Bengal, taking in a number of key highlights of the Ganges.

Travellers will visit former European colonies, finely decorated Hindu temples, rural villages, and centres of traditional craftsmanship, with a highlight the Hazarduari Palace.

The cruise includes calls at destinations such as

Matiari, Kalna, Barrackpore, Baranagar, Ajimganj, Mayapur, Chandernagore, and Hooghly, depending on upstream or downstream travel.

The 'Exploring West Bengal' cruise from Kolkata to Murshidabad travels for three or four nights from USD\$1,440 per person, inclusive of a one-way First class train ticket between Kolkata and Murshidabad.



ANGLERS who frequent a lake in the United Kingdom have been plunged into chaos, as a seal trapped in the body of water has been going buffet on the food supply.

The seal has been evading capture from the Essex lake since mid last month, and according to experts, has no incentive to leave, due to the myriad stocks in the body of water.

The reservoir is licensed to Marks Hall Fisheries, and there is currently a fishing ban in place - for both the seal and the business' sake, let's hope it can be captured and returned to the wild as soon as possible!

Making a racket

APT will be serving up yet another Australian Open (AO) campaign during the tennis tournament later this month.

It is the 10th year APT's ads will appear during the AO, with the tour operator's brand to appear during the "set highlights" of each match broadcasted.

The in-broadcast placement will also be supported by television commercials, TV billboards, and an extended video presence on the 9Now streaming platform as well as radio, print and digital components.

NZ Cruise Calendar

The next few port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around New Zealand.

AUCKLAND	
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	13 Jan
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	16 Jan
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	16 Jan
WELLINGTON	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	13 Jan
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	14 Jan
<i>Star Breeze</i>	14 Jan
<i>Grand Princess</i>	15 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	15 Jan
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	16 Jan
CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	13 Jan
<i>Grand Princess</i>	14 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	14 Jan
<i>Star Breeze</i>	15 Jan
<i>Viking Mars</i>	15 Jan
DUNEDIN	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	13 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	13 Jan
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	14 Jan
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	15 Jan
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	15 Jan
<i>Viking Mars</i>	16 Jan
FIORDLAND	
<i>Le Soleal</i>	13 Jan
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	13 Jan
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	13 Jan
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	15 Jan
<i>Silver Shadow</i>	16 Jan
NAPIER	
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	13 Jan
<i>Viking Mars</i>	13 Jan
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	15 Jan
<i>Grand Princess</i>	16 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	16 Jan
TAURANGA	
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	13 Jan
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	14 Jan
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	15 Jan
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	15 Jan