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## Cruise Weekly today

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

## Oceania offer

**OCEANIA** Cruises has announced an "all three amenities for free" sale throughout this month.

The offer provides free shore excursions, a free house beverage package, and free shipboard credits.

The new offer applies to voyages booked for 2023 and 2024 sailings across 83 destination-immersive itineraries, including locales in Asia, the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, Central and South America, and the Middle East.

Trade partners will also benefit from double reward points on included sailings.

# Leahy appointed Seabourn President

**HOLLAND** America Group COO Natalya Leahy (**pictured**) has been appointed Seabourn Cruise Line's President, replacing the departing Josh Leibowitz.

Leahy spent seven years with Seabourn's parent company, where she had operational oversight of the cruise line.

As part of a structure to "build on the benefit" of shared services between Seabourn and Holland America Line, she will report to Gus Antorcha, President of the latter brand, as Leibowitz departs to pursue new opportunities.

"It's an honour to join the extraordinary Seabourn team and partners who take personal pride in curating transformative, enriching, one-of-a-kind Seabourn moments," Leahy said.

"We have built unmatched luxury experiences at sea that provide life expanding moments for our guests.



"I am excited to support and work with our trade partners as we continue to surprise and delight our guests in ways they would never imagine."

Antorcha paid tribute to Leibowitz's leadership, during which he navigated the pause and return to service.

"We appreciate his

contributions and wish him well," Antorcha said.

"This business has a bright future with the best in all-inclusive, luxury cruising and now expedition voyages.

"I look forward to seeing Natalya bring her passion and talent to Seabourn's success."

The cruise line earlier this week also confirmed the deployment of its newbuild *Seabourn Pursuit* in the Kimberley (**CW** 27 Feb).

The rest of Seabourn's 2024 expedition itineraries are also on sale, with *Pursuit* to offer six 10-day voyages between Broome and Darwin from Jul-Aug 2024, along with cruises to Papua New Guinea and West Papua, plus explorations of the Chilean coast and South Pacific.

Sister ship *Seabourn Venture* will head north to the Arctic with cruises exploring Norway, Greenland, Iceland & Canada.

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### Fred gets fictional

**FRED.** Olsen Cruise Lines has unveiled a brand new 106-night 'Voyage of Exploration Around the World', inspired by journeys of historic and fictional explorers.

Departing from Southampton on 06 Jan 2025, flagship *Bolette* will follow a similar route to the Magellan expedition - the first voyage around the world.

The cruise, which will take guests to destinations including Brazil, Argentina, French Polynesia, Mauritius and South Africa, will also cruise the south coast of Australia, as *Investigator* did in 1801.

*Bolette* will also call into destinations visited by the likes of James Cook, and Alexander Selkirk - the Scottish privateer who was one of the sources of inspiration for Daniel Defoe's fictional character Robinson Crusoe.

This cruise was unveiled exclusively to members of Fred. Olsen Oceans club yesterday, and will go on general sale on 03 Mar.

All guests will enjoy up to £600 per person to spend on board plus free door-to-door transfers covering up to 250 mainland miles from the port, with the option to join and return to Liverpool departing on 04 Jan 2025 for an additional £400 per person.

### Prima-class to get bigger



**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) has modified a number of its existing newbuild contracts, which will see enlargement of the last four of NCL's Prima-class vessels.

The four ships will also be modified, with the final two set to accommodate the use of green methanol as an alternative fuel source in the future.

The modification will result in an increase in cost of approximately €1.2 billion.

Compared to the first-generation Prima-class vessels, these changes will result in an approximately 10% increase in gross tonnage for the third and fourth ships, and a roughly 20% increase for the fifth and sixth.

As a result, delivery dates for these ships have shifted, with one Prima-class vessel to be delivered each year from 2025 through 2028, in addition to *Norwegian*

*Viva* (render pictured), which is set to sail in Jun (**CW** 03 Aug 2022).

NCLH is currently in the process of securing additional export-credit agency-backed financing to cover the costs of the enlargements.

"When we look at the platform now that it's in operation, we think we can take that great guest experience [and] great financial performance and get slightly better economies of scale by driving the ships a little bit bigger," NCL President & Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer said on a conference call.

"The [bigger size for the] last two is really a combination" of the two factors.

"In addition to having the ships larger to house the methanol tanks, we're able to get more scale on those as well [as] more passenger count."

### RWC's Good Vibes

**RESORTS** World Cruises (RWC) is inviting passengers to "experience the good vibes on *Genting Dream*", with its festival of arts, music, and wellness at sea from 12 Mar to 30 Apr.

The Good Vibes Festival at Sea will be packed with fun-filled activities from arts to music to wellness programs.

There will be craft workshops, such as the DIY splattered paint workshop of designing your own personalised accessories, Rhythmic Drumming Classes, and creating your own charm bag.

Vacationers can embark *Genting* from either Singapore or Kuala Lumpur to soak in all the good vibes on a two- or three-night departure.

"On behalf of Resorts World Cruises, we look forward to welcoming vacationers to another exciting onboard thematic cruise on the *Genting Dream*," President Michael Goh said.

"We are kickstarting the year with the Good Vibes Festival at sea with a variety of special performances, creative workshops, wellness activities and getaways with healthy dietary options.

"Vacationers of all ages can look forward to more memorable onboard thematic cruises throughout the year."

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## P&O joins WorldPride



**P&O Cruises Australia** proudly supported people living with HIV at Sydney WorldPride 2023 at the Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras on the weekend.

The cruise line proudly partnered with the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (BGF) for its sea-inspired float, with more than 30 staff members from P&O Australia and fellow Carnival Corporation brands marching alongside.

The float featured a large buoy, symbolic of the life-saving support BGF provides to people with HIV.

According to Carnival President Australia Marguerite Fitzgerald, the float is another step in P&O's unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusivity.

"I'm so proud that P&O was represented at Mardi Gras for the first time, with team mates marching side by side in support

of one another," she said.

"This really is testimony to our company values that encourage us to be ourselves and bring our best selves to work each day.

"We're also honoured to see our values reflected in those of the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation, an organisation close to our hearts."

Fitzgerald said P&O looks forward to continuing its partnership with BGF, especially when its Pride Cruise returns to Sydney this Sep.

BGF Communications & Advocacy Coordinator Matt Rule said the Foundation is grateful to P&O for its support, and helping it shine a light on its cause.

**Pictured** at the parade are Panapasa Buadromo, Chris Rich, and Conrad Racicot, P&O; Emma Constantin from the South Sydney Rabbitohs; Josie Hanschmann, Cunard Line; and Krzysztof Maczura, P&O.



**THE** Ouse River in England may become the first in the country to gain legal rights.

The local council has passed a motion recognising the river's rights to protection, amid growing concerns over the pollution of the waterway.

A charter on the river's rights is now being developed, which will be sent to the council to endorse within the next two years.

This is likely to be based on the Universal Declaration of River Rights, which states the waterways should have the right to flow, perform essential functions within the river's ecosystem, be free from pollution, feed and be fed by sustainable aquifers, and have native biodiversity, as well as the right to regeneration and restoration.

### RCI on sale now

**TRANS-PACIFIC** cruise deals aboard Royal Caribbean International's (RCI) *Quantum of the Seas* and *Ovation of the Seas* are on sale from just \$1,099 per person.

The cruises depart this month from Sydney and Brisbane to Hawaii, and visit French Polynesia, Vanuatu, and New Zealand.

For more details about sailings and to book, visit [www.royalcaribbean.com](http://www.royalcaribbean.com).

### Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

<b>SYDNEY</b>	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	3 Mar
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	3 Mar
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	3 Mar
<b>NEWCASTLE</b>	
<i>Viking Orion</i>	3 Mar
<b>PENNESHAW</b>	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	2 Mar
<b>PORT ADELAIDE</b>	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	3 Mar
<b>BRISBANE</b>	
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	2 Mar
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	3 Mar
<b>CAIRNS</b>	
<i>MSC Poesia</i>	3 Mar
<b>BROOME</b>	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	2 Mar
<b>FREMANTLE</b>	
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	2 Mar
<b>BELL BAY</b>	
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	3 Mar
<b>BURNIE</b>	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	2 Mar
<b>DARWIN</b>	
<i>Queen Mary 2</i>	2 Mar
<b>CHRISTCHURCH</b>	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	2 Mar
<i>Viking Mars</i>	2 Mar
<b>WELLINGTON</b>	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	2 Mar
<i>Europa</i>	3 Mar
<i>Viking Mars</i>	3 Mar
<b>DUNEDIN</b>	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	3 Mar
<b>NAPIER</b>	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	2 Mar
<b>NELSON</b>	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	3 Mar
<b>TAURANGA</b>	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	3 Mar