



### Cruise Weekly today

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

## AU Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia.

SYDNEY	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	3 Mar
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	3 Mar
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	3 Mar
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	4 Mar
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	5 Mar
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	6 Mar
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	6 Mar
<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	6 Mar

NEWCASTLE	
<i>Viking Orion</i>	3 Mar

PENNESHAW	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	4 Mar

PORT ADELAIDE	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	3 Mar
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	6 Mar

BRISBANE	
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	3 Mar
<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	4 Mar
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	5 Mar

AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	4 Mar
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	5 Mar
<i>Queen Mary 2</i>	6 Mar

CAIRNS	
<i>MSC Poesia</i>	3 Mar
<i>Queen Victoria</i>	5 Mar

BUSSELTON	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	6 Mar

FREMANTLE	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	6 Mar

GERALDTON	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	5 Mar

BELL BAY	
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	3 Mar

BURNIE	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	6 Mar

HOBART	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	6 Mar
<i>ms Noordam</i>	6 Mar

DARWIN	
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	4 Mar
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	5 Mar

## Queen Anne to visit Australia



**CUNARD** Line has announced *Queen Anne's* maiden visit to Australia as part of its 2024/2025 local season.

*Queen Anne* will embark on her first-ever World Voyage in Jan 2025, visiting more than 30 ports on five continents over 107 nights.

The ship will make her way to Sydney from Auckland, and will sail along Australia's eastern states on route to Hong Kong, with maiden calls in Brisbane, the Whitsunday Islands, Cairns, and Darwin.

Nine overnight calls are also included, in ports such as San Francisco, Honolulu and Singapore, offering guests further opportunities to explore.

Meanwhile, *Queen Elizabeth's* (pictured) record 131-day residency features a circumnavigation of Australia, and new sailings to Queensland and the South Pacific.

From early Oct 2024, *Queen Elizabeth* will embark on a series of extraordinary voyages from Sydney, with highlights including a 30-night Australian Circumnavigation, calling into capital cities and hidden regional gems such as Broome.

The cruise line's sought-after Christmas and New Year's voyage to New Zealand will see a traditional Cunard Christmas and the opportunity for guests to welcome the new year during an

overnight stay in Auckland.

There will also be stunning Tasmania and Queensland itineraries, as well as New Zealand cruises, and a 15-night South Pacific sailing, which is a fantastic way to explore magnificent Fiji, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia.

*Queen Elizabeth* will then head to Japan, where highlights include a nine-night Golden Week voyage and a 19-night Grand Voyage to Nagasaki, Yokohama, and Osaka.

Between Jan and May 2025, Cunard's flagship *Queen Mary 2* will combine her unique Transatlantic Crossings with visits to multiple sun-kissed destinations across Europe and the Americas, while *Queen Victoria* will embark on a 78-night South American adventure from Southampton to the warm shores of Brazil, Chile, and Ecuador.

Cunard now also offers a trip across all four ships, with guests able to join an extraordinary 38-night adventure starting in the European summer with a voyage around the Mediterranean on board *Queen Victoria*, then embarking on Cunard's new ship *Queen Anne* for a voyage from Rome to Southampton.

The cruise then takes an iconic Transatlantic Crossing on Cunard's flagship *Queen Mary 2*, before flying to Vancouver to explore Alaska with 10 nights on *Queen Elizabeth*.

## P&O's newest Doll

**AMERICAN** singer Nicole Scherzinger is set to create spectacular music & dance extravaganzas for the United Kingdom's P&O Cruises in an exclusive entertainment partnership.

As part of a wider collaboration, the lead singer of the Pussycat Dolls will also name P&O's newest ship *Arvia* in a world-first beachside ceremony on 16 Mar in Barbados.

"It is an extraordinary privilege for us to work with someone of Nicole's talent and calibre," P&O President Paul Ludlow said.

"As a global superstar Nicole is well placed to create contemporary and breathtaking late night shows which will be performed in SkyDome on our two newest ships *Iona* and *Arvia*."

## APT adds a ship

**APT** has released its Kimberley adventures for next year, with those who book early able to save up to \$4,600 per couple.

The tour operator's "superdeals" are available across its range of cruises for bookings made by 31 May.

For next year, APT will introduce Ponant's *Le Jacques Cartier* to its fleet, joining her fleetmate *Le Laperouse* to cruise the Kimberley coast between Broome and Darwin.

The 11-day Kimberley Coastal Expedition cruise is priced from \$12,995 per person, including the superdeal saving of up to \$4,600 per couple.

The cruise includes daily excursions on Zodiac vessels, the services of an APT cruise director, an expert 12-member expedition team, a total of 29 meals, and a wide range of onboard beverages.

For more info, **CLICK HERE**.



### NZ Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in New Zealand.

AUCKLAND	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	4 Mar
<i>Asuka II</i>	5 Mar
<i>Viking Mars</i>	6 Mar
WELLINGTON	
<i>Europa</i>	3 Mar
<i>Viking Mars</i>	3 Mar
AKAROA	
<i>Europa</i>	5 Mar
DUNEDIN	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	3 Mar
FIORDLAND	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	4 Mar
KAITERITERI	
<i>Europa</i>	4 Mar
NAPIER	
<i>Viking Mars</i>	4 Mar
NELSON	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	3 Mar
<i>Europa</i>	4 Mar
TAURANGA	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	3 Mar
<i>Viking Mars</i>	5 Mar
TIMARU	
<i>Europa</i>	6 Mar

## Carnival's Texas *Miracle*



**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line is adding a fourth ship to Texas, offering longer cruises from the state with *Carnival Miracle* (pictured).


Reservations are now open for new itineraries of nine to 12 days, beginning in autumn 2024 through spring 2025.

*Miracle* will reposition from San Francisco to Galveston from Oct 2024 and operate a spectacular Carnival Journeys voyage that visits Cabo San Lucas, Puntarenas, and Cartagena, with a Panama Canal transit.

Reservations for these departures are now open for sale.

"We have always offered a great variety of cruises from Galveston, but by adding a fourth Carnival ship to homeport in Galveston and sailing these longer itineraries, we are giving our guests great new choices, especially for those who want to experience a wider variety of beautiful ports of call and more time to enjoy their time at sea," President Christine Duffy said.

"Galveston is one of our top homeports, and with the arrival of *Carnival Jubilee* and the new *Carnival Miracle* itineraries, it will only grow in popularity."



### PORTHOLE

**THERE** is a "surfing chicken" in Victoria which is making waves, in more ways than one. 'Mrs Chook' took up her new hobby during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fast forward 18 months, the chook is now swimming in shallow waves at Ocean Grove Beach, and according to her owner, she loves it.


"You cannot make a chook like the water, particularly the ocean, but this one has a passion," the owner told *9News*.

"She has a passion of being in the water and she has a passion for body surfing. Just have a look at her face, it is pure contentment, happiness, joy."

Perhaps Mrs Chook's talent for extreme sports should've been evident, as one of her stablemates Squiggles has also gained fame as a skateboarding rooster.

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