



Cruise Weekly today

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

Silversea goes direct

SILVERSEA Cruises has introduced direct charter flights to the Arctic.

Guests sailing on 28 cruises in 2023 and 2024 can now fly direct on a charter to the Arctic from London, New York City, Montreal, and Oslo.

Passengers sailing on select *Silver Endeavour*, *Silver Wind*, and *Silver Cloud* voyages will benefit from a more seamless journey to Longyearbyen, Kangerlussuaq, Pond Inlet, and more.

Guests can enjoy private executive transfers to and from the airport, and warm welcomes by Silversea's representatives throughout.

New Bahamian Disney destination

A NEW Disney Cruise Line island destination at Lighthouse Point in the Bahamas will welcome guests in the northern summer of 2024.

The one-of-a-kind island experience will combine natural beauty with the magic of Bahamian hospitality, storytelling, and artistry.

Located on the island of Eleuthera, the destination has been created in close collaboration with local artists and advisors.

When guests arrive at Lighthouse Point, they'll be greeted by distinctive, sweeping architecture in bright, saturated hues, and curvilinear buildings appearing as Bahamian shells scattered along the shoreline.

Guests can relax and play along white sandy beaches and turquoise waters at the expansive family beach on the east side of the island, which will be centrally

located near market-style dining, recreation and other amenities.

A brightly coloured, interactive water play area will include two slides, water drums, fountains and more, along with a dedicated space for toddlers.

Additional recreational activities will be available for both kids and kids-at-heart, including a covered gaming pavilion, a volleyball court, a gaga ball pit, watercraft & bicycle rentals, nature trails for hiking & biking, and more.

Children aged three to 12 will splash and play under the care of highly-trained Disney counsellors at a themed kids' club, which will include a splash pad inspired by favourite undersea creatures from *The Little Mermaid*, plenty of shade, and a dedicated dining district.

North of the family area will be an adult-exclusive beach - a stretch of "sun-drenched

serenity" complete with a dining area for convenient access to food and drinks throughout the day, plus six private cabanas available by reservation.

Respect for the environment is at the heart of Lighthouse Point's design, with at least 90% of the destination's electricity needs to be met by an on-site solar array.

The pier was designed to avoid the need for dredging, and elevated walkways will help limit impact on the landscape.

The vibrant island retreat will also be a unique celebration of Bahamian culture brought to life with the quality and service of a Disney vacation.

A Bahamian art and culture pavilion featuring special programs and local artists will provide visitors to Lighthouse Point opportunities to learn and celebrate the traditions and natural beauty of the country.

EXPLORER SALE ENDS SOON

BOOK YOUR CLIENTS' 2023, 2024 OR 2025 VOYAGE BEFORE PRICES INCREASE

The Viking Explorer Sale ends on 31 March, which means you only have a few weeks left to book your clients at these exceptional prices before prices increase. So don't miss out on saving your clients up to \$9,000 per couple on a collection of river, ocean and expedition voyages.

DON'T DELAY, SALE ENDS 31 MARCH AND WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.

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Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	10 Mar
<i>Queen Mary 2</i>	11 Mar
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	11 Mar
<i>ms Noordam</i>	11 Mar
<i>Queen Mary 2</i>	12 Mar
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	13 Mar
MELBOURNE	
<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	10 Mar
<i>ms Noordam</i>	13 Mar
PORT ADELAIDE	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	10 Mar
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	13 Mar
<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	13 Mar
PENNESHAW	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	13 Mar
BRISBANE	
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	10 Mar
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	11 Mar
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	12 Mar
AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	11 Mar
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	13 Mar
HOBART	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	10 Mar
<i>Europa</i>	11 Mar
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	12 Mar
PORT ARTHUR	
<i>Europa</i>	12 Mar
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	13 Mar
CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	12 Mar
<i>Viking Mars</i>	12 Mar
<i>Grand Princess</i>	13 Mar
WELLINGTON	
<i>MSC Magnifica</i>	11 Mar
<i>Vikings Mars</i>	11 Mar
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	13 Mar
DUNEDIN	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	11 Mar
<i>Grand Princess</i>	12 Mar
<i>Viking Mars</i>	13 Mar

RCI Beach Club to open



AFTER receiving approval from the Government of the Bahamas, Royal Caribbean International's (RCI) Beach Club in the Bahamas (pictured) is now set for a 2025 opening.

The 6.9-hectare destination coming to Paradise Island, just offshore from the island of New Providence, will combine striking beaches with RCI's signature experiences.

The Royal Beach Club at Paradise Island has been crafted in close collaboration with the Government, and will feature a public-private partnership in which Bahamians can own up to 49% equity in the destination.

Local businesses and entrepreneurs will also have the opportunity to manage the vast majority of the experience.

Alongside private cabanas, stunning pools, and more, the vibrant Bahamian spirit and culture will come to life through local architecture, Bahamian fare, island-style barbecues, live music, and local artisans.

"The Bahamas has been a phenomenal partner since the

very start, when they became our first port of call more than 50 years ago," President & Chief Executive Officer Michael Bayley said.

"As we continue to bring millions of visitors to experience attractions throughout Nassau each year, The Royal Beach Club at Paradise Island is the next bold adventure in Royal Caribbean's commitment to both increasing tourism in The Bahamas and delivering memorable vacations to our guests."

Restrictions end

WINDSTAR Cruises will lift its COVID-19 vaccine requirement in Jun.

Crew members however, will still be required to be vaccinated, and will be tested upon their first arrival to work, during their first week, and as needed moving forward.

Windstar will continue to carry diagnostic tests on board for guests, and said it remains committed to onboard cleanliness and sanitation.



A DIAMOND engagement ring, which was lost two years ago in Sydney Harbour, has been found by renowned metal detectorist Nick Richards.

The ring was uncovered by his team after a six-hour search of an area just 20m² in size, in Five Dock Bay.

It had sunk about 10 inches into the mud and was resting with a consortium of crabs.

The ring was initially lost during the pandemic in 2021, when it slipped off the wearer's finger while the woman and her husband were aboard their boat.

After several failed search attempts, including the commissioning of scuba divers, the couple had given up hope, until their story made it to Richards.

TIME for a winner

THE Travel Industry Mentor Experience's (TIME) Virtuoso Travel Week Scholarship recipient has been announced as Quark Expeditions' Tenille Hunt.

The scholarship provides financial assistance for a TIME graduate to attend the worldwide conference.

Virtuoso will sponsor the conference registration and accommodation in Las Vegas for the duration of the event from 12-19 Aug.