



Cruise Weekly today

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

NTIA Custodians

THE Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA) has named its NTIA Custodians, with the seven councillors to include Norwegian Cruise Line Director of Sales Damian Borg, and Clean Cruising Director of Product & Marketing, HR & Recruitment Jean Summers.

AFTA Chief Executive Officer Dean Long said the NTIA Custodian Council will work with the Association to preserve the integrity of the Awards, "while continuing to evolve the process of recognising and rewarding excellence in Australia's travel sector".

More on the NTIA Custodians in today's **Travel Daily**.

Del Rio to retire, Sommer new NCLH CEO

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) has announced its Chief Executive Officer Frank Del Rio Sr will retire at the end of Jun, after an illustrious 30-year career in the industry.

The company has also announced its succession plan, with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) President & Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer to take Del Rio's place.

NCL Chief Consumer Sales & Marketing Officer David Herrera will succeed Sommer as President of the cruise line from next month.

"Leading NCLH has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career," Del Rio said.

"My heartfelt gratitude goes out to our 39,000 team members around the globe whose innovation, tenacity, and collaboration have strengthened

this company and built the industry's most passionate and loyal base of cruisers.

"With the company solidly positioned for 2023 and beyond, I am confident that now is the right time to pass the baton to Harry."

Del Rio has led the company since 2015, and prior to that led Prestige Cruise International, which operated Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises, from 2002 until its acquisition by NCLH.

He founded Oceania in 2002, creating a new "upper premium" market space in the cruise industry.

During his tenure, Del Rio successfully led NCLH in welcoming eight new ships since 2015, introduced Harvest Caye, the company's second private island destination, and achieved industry-leading yields and financial results.

Del Rio also led NCLH through the COVID-19 pandemic, the most tumultuous time in the company's 60-plus-year history, and was a vocal leader and advocate for the entire cruise industry through unprecedented times as it worked to resume cruise operations globally.

"On behalf of the board and the entire organisation, I thank Frank for his invaluable contributions to this company and the cruise industry throughout the last 30 years," Chair Russell Galbut said.

"He has delivered superior financial results, expanded our fleet with luxurious and innovative ships, strengthened our global footprint, and delivered unparalleled experiences for our guests.

"His passion and dedication will have a lasting impact on both our business and the industry at large."

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IT WOULD be a shame to book any family cruise and not make best use of the onboard pools, and for that reason, A-Rosa is now offering children's swimming lessons for the northern summer.

The classes will make a splash aboard *A-Rosa Sena*, working in partnership with Wasserlust Swimming School.

Beginner and intermediate courses will be available for children aged between four-and-a-half and seven years of age on two key summer holiday departures - 05 and 12 Aug.

The course will include six lessons all taught by a qualified swimming instructor, with a maximum of six participants per lesson of 45 minutes.

Each six lesson course will cost €100 per child.

Cruise promotion

TRAVEL advisors will receive a \$50 gift card from Holidays of Australia & the World, plus their commission, as part of the company's agent incentive.

Each booking on a selection of Holidays of Australia & the World's popular 'Cruise & Stay' or 'Cruise & Rail' packages, will earn the gift card, valid for new bookings until the end of the month.

For bookings, phone 1300 854 897.

RSSC Faberge sailings



REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) and Faberge have revealed two new spotlight voyages (**CW** 27 Oct 2022), immersing guests in the world of the jewellery firm.

The two special sailings will feature small group masterclass programs, exclusive access to unique and intimate shore excursions, jewelled egg demonstrations, and lectures & screenings.

The spotlight sailings will cruise on *Seven Seas Splendor's* 13 Jun 2023 10-night sailing through Northern Europe, hosted by Faberge expert Geza von Habsburg (**pictured**), and on new ship *Seven Seas Grandeur's* 01 Jul 2024 10-night sailing around the Mediterranean, hosted by Sarah Faberge, a descendant of the House of Faberge.

Additionally, there is also the opportunity for travellers to enjoy a private viewing of the British royal portraits in Westminster Abbey, visit the Faberge headquarters, and shop at Harrods as part of a special pre-cruise land program in London.

Faberge Creative Director Josina von dem Bussche-Kessell said the firm has put together a captivating program which will offer unique behind-the-scenes insights into the art of bespoke jewellery design, Faberge's cultured history & royal connections, and also showcase a selection of treasures from its current collections.

RSSC President Andrea DeMarco added the cruise line is excited to reveal details about its first two Spotlight on Faberge sailings.

"We pride ourselves on offering our guests immersive and culturally enlightening itineraries as well as enriching onboard programming," she said.

"Guests will uncover the rich culture and history of the revered brand, enjoying an unforgettable, unrivalled experience that they know to expect from Regent."

Prices from the Spotlight on Faberge with Archduke Dr Geza von Habsburg \$8,836 per guest, and the Spotlight on Faberge with Sarah Faberge sailing is priced from \$13,380.

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY <i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	21 Mar
NEWCASTLE <i>Viking Mars</i>	22 Mar
MELBOURNE <i>Grand Princess</i>	21 Mar
PHILLIP ISLAND <i>Grand Princess</i>	22 Mar
BRISBANE <i>Europa</i>	21 Mar
CAIRNS <i>Coral Discoverer</i>	22 Mar
BUSSELTON <i>Majestic Princess</i>	21 Mar
FREMANTLE <i>Queen Mary 2</i>	21 Mar
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	22 Mar
AUCKLAND <i>Pacific Encounter</i>	21 Mar
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	22 Mar
CHRISTCHURCH <i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	21 Mar
WELLINGTON <i>Noordam</i>	21 Mar
BAY OF ISLANDS <i>Heritage Adventurer</i>	22 Mar
DUNEDIN <i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	21 Mar
FIORDLAND <i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	22 Mar
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