



Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise news including a photo page from **Savenio** and full pages from:

- **APT**
- **Helloworld**

Feel the Serenity

APT is showcasing its new *Mekong Serenity*, with the new 44-suite custom-built river ship now open for bookings.

All suite categories boast a private outdoor balcony, while the vessel also features a first class spa, fitness centre, pool bar, cafe and exquisite all-inclusive dining - see **page five**.

Helloworld roles

HELLOWORLD Travel is recruiting for two key roles within its cruise operations - for details see the **last page**.

NCLH axing Israel 2024

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) has confirmed it's in the process of cancelling all calls to Israel in 2024 for its Norwegian, Oceania and Regent Seven Seas Cruises brands, as it continues to closely monitor the escalating conflict in the region.

NCLH had already cancelled the rest of its 2023 Israel sailings, with CEO Harry Sommer noting that prior to the conflict about 4% of the company's capacity for 2024 had been scheduled to visit the Middle East.

Sommer announced the move during a financial update overnight, with results for the three months to 30 Sep still showing "healthy demand from our target upmarket consumer".

While the company achieved its financial targets, Sommer also noted caution going forward due to the global situation, saying "we are prudently moderating

short-term expectations and keeping a close eye on rapidly evolving global macroeconomic and geopolitical events".

The NCLH chief also noted that the company's relentless focus on costs is bearing fruit, saying he is confident the company is taking the right steps to position itself to rebuild margins and "generate outsized returns on our disciplined capacity growth".

Bookings continued to be strong, with advance ticket sales of US\$3.1 billion, up a hefty 59% on the same period in 2019.

However the company experienced operational impacts from the wildfires in Maui and the escalating conflict in Israel.

Maui bookings temporarily slowed down, but demand for *Pride of America* has improved in recent weeks and is now approaching normal levels, Sommer confirmed. *BP*

Scenic meet-up

SCENIC will bring its *Scenic Eclipse* and *Scenic Eclipse II* together in Antarctica's Marguerite Bay in early 2024, with the company saying the meeting will be "a historic moment, not only for Scenic but for every guest and crew".

Jason Fletcher, Scenic Group's Director of Discovery Operations, said "we expect to have all the Zodiacs, kayaks, paddleboards, submersibles and helicopters together, side-by-side in one of the most remote and magnificent places on the planet".

The two ships will meet on 18 Jan and 21 Jan, during *Scenic Eclipse's* 13-day Antarctica in Depth trip departing 07 Jan, and *Eclipse II's* Beyond the Antarctic Circle voyage which sets out the following day.

Cabins are still available on both cruises - scenic.com.au.

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Jubilee's jaunt

CARNIVAL Jubilee has become the first Carnival Cruise Line ship to complete a conveyance of the river Ems in Germany, and is now in the Netherlands preparing for her upcoming sea trials.



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Silversea 25/26 sales open

SILVERSEA Cruises yesterday opened general sales for its new 2025/26 voyage collection which includes the line's first ever circumnavigation of Australia (**CW** 20 Oct).

The program includes 17 voyages sailing in Australia using Silversea's newest vessels, along with 25 *Silver Origin* Galapagos departures.

Silversea will have an increased presence in Central America and the Caribbean offering 43 sailings aboard four of its ships, while the program also includes five Asia sailings aboard *Silver Nova* and *Silver Moon* including extended stays in Tokyo and Osaka.

Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkands also feature.

Panama squeeze

TRANSITS of the Panama Canal will be cut to 25 per day from tomorrow, and then further reduce to just 18 daily slots from 01 Feb, as authorities deal with the impact of a severe drought.

The Panama Canal Authority said water levels in Gatun Lake, which feeds the key maritime route, have "continued to decline to unprecedented levels for this time of year" with recorded precipitation for Oct the lowest on record since 1950.

Carnival bewitches the trade



CARNIVAL Cruise Line has certainly been making the most of Halloween, hosting a series of "spooktacular events" throughout Oct to demonstrate its commitment to its valued trade partners.

Visits to travel agencies saw the Carnival sales team don Frightfully Fun t-shirts with lolly-filled pumpkin trick-or-treat buckets, while the "escape" of the cruise line's giant Fangelica creepy crawly earlier this week (**CW** yesterday) saw the trade team dress as zookeepers to search far and wide for the two-storey redback spider.

Finally yesterday 50 trade partners were invited on board *Carnival Splendor* in Sydney Harbour, with guests dressing up in their best costumes to participate in activities such as a themed scavenger hunt, a "Thriller" dance class, a fashion parade and a party at the Red Carpet Nightclub. **BP**



Collect moments, not things

We're turning Black Friday, Green



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WITH almost 50% of the Savenio Symposium attendees representing cruise suppliers, Savenio members cruised through luxury updates from each of these key suppliers.

Savenio Managing Director David Brandon in collaboration with Platinum Sponsor Silversea hosted their esteemed members aboard the luxurious Superyacht *Quantum*.

This exclusive gathering served as a joyous occasion to celebrate the collective achievements since their last meeting and mark the exciting commencement of Symposium 2023.

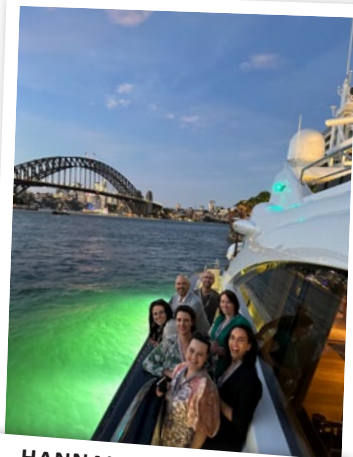
On the morning of day two, Silversea Sales Manager Sara Puglia welcomed their members in a closed session and provided an informative update on all things Silversea including key information about *Silver Nova's* current offering and information about her arrival into Australia, along with updates about sister ship *Silver Ray* and her debut in 2024.

Seabourn, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, and Ponant also provided an update to the Savenio members, with the remaining cruise lines also providing valuable updates via Travel Mart 2023 one-on-one to independent consultants.

"With a plethora of choice out there, it's about finding the right fit for your client when it comes to luxury cruising which is why we have a wonderful cross section and offering displayed in our suppliers present here today. There is something for everyone," said Savenio Managing Director David Brandon when addressing the Symposium 2023.

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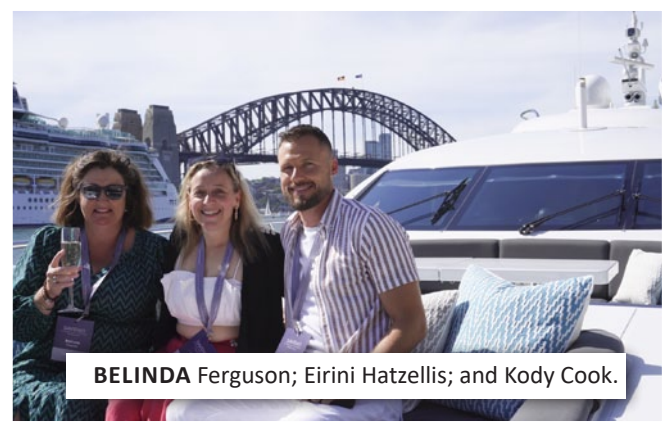
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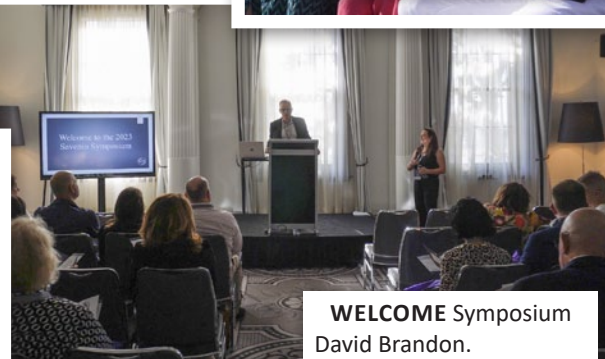
SAVENIO group shot.



BELINDA Ferguson; Eirini Hatzellis; and Kody Cook.



MELINDA Ford and Lori Rodgers.



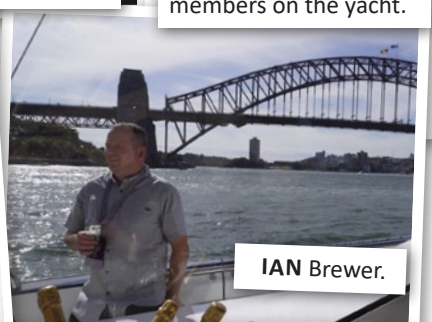
WELCOME Symposium David Brandon.



SARA Puglia and David Brandon welcoming members on the yacht.



LIAM Jarman and Belinda Ferguson.



IAN Brewer.



SARA Puglia presenting to Savenio members.



TRAVEL Mart 2023.

Tassie welcomes Wonder



TASMANIAN Premier and Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, Jeremy Rockliff, greeted *Disney Wonder* as she sailed into Hobart on Wed on her first voyage into the state.

The 2,400-pax Disney Cruise Line vessel is scheduled to operate eight visits to Hobart over the summer period.

Overall, 60 cruise ships are set to call into Tasmania this season, delivering a total 287,000 pax across Hobart, Burnie and Port Arthur, in addition to some regional ports.

"The Tasmanian Liberal Government is delivering on our

long-term plan to sustainably grow the State's tourism industry, including through cruising," Premier Rockliff said.

"*Disney Wonder's* visit is a testament to Tasmania's appeal as a destination and its growing popularity among domestic and international cruise visitors.

"Cruise shipping plays an important role in Tasmania's visitor economy, injecting more than \$144 million into the State last year and supporting 455 jobs," he added.

Pictured: *Disney Wonder* Captain Thord Haugen and Rockliff exchanging plaques. JM

Sea temperature monitoring urgent

RESEARCHERS from the University of NSW have highlighted an "urgent need to increase monitoring of the global oceans, especially in remote locations", as they release a study into rapidly rising sea temperatures.

The scientists from the UNSW Centre for Marine Science and Innovation analysed heat uptake from the 1950s, when only sparse measurements were made from ship-borne devices, with more modern data collected from the global Argo robotic float program.

They found evidence of oceanic warming worldwide, with the Southern Ocean seeing the largest increase in heat storage over the last couple of decades.

The study noted that ice caps, weather & marine ecosystems are all 'highly sensitive to ocean temperature changes.

The Royal Netherlands Institute of Sea Research was also involved in the study published in the *Nature Communications* journal.



MOST of us have heard about the legend of the lost city of Atlantis, but did you know that Australia has its very own lost continent?

Geologists from Utrecht University in the Netherlands have discovered an early 5,000km-wide segment of land named 'Argoland' at the bottom of the Indian Ocean.

The fragment is believed to have broken off of Australia around 155 million years ago, during the continental drifts that took place during the Jurassic period.

Geologists have been trying to piece together fragments of the lost continent over the past few years, with the latest section finally providing enough evidence to prove the existence of Argoland.

Discoveries like this help improve our understanding of the evolution of biodiversity and climate, the geologists said.



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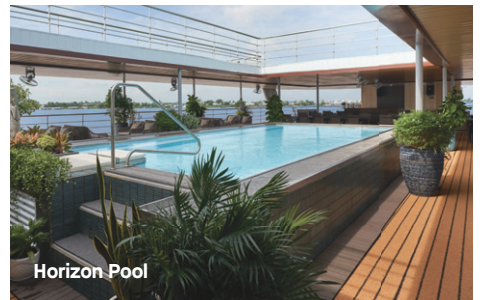
Introducing APT's brand-new, state-of-the-art custom-built river ship, the Mekong Serenity. The Mekong's newest and most luxurious ship, boasting sophisticated facilities, delectable dining experiences, first-class service and much more. With elegant and spacious suites, all featuring indoor and outdoor balconies, guests will discover Vietnam and Cambodia in absolute luxury.



Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite



Harmony Lounge



Horizon Pool

Serenity on a Bustling River

With just 44 suites for a maximum of 88 guests, the Mekong Serenity's intimate size means every traveller's voyage is highly personalised. Showcasing sophisticated style with a nod to colonial times, this is a ship beyond compare.

All Balcony Suites

All suite categories boasts a private outdoor balcony plus indoor panoramic balcony so guests can relax and enjoy the ever-changing scenery. Find ultimate comfort with the must-haves including, personal climate control, flat screen TV, wi-fi and mini bar fridge plus twice-daily servicing included.

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