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Conjure the Magic

CHINA'S first "home-grown" large cruise ship has been delivered, following five years of design, building, and trialling (CW 25 May).

Adora Magic City was delivered in Shanghai over the weekend, with her maiden voyage scheduled for New Year's Day.

The new ship can accommodate up to 5,246 passengers, and has been designed with 16 floors.

Adora Magic City's interior design integrates eastern and western aesthetics, combining traditional and modern styles.

A standing Ovation for RCI's Aussie return

ROYAL Caribbean International's (RCI) *Ovation of the Seas* (pictured) is back in Sydney for the cruise line's biggest Australian season ever.

Ovation will offer an array of three- to 11-night getaways to destinations around Australia, as well as to New Zealand and the South Pacific, with cruisers able to choose from 20 itineraries.

Travellers seeking to uncover the beauty of Australia can set their sights on Hobart, Adelaide, and Eden as well as a wide range of experiences on land, from wine tasting to city tours and hikes.

Adventures awaiting along New Zealand's rugged coastline include destinations like Milford Sound, Wellington, and Bay of Islands, and of the idyllic ports of the South Pacific, *Ovation* will visit Noumea, Mystery Island, and Port Vila.

RCI is expecting 30% more



cruisers compared to last summer, anticipating the arrival of almost 100,000 travellers.

"*Ovation of the Seas'* sixth season in Sydney's iconic harbour underscores just how much Australians are seeking a holiday that has experiences for everyone in the family and all ages," Vice President & Managing Director Gavin Smith said.

"It's exciting to see all of our three award-winning holidays now in Australian waters for what is Royal Caribbean's biggest and best season yet."

Later this week global British restaurateur Jamie Oliver will be on board *Ovation* to host an exclusive event for key industry partners at the ship's Jamie's Italian eatery. MS

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Work on Azamara

AZAMARA is “redefining” remote work for cruisers, launching its Work & Wander packages to allow professional to seamlessly blend work and travel.

The program provides Starlink high-speed internet; office equipment such as monitors, mice, keyboards, adapters, and more; and dedicated IT support, meaning guests will have everything they need to work on board an Azamara ship.

“We are excited to introduce our Work & Wander package, giving professionals the opportunity to take their work with them as they set sail,” President Carol Cabezas said.

“Our guests already consider our ships to be a home away from home, and now our ships can be their floating office too,” she added.

Cunard out of Asia, Australia

CUNARD’S Japan deployments are also a casualty of the cruise line’s decision to deploy its *Queen Elizabeth* in the Americas in two year’s time (*CW* breaking news Fri), with the pivot seeing the ship sailing in Alaska during the northern summer and then the Caribbean in 2025/26.

Queen Elizabeth is currently en route to Australia for her upcoming 2023/24 home port season, and will cruise her final local program in 2024/25 before leaving the country’s shores indefinitely.

Commercial Vice President for North America and Australasia, Matt Gleaves (**pictured**) said the line’s local presence will continue with the inclusion of local ports on global itineraries.

“Australia and Asia will remain important destinations on our round-the-world voyages, and we look forward to welcoming guests from these regions wherever they



choose to sail with us,” he said.

“The new deployments are an exciting development, and we look forward to releasing the full details of our future programs in early 2024,” Gleaves added.

Queen Elizabeth’s fleetmates, *Queen Mary 2*, *Queen Victoria* and upcoming ship *Queen Anne* will all visit Australia on around-the-world voyages over the next two years, he confirmed.

“Cunard will continue to deliver exciting programs across the fleet of four Queens, visiting all the incredible destinations that our guests know and love, as well as some lesser-known gems for our guests to explore,” he said. *BP*

Royal is a-AK

ROYAL Caribbean International has opened its 2025 Alaska summer adventures, with guests able to experience the state’s majestic landscapes aboard four ships.

Anthem of the Seas will make her Alaska debut in 2025, alongside returning favourites *Quantum of the Seas*, *Radiance of the Seas*, and *Serenade of the Seas*.

The new Alaskan ship will cruise between May and Sep 2025 on a line up of seven-night sailings.

All Alaskan voyages will depart from Seattle, Vancouver, or Seward, with Crown & Anchor Society loyalty members to have early access to book the new cruises on Royal Caribbean’s website.

Destinations will include Sitka, Skagway, and more.



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CARNIVAL Cruise Line has introduced a new 'Heroes American Pale Ale' at its onboard breweries just in time for today's Remembrance Day.

The new beer will give guests another delicious drink option on Carnival's five ships which have an onboard brewery, as well as an additional opportunity to support veterans, with each pour to also serve as a charitable donation.

Exclusively on tap on *Carnival Vista*, *Carnival Horizon*, *Carnival Panorama*, *Carnival Celebration*, and *Mardi Gras*, the special pale ale will be available year-round.

Heroes pint glasses will also be available fleetwide, benefitting Operation Homefront - a nonprofit which provides services to military families and post-Sep 11 wounded, ill or injured veterans in the United States.

Uniworld's pyjama party



FLIGHT Centre Travel Group Independent's top advisors from around the world are currently enjoying the delights of the Danube aboard Uniworld Boutique River Cruises' *Beatrice* as she cruises from Budapest to Vienna.

The official welcome event was a white party (**inset**) hosted by the wider Travel Corporation's tour brands, followed by a silent disco (**above**) which was sponsored by Singapore Airlines.

The incentive trip features the top 10 FCTG Independent agents from each of New Zealand (**pictured**), Australia, the USA, Canada and South Africa along with key supplier partners including Uniworld chief Ellen Bettridge and global FCTG Independent leaders. *BP*

Otium evolves

SILVERSEA Cruises' Otium wellness program has evolved aboard the line's new *Silver Nova*, introducing new enhancements including a wider array of indulgent experiences and amenities.

The Otium Spa has been repositioned aboard *Nova*, toward the ship's bow, with the 338m² space incorporating an indoor relaxation pool, a spa with eight treatment rooms, a fitness centre, and a beauty salon.

Nova offers guests new Otium suites, a first for Silversea, and one of seven new suite categories introduced aboard the ship.

The ship's two Otium suites measure 123m², and feature floor-to-ceiling windows in all living areas, allowing guests full scope of their 270-degree views from their aft-corner position on the vessel.

Nova also introduced an all-new, in-suite experience, the Otium shower experience, as well as a collection of refillable Otium bathroom amenities, developed with La Bottega.

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