



# NCL sets Walk for Wellness record

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line's (NCL) Walk for Wellness has wrapped up with a world record for the Longest Distance Achieved by a Team of Travel Professionals in One Month (**CW** 01 Sep).

This year's Walk for Wellness was NCL's most successful yet, as it smashed all participant and distance targets.

During the month-long event, which supported the physical and mental wellbeing of the travel community, a record number of participants walked 292,408 kilometres, or 415,348,286 steps - the equivalent of walking around the world more than seven times.

Walkers took part in themed challenges throughout this year's event to win weekly prizes along the way, with NCL making a \$1,000 donation to its mental health partner Mood Active every time specific distance milestones were unlocked.



Major winners included Maree Sterling from Travel on Capri, who won a Samsonite eco-friendly luggage package for walking the most steps; Teresa Reyes from TravelManagers, who won a Garmin wearable as the most improved participant; and Tracy

King from MTA, who earned 8,000 NCL Partners First Rewards points as the most engaged participant.

Stuart Ogilvie from Phil Hoffman Travel also won a Balcony Cabin on board a Europe cruise next year from the random cruise draw.

"I am incredibly proud of the commitment and camaraderie of our close-knit travel industry for coming together with such community spirit to support one another, raise funds for our mental health charity partner, Mood Active, obliterate our targets, and achieve a world record - what a month," Vice President & Managing Director Ben Angell (**pictured**) said.

"Walking alongside colleagues from across the travel sector was such a stellar example of our industry's strength, positive energy, and unity." *MS*



On location on the Gold Coast

Today's issue of **CW** is coming to you from the Gold Coast at the 2023 Travellers Choice Conference & Awards.

**TRAVELLERS** Choice will hold its 2023 conference and awards on the sunny Gold Coast this weekend, and **CW** will be covering the action, starting in our natural habitat with a welcome function on the YOT Club, an impressive floating events space, on Fri night.

Sat and Sun will then be spent in conference sessions, workshops, and the exhibition space with a variety of different opportunities.

Delegates will glam up at the Travellers Choice Awards at The Star on Sat night.

## simply MORE™

- FREE** Pre-Paid Gratuities
- FREE** Shore Excursions
- FREE** Champagne, Wine & More
- FREE** Gourmet Specialty Dining
- FREE** Unlimited WiFi

RECEIVE UP TO

**US\$1,000 SHIPBOARD CREDIT\***

PLUS

**REDUCED 50% DEPOSITS**

LIMITED-TIME OFFER

NOW OPEN FOR RESERVATIONS

[VIEW VOYAGES](#)



YOUR WORLD. YOUR WAY.®

EXPERIENCE EUROPE with simply MORE

more EXPLORATION  
more TREASURES  
more INDULGENCE



EXQUISITELY CRAFTED CUISINE. CURATED TRAVEL EXPERIENCES. SMALL SHIP LUXURY. VISIT [OCEANIACRUISES.COM](http://OCEANIACRUISES.COM) OR CALL 1300 355 200 (AU), 0800 625 691 (NZ)

[DOWNLOAD TOOLKIT](#)

\*Visit [OceaniaCruises.com/terms](http://OceaniaCruises.com/terms) for full Terms and Conditions.

## Royal Caribbean Europe '25 season

**ROYAL** Caribbean International has unveiled its 2025 European adventures, with vacations on six ships, including *Allure of the Seas* (pictured), which is making her return to the continent.

*Allure* will cruise from Barcelona and Rome for the first time since 2015, with passengers visiting idyllic destinations in Spain, France and Italy, such as Palma, Florence, Naples, and Provence.

The ship will join her fleetmates *Odyssey of the Seas* (from Rome), *Independence of the Seas* (from Southampton), *Explorer of the Seas* (from Ravenna), *Voyager of the Seas* (from Athens, Barcelona, Ravenna, and Rome), and *Brilliance of the Seas* (from Athens).

Royal Caribbean's 2025 European season ranges from two to 12 nights, and features bucket-list destinations such as Greece, Croatia, Italy, Portugal,



Spain, and France.

The adventure-packed line-up spans the picturesque coasts and cities in the Mediterranean, including Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, Florence, and Nice, as well as Dubrovnik, Madeira, and the Norwegian fjords.

The new summer 2025 European vacations open for

bookings on Royal Caribbean's website today.

The line earlier this week also announced the entertainment line-up for its new ship *Icon of the Seas* (CW 08 Nov).

The ship will introduce firsts such as skateboarders, live music, comedy, robots, and the debut of *The Wizard of Oz* at sea. MS

### Aurora EOY offers

**AURORA** Expeditions' new end-of-year offers have been announced, with cruisers to receive up to 20% off until the end of 2023.

The offers also provide air credits of up to AUD\$3,800 per person for select Arctic voyages, and up to USD\$2,000 per person for all remaining 2023-24 and 2024-25 Antarctica voyages.

These end of year offers are valid across dozens of voyages on Aurora's purpose-built expedition ships, *Greg Mortimer*, and *Sylvia Earle*, which was launched in late 2022.

"As the year draws to a close, we know that people are thinking about their adventures into 2024 and 2025," Chief Marketing Officer Hayley Peacock-Gower commented.

Receive up to \$2,500 flight credit per couple for your clients when you book a new 2024 or 2025 ocean voyage.

**But hurry, this offer must end 30 November 2023.**

[LEARN MORE](#)




VIKING

*The* HEART  
of EXPLORING

**ONLY  
THREE  
WEEKS  
LEFT**

EXCLUSIVE TO OCEAN CRUISES ONLY

VISIT [MYVIKINGJOURNEY.COM/AGENT](https://myvikingjourney.com/agent) TO BOOK ONLINE & DOWNLOAD MARKETING ASSETS

☎ 138 747 📍 [VIKING.COM](https://viking.com)

See website for full T&Cs



**MOST** ships have a spa and a gym, but Swan Hellenic is taking wellness to a whole new level through a new partnership with famed New Age medicine advocate and author Deepak Chopra.

The pact came via a “mutual passion for inner and outer exploration”, with new Explore & Restore cruises featuring introspective workshops, Ayurveda-inspired meals along with “awe-inspiring excursions to help guests gain a deeper connection to Mother Earth”.

Swan Hellenic said the cruises will also “allow wellness aficionados to vacation...with friends and family who have widely differing interests”.

## Crew&A: Mireia Escude

### Hotel Manager, Silversea *Silver Muse*

**1. What does your role on board involve?**

Supervising 10 departments and making sure there is guest satisfaction from the performance of departments, their managers and their supervisors.

**2. How long have you been in the role?**

For just over a year - this is the 2nd contract on board *Silver Muse*. Prior to joining cruise I had an extensive background in hotel management and hospitality.

**3. What is your background prior to joining cruise?**

Before joining cruise I had an extensive background in hotel management and hospitality. I also had experience developing

shore excursion programs.

**4. What is the most challenging part of your job?**

The most challenging part on the guest side would be being a perfectionist and wanting the team to be perfectionists, to satisfy the guests expectations and make them happy. We want the guests to have the best experience possible. Complying with standard operating procedures to ensure the product is consistent. The guests know the product so they expect the same.

**5. What is the best part about your job?**

Seeing that the guests are happy, making sure that is successful.



**6. Where is home?**  
Barcelona.

**7. What is your favourite port or destination?**

I love Japan and also Alaska.

**8. Is there anywhere you would particularly like to go to?**

I'd love to do a contract that takes me to Polynesia or South America, as well as through the Panama Canal.

## Secure. The way your future should be

At TravelManagers, we are committed to protecting you and your clients.



With our TravelManagers Customer Fund, credit card chargeback insurance and an independently audited client trust account, we offer the most comprehensive and transparent financial protection in the Australian travel industry. A partnership with us gives you the ability to run your own travel business with peace of mind.

**For more information and a confidential discussion, please call (02) 8062 6400 or email [join.us@travelmanagers.com.au](mailto:join.us@travelmanagers.com.au)**



## NZ Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in New Zealand.

AUCKLAND	
<i>Royal Princess</i>	11 Nov
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	17 Nov
CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	16 Nov
WELLINGTON	
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	15 Nov
ABEL TASMAN	
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	15 Nov
BAY OF ISLANDS	
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	10 Nov
<i>Royal Princess</i>	12 Nov
<i>Heritage Adventurer</i>	15 Nov
DUNEDIN	
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	17 Nov
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	17 Nov
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	17 Nov
FIORDLAND	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	16 Nov
GREAT BARRIER ISLAND	
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	11 Nov
GISBORNE	
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	13 Nov
KAIKOURA	
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	16 Nov
NAPIER	
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	14 Nov
TAURANGA	
<i>Royal Princess</i>	10 Nov
<i>Heritage Adventurer</i>	16 Nov

## Vouch for Viking

**VIKING** has introduced new Viking Voyage Vouchers to its Rewards by Viking program.

The vouchers have been created in response to demand from travel advisors wishing to experience Viking first-hand.

They enable advisors to redeem Rewards by Viking points for vouchers toward their next Viking voyage.

The vouchers are available in denominations of \$100, \$200, and \$500 from the Viking online store.

For further information or to start earning points, [CLICK HERE](#).

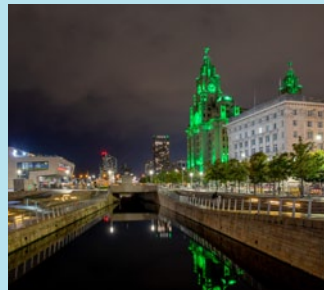
## Liverpool changes

**LIVERPOOL** City Council in the United Kingdom is set to pull out of running the destination's cruise berth, having done so for the past 15 years.

The Council said it plans to surrender the Liverpool Cruise Terminal lease due to "financial pressures and a shift in focus".

Around 150 ships berthed in Liverpool last year, up from just three when the Council took over in 2007.

Councillor Harry Doyle revealed there is "genuine interest" from third parties to run the berth.



## Windstar coral pact

**WINDSTAR** Cruises is celebrating one year of its partnership with Coral Gardeners with the launch of new initiatives to support the preservation of coral reefs (**CW** 19 Oct 2022).

The cruise line has announced new efforts to support Coral Gardeners including the expansion of its coral reef adoption program for passengers, a new educational shore excursion in Tahiti, and a speaker series on coral reef preservation.

The partnership launched in Oct 2022 on board *Star Breeze*, with the option for all guests sailing on a cruise in French Polynesia to adopt a coral for a \$35 per person donation.

Windstar has now expanded the program allowing all guests sailing in any destination the opportunity to adopt a coral.

The cruise line is also introducing a new shore-excursion taking guests to the Coral Gardeners facility in Tahiti, to meet the team, visit the nurseries, and learn about the importance of protecting coral.

Windstar has also recently launched an engagement speaker series on board its ships calling in Moorea, which will be led by a Coral Gardeners team member, to help raise awareness and educate guests on coral reef preservation.

## Big NCLH review

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) is undergoing a "comprehensive strategic review", the company announced during its third quarter earnings presentation.

"We have embarked on a review of our entire business, taking a fresh look at all aspects of our strategy," the company's President & Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer said.

## AU Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia.

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	10 Nov
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	10 Nov
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	11 Nov
<i>Noordam</i>	12 Nov
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	12 Nov
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	13 Nov
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	13 Nov
<i>Royal Princess</i>	15 Nov
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	17 Nov
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	17 Nov
MELBOURNE	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	11 Nov
<i>Disney Wonder</i>	12 Nov
<i>Noordam</i>	14 Nov
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	14 Nov
<i>Grand Princess</i>	15 Nov
<i>Disney Wonder</i>	16 Nov
PORT ADELAIDE	
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	12 Nov
<i>Grand Princess</i>	13 Nov
<i>Coral Geographer</i>	14 Nov
<i>Coral Princess</i>	16 Nov
PENNESHAU	
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	11 Nov
BRISBANE	
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	10 Nov
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	11 Nov
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	12 Nov
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	13 Nov
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	14 Nov
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	17 Nov
CAIRNS	
<i>Le Soleal</i>	12 Nov
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	14 Nov
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	15 Nov
AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	14 Nov
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	16 Nov
FREMANTLE	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	11 Nov
ALBANY	
<i>Emerald Princess</i>	14 Nov
BUSSELETON	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	12 Nov
BURNIE	
<i>Noordam</i>	15 Nov
HOBART	
<i>Disney Wonder</i>	14 Nov
<i>Royal Princess</i>	17 Nov
DARWIN	
<i>True North II</i>	13 Nov
<i>Silver Muse</i>	17 Nov

### EDITORIAL

Associate Editor - Myles Stedman  
Journalists - Adam Bishop, Janie Medbury, Matthew Wai  
Publisher - Bruce Piper  
Editorial Director - Damian Francis  
Associate Publisher - Anna Piper  
[info@cruiseweekly.com.au](mailto:info@cruiseweekly.com.au)  
[info@cruiseweekly.co.nz](mailto:info@cruiseweekly.co.nz)

### ADVERTISING & MARKETING

Head of Sales & Marketing - Sean Harrigan  
Advertising Operations - Nicki Harford  
[advertising@cruiseweekly.com.au](mailto:advertising@cruiseweekly.com.au)  
[advertising@cruiseweekly.co.nz](mailto:advertising@cruiseweekly.co.nz)

### ACCOUNTS

[accounts@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:accounts@traveldaily.com.au)

Suite 1, Level 2, 64 Talavera Rd  
Macquarie Park NSW 2113 Australia  
PO Box 1010 Epping NSW 1710 Australia  
Tel: (AU) +61 2 8007 6760 or (NZ) 0800 799 220  
Tel: (Int'l) 1300 799 220

Sign up free at  
[www.cruiseweekly.com.au](http://www.cruiseweekly.com.au)  
[www.cruiseweekly.co.nz](http://www.cruiseweekly.co.nz)