



Aurora dining

AURORA Expeditions will offer new dining options aboard its ships in the Antarctic this season, including locally sourced organic fruit, vegies and dairy products, Argentinian beef, free-range chicken and eggs and certified sustainable seafood.

CEO Michael Heath said the revamp followed a review of Aurora's supply chains.

Silversea circumnavigation

SILVERSEA'S *Silver Nova* will undertake the cruise line's first ever circumnavigation of Australia in late 2025, with the cruise line revealing the itinerary overnight as it opened a pre-sale on over 150 new 2025/26 departures.

The Melbourne-to-Melbourne Grand Australia will visit 23 destinations over 47 days, while the program also includes a Grand South Pacific Expedition from Perth to Valparaiso aboard *Silver Cloud* leaving in Aug 2025.

Silversea President, Barbara Muckermann, said the new


voyage collection strengthened the brand's "destination leadership" with Australasia clearly in focus via the local deployment of *Silver Moon* alongside *Silver Nova* - two of the line's newest vessels.

Silversea's 2025/26 program also includes 38 Antarctic expeditions aboard three ships, with more voyages to South Georgia and the Falkland Islands, plus 25 *Silver Origin* voyages in the Galapagos and an increased presence in the Caribbean - view the collection at silversea.com. *BP*

Sydney Travel Guide


CRUISE passengers arriving in Sydney for the summer season will be able to grab a free copy of the new *Sydney Travel Guide*, published by Big Splash Media in partnership with the Port Authority of NSW.

The 100-page guide will circulate through the city's cruise terminals and 300 hotels, featuring maps, essential travel info, and things to see and do.



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Viking adds more

VIKING has announced it will add 23 new ships to its fleet by 2030, bringing the total number of its river, ocean and expedition vessels up to 115.

The privately-owned cruise line will welcome 13 river vessels by the end of 2026, including two ships in Egypt and a second one on the Mekong, plus the 10 previously announced ocean ships by 2030.

Viking said the fleet expansion will enhance the availability and variety of its itineraries, as well as offering better flexibility in the number of scheduled departure dates for existing voyages.

Additionally, the cruise line revealed that its new online booking platform is already a hit among travel agents, who are "reporting reduced wait times and increased itinerary visibility, allowing for more time to build client relationships". *JM*

Garden Island off the table


NSW Transport Minister Jo Haylen says she will not "waste government time or taxpayer dollars" pursuing the option of cruise operations at Garden Island in Sydney Harbour.

At the launch of the record CLIA/ACA economic report (*CW* yesterday), Haylen said "the fact is that it's not practical...the Navy is not going anywhere".

"That's why I've asked the Port Authority of NSW to look at other options for expanding what is an incredibly important industry in the state of NSW and indeed for Australia."


Haylen wouldn't be drawn on what those options were, or on a timeline for any update.

CLIA MD Joel Katz said the industry "absolutely supports the need for more capacity in NSW, particularly in Sydney" so that the local cruise business can continue to grow. *BP*



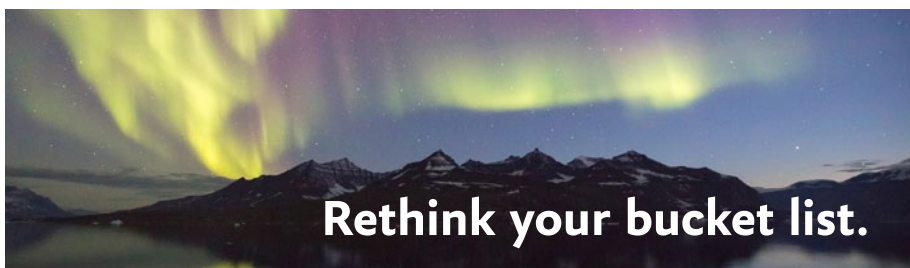
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Ship explosion

AN EXPLOSION onboard American Queen Voyage's *Ocean Explorer* earlier this week injured one of the ship's workers and prompted an evacuation of more than 200 pax and crew.

The incident happened while the ship was docked in Portland, Maine, after a generator exploded, with the cause now under investigation.

MSC wins green certification

MSC CRUISES has been awarded the Green Marine Europe Certification, achieving the highest possible score across eight key sustainability performance indicators.

MSC is the first major cruise line to receive the accolade from Green Marine Europe, which is a partnership between ocean and maritime protection NGO the Surfride Foundation and North American certification scheme Green Marine.

The award was collected at a ceremony in Bilbao, Spain this week by MSC Cruises VP Environmental Operations and Compliance, Minas Myrtilidis (**pictured**), who said the cruise line was "immensely proud".

"The Green Marine Europe certificate is testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone throughout our business, both onboard and ashore, who have dedicated their collective efforts to help MSC Cruises towards achieving its sustainability goals," he said.

MSC Cruises and its sister brand



Explora Journeys have committed to measure their environmental performance annually and submit their results to Green Marine Europe for external verification.

Performance indicators detailed in the certification included aquatic invasive species, pollutant air emissions (both SO2 and particulate matter), nitrogen dioxide pollutant air emissions, greenhouse gas emissions, oil discharge, waste management, underwater radiated noise and responsible ship recycling.

Explora and MSC are both targeting net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. *BP*

Uniworld raises bar for 2024 itineraries

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruises has unveiled a swathe of innovations for 2024, including the extension of its Cruise & Rail program with five new itineraries taking in Istanbul, the Swiss Alps, Transylvania & more.

The big news for Uniworld is the Amsterdam debut of its new *S.S. Victoria* (formerly *Crystal Bach*), which will provide more capacity with the full Uniworld experience on existing Danube itineraries in Europe.

There's also a five-day new pre-cruise extension in South America taking in Rio de Janeiro and Iguazu Falls, while Uniworld will operate a second annual Rivers of the World cruise, with a 55-day itinerary spanning three continents, 10 countries and four Uniworld Super Ships.

Uniworld is also adding more 2024 dates for its cruise and rail itinerary in India which will operate from Kolkata to New Delhi - uniworld.com/au.

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	20 Oct
<i>Grand Princess</i>	21 Oct
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	22 Oct
<i>Royal Princess</i>	23 Oct
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	23 Oct
<i>Coral Princess</i>	25 Oct
<i>Disney Wonder</i>	27 Oct
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	27 Oct
<i>Disney Wonder</i>	27 Oct
MELBOURNE	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	23 Oct
PORT ADELAIDE	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	26 Oct
PENNESHAW	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	25 Oct
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	20 Oct
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	21 Oct
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	22 Oct
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	23 Oct
<i>Royal Princess</i>	25 Oct
<i>Coral Princess</i>	27 Oct
CAIRNS	
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	22 Oct
AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	23 Oct
<i>Royal Princess</i>	27 Oct
FREMANTLE	
<i>Coral Geographer</i>	20 Oct
HOBART	
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	25 Oct
DARWIN	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	27 Oct
AUCKLAND	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	21 Oct
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	24 Oct
BAY OF ISLANDS	
<i>Royal Princess</i>	20 Oct
<i>Coral Princess</i>	22 Oct



WHILE stranded sailor stories are unfortunately not uncommon, it's not every day you hear stories about deer being lost at sea.

A pair of the adorable woodland creatures somehow ended up treading water in Alaska's Clarence Strait more than 6km from shore earlier this week.

Thankfully, wildlife troopers who were returning to Ketchikan from Earnest Sound spotted the struggling duo, who were trying to swim against the current, in the opposite direction of land.

Both deer immediately approached the boat and swam over to the swim step to allow the troopers to help them up onto the back deck.

The exhausted but lucky animals were then returned to the wild, no doubt relieved to be back on solid ground.