



Cruise Weekly today

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

Viking WC segments

VIKING'S 2024-2025 World Cruise segments are now open for booking aboard the line's *Viking Sky*.

The epic World Cruise departs fort Lauderdale in Dec 2024, and arrives in London in May 2025.

The four segments include a 32-day 'Jewels of the South Pacific' from Los Angeles to Sydney; a 24-day 'Treasures of Australia & Indonesia' from Sydney to Singapore; the 35-day 'Asia Isles & Coasts of Africa' from Singapore to Cape Town; and the 33-day 'Cape Town to London Passage' from Cape Town to London.

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Explora thankful for travel advisors

EXPLORA Journeys Vice President/Head of Sales Nicole Costantin has lauded the contribution of travel advisors to the cruise line's success, as it celebrates the one-year anniversary of *Explora I's* (pictured) first departure.

Costantin explained to **CW** the importance of advisors in spreading the word of Explora in the highly competitive, blue-ribbon luxury cruise market.

"We've relied so much on our advisors...when they have to consult on Explora Journeys, they don't need to consult on the other brands, because their clients have probably already cruised on those brands.

"What we're asking them to do is just put us in front of [cruisers], tell them about us, so that's why we put so much effort into the trade, financially and physically.

"We're going to keep needing



the support, we've got six ships coming," Costantin added.

Explora recently celebrated the first anniversary of when she embarked on her maiden journey on last Aug (**CW** 04 Aug 2023).

The ship has spent the past year sailing the scenic landscapes of Northern Europe to the vibrant cultures of the Americas and the Caribbean, visiting almost 120 ports in 45 countries.

Explora I is now cruising in

the Eastern Mediterranean, with those on board this month able to join in the celebrations throughout Aug.

Magali Dahan, who was the opening performer on board *Explora I's* maiden journey, will be welcomed back, while guests who make a reservation this month will get a Journeys Experience Credit of €365 per suite on all sailings from 23 Aug 2024 - **CLICK HERE** for more. **MS**

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DISNEY Cruise Line has revealed more detail on the classic characters and stories guests can enjoy during their travels onboard *Disney Destiny*.

In addition to Marvel-based superhero spaces, characters such as Cruella De Vil will be represented via a Dalmation themed paint scheme on the grand piano at De Vil's Lounge.

Over at Cask and Cannon, buccaneers can sing to all the seaworthy shanties from *Pirates of the Caribbean* along with bootlegged brews and plenty of live sport on the TV.

On the top deck, animated antics of Mickey and Minnie Mouse will regale guests as they ride a 230m water slide set to an original soundtrack.

Other characters roaming the ship will include Maleficent, Captain Hook and Mr Smee, Captain Jack Sparrow, Loki and many more as they meet and greet with guests.

Ponant roadshow win



PONANT'S roadshow series has proven to be a success so far, with approximately 1,000 trade partners and clients attending across six epic sessions around the country.

The roadshow, which has visited Queensland, New South Wales, SA, and WA, has seen attendees devour macaroon towers, enjoy flowing champagne, and tune in to live music, as Ponant takes its French-style luxury around Australia (**CW** 02 Jul).

Keynote speaker, expedition leader Sebastian Jones, captivated attendees with his

expertise on the Ross Sea, the Kimberley, and PNG.

Guests also enthusiastically took advantage of exclusive special offers, with many options and bookings made across the events.

The final leg takes place in Melbourne tonight, with Victoria-based partners encouraged to register for the event. **MS**

Pictured is the Ponant team: Charles Boutet, Krisitina Sambaher, Marion Barbier, Dagmar Kanka, Sandra Cahill, Genevieve Westgarth, Melinda Griggs, Sebastian Jones, Kim Herdiana, and Alex Stragalinos.

Star power on MSC

WEST End theatre performer Darren Day has been added to the MSC Cruises entertainment line-up and will perform on three sailings in Aug and Sep.

The celebrated actor will perform hits from *Grease* and *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* for guests on board *MSC Virtuosa* on three Southampton sailings to the Iberian Peninsula.

Travellers can also pit their wits against Shaun Wallace, star of *The Chase UK*, on board a 10 Aug *Virtuosa* sailing, with the academic hosting a guest lecture and Q&A session.

Debby diversions

HURRICANE Debby has forced the closure of the Port of Tampa, leading to changes to current and future sailings.

Carnival Paradise has been forced to extend her itinerary, while damage assessments are carried out in Tampa, and *Carnival Elation*, *Symphony of the Seas*, *Vision of the Seas* and *Norwegian Sky* also made changes to planned itineraries.

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