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

In love with NCL

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) is inviting passengers to sail into their loved one's heart this Valentine's Day, offering guests up to 50% off all voyages and an additional \$500 discount.

The double bonus deal is available on bookings made until 07 Feb, and also offers Norwegian's 'Free at Sea' package, which includes a complimentary beverage package with premium drinks and cocktails, shore excursion credit, a specialty dining package, and more.

Sailings featured in the deal include Hawaii, Europe, and more - CLICK HERE for info.

Carnival Corp reroutes Red Sea cruises

CARNIVAL Corporation is rerouting its Red Sea (pictured) transits for 12 ships across seven cruise lines due to the crisis in the inlet (CW 17 Jan).

The vast majority of the impact will take place in the second quarter, Carnival stated, with the company having said it has not seen any impact on booking trends due to the crisis.

Carnival has no other transits through the Red Sea scheduled until Nov.

The diversion is expected to have an adjusted earnings per share impact of US\$0.07 to US\$0.08 for the full year.

Carnival joins other cruise companies, including MSC Group and Royal Caribbean Group, which have also cancelled a number of their Red Sea voyages.

CW has approached other cruise companies for comment on their Red Sea voyages.



Carnival also reported an early and robust start to wave season. which has exceeded expectations. with booking volumes since Nov 2023 hitting an all-time high.

The company is maintaining its best booked position on record, with both pricing and occupancy considerably higher than last year's levels.

The first half of 2024 is almost fully booked, Carnival reported, with the company expecting

its continued strong bookings through the year, which will offset any Red Sea rerouting impact.

The company also confirmed the redemption of the outstanding US\$571 million second-priority senior secured notes, due 2027, eliminating all of the outstanding second lien debt.

This redemption is consistent with Carnival's Dec guidance, with the company using its cash flow strength to reduce interest. MS





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Conversations with women in travel

Adventure World teams up with Hurti

ADVENTURE World has announced an exclusive collaboration with Hurtigruten for a series of journeys under the banner 'Authentic Nordics'.

The sustainable trips in Northern Europe highlight some of the most awe-inspiring destinations in the region, offering a unique blend of premium accommodation, Hurtigruten expeditions, and Travel with Purpose experiences.

Guests can embark on a 21-night 'Grand Nordics' journey from Copenhagen (pictured), featuring premium accommodation, a six-night Hurtigruten voyage, and iconic Travel with Purpose experiences including private guided tours, and a trip on the Flam Line.

The 11-night 'Authentic Fjords of Norway' from Bergen to Tromso features premium accommodation, an eight-night



Hurtigruten voyage, and Travel with Purpose experiences including a hike to Molde Panorama observation deck, witnessing the Northern Lights in Honningsvag, and a silent whalewatching adventure in Tromso.

There is also an option

traversing both Finland and Norway, the 15-day 'Essence of the Nordics', which takes guests to the northernmost point of the Atlantic country.

Travellers will enjoy six nights in premium accommodation, a fivenight Hurtigruten voyage, a night in a glass igloo, and two nights in a Gamme Cabin.

"Our collaboration with Hurtigruten Group aligns seamlessly with our commitment to sustainability and the ethos of Travel with Purpose," Adventure World Managing Director Neil Rodgers said.

"This partnership is a testament to our dedication to providing travellers not just a trip but a transformative experience."

There is currently an exclusive onboard credit offer with Hurtigruten, offering those who book through to 15 Mar \$150 per person. MS

Lindblad Med '25

LINDBLAD Expeditions' National Geographic Orion is returning to the Mediterranean for the 2025 summer season.

The cruise line has debuted four exclusive new Mediterranean expeditions, including Dalmatia, the islands of Greece, and more.

The 2025 season will see Orion embark on 19 expeditions in the region, with the four new cruises including the 'Ancient Mediterranean Odyssey: Exploring Greece, Croatia, and Albania'; the 'Treasures of the Adriatic: Croatia's Dalmatian Coast and Montenegro'; the 'Greek Isles Odyssey: Mythology, History, and Cerulean Seas'; and the 'Crossroads of the Ancient World: Exploring Greece and Turkey' - CLICK HERE for more information on the voyages.





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A SHIPWRECK washed up in Newfoundland is suspected to be from the 1800s, according to researchers in Canada.

The shipwreck washed up near J.T. Cheeseman Provincial Park, where nearby residents discovered a large chunk of the vessel's hull.

YouTuber Corey Purchase told local masthead SaltWire the shipwreck was a lot bigger than he thought it would be, after investigating it with his drone.

"I think what we can see is only half of it because it looks like it was broken off," he said.

Purchase believes the shipwreck was likely buried for more than a century before being unearthed by storms such as 2022's Hurricane Fiona, which was the most intense in Canadian history.

He said last month's winter storms likely gave the wreckage a final push toward the shore, leading to its discovery.

HAL brings Collectors Voyages to Aus

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) will take cruisers to the iconic sites and wonders of Australia in 2025-2026, in a season which will include longer Collectors' Voyages of up to 50 days.

HAL's 14-day itineraries aboard Noordam (pictured) will cruise from Australia to New Zealand, sailing round trip from Sydney.

The cruises will sail Down Under in Nov, Feb, and Mar across the 25/26 season, with all voyages to call at Melbourne and Hobart and/or Burnie.

Five new Collectors' Voyages combine a two-week cruise in Australia with a Legendary Voyage to the South Pacific, creating a longer vacation up to 50 days across several regions.

The Collectors' Voyages merge two 14-day Australia and New Zealand cruises, or one 14-day Australia and New Zealand cruise with a Legendary Voyage to the South Pacific.

There is also a South Australia Discovery Holiday of 14 days, cruising round trip from Sydney, visiting Melbourne, Phillip Island, Eden, Adelaide, Penneshaw, Burnie, Port Arthur, as well as



Hobart, where Noordam will stay in port for a late departure.

Cruises that visit New Zealand will call Tauranga, Napier, and Port Chalmers, as well as Picton, Wellington, Timaru, and more.

A highlight of the season will be HAL's Global Fresh Fish Program, which will bring local ingredients on board like salmon, Sydney rock oysters, as well as Tasmanian meat pies.

"Australia and New Zealand are excellent options for cruisers looking for global destinations, iconic cities and wild wonders," Chief Commercial Officer Beth Bodensteiner said.

"We craft our cruises to showcase the best of each region...with these voyages, guests can see wildlife like penguins and kangaroos while exploring South Australia." MS



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