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How to save a life

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is supporting Take 3 for the Sea's Surf Life Saving Club Program.

The initiative aims to help safeguard Australia's coastal environments by educating clubs about pollution.

Quantum adds more in '25

ROYAL Caribbean International has announced new Australian sailings for Apr 2025 on board *Quantum of the Seas*.

The itineraries range from two to 21 nights, visiting destinations such as Queensland, the NT, Indonesia, Singapore, New Zealand, and French Polynesia.

The 21-night sailing departs Sydney for Honolulu on 08 Apr 2025 from \$4,099 per person for a balcony stateroom.

The cruise will visit Wellington, Napier, Auckland, Papeete, Moorea, and Raiatea, before arriving in Honolulu.

There are also a pair of two-night weekend voyages departing round trip from Brisbane 04 Apr, with one sailing to nowhere from \$429 per person, and the other departing the Queensland capital on 06 Apr and docking in Sydney on 08 Apr, from \$379 per person.

Royal Caribbean is also currently offering last-minute deals on local

sailings aboard *Quantum*.

The offers are available in Feb and Mar 2024 for seven- and eight-night cruises to destinations in Queensland and the South Pacific (**CW** 09 Feb).

Deals lead in from \$679 per person for an interior cabin.

MEANWHILE, Royal Caribbean is also set to host a number of Eurovision Song Contest-themed holidays this summer, thanks to a new partnership (**CW** 06 Feb).

Anthem of the Seas, *Explorer of the Seas*, *Oasis of the Seas*, and *Odyssey of the Seas* will all become Eurovision celebration venues later this year. **MS**

NCL offers more

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The cruise line offers more value, more earnings, and more rewards - see **page 4**.



New Rhine & Main River Itinerary

Viking has announced that its new river journey Rhine & Main Explorer is now open for booking. The new itinerary set to commence in April 2025, combines two of Europe's most historic rivers, sailing between Basel, Switzerland and Nuremberg, Germany. Perfect for those clients who have previously sailed with Viking and now looking for something new on Europe's waterways. The 11-day voyage visits three countries and is priced from \$6,995 per person in a standard stateroom.

Learn more about the itinerary and included return flights to Europe here.



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New Itineraries Exploring China

Viking has released three new, first-of-their-kind itineraries that will provide guests with exclusive access to China in 2024. The new voyages range from 10 to 20 days and explore iconic cities, such as Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Each itinerary also includes a domestic sailing off China's coast that highlights rarely-seen destinations and ports to which only Viking has access—something that has never before been offered for international visitors. Fares start from just \$6,995 pp in a Veranda stateroom.

Learn more about the itineraries and the \$2,000 per couple saving here.



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PORTHOLE

A **BIOLOGIST** has reeled in what is thought to be the “world’s longest goldfish” (pictured) from a suburban lake in Perth.

The monster fish was angled out of Blue Lake Park in Joondalup, and appears to be more than five centimetres longer than the current world record holder.

The biologist manages wetlands and lakes in Perth, and told *WAtoday* ornamental species are choking waterways around Australia.

“Goldfish are in most urban lakes, and they are basically apex predators in those ecosystems eating tadpoles and native fish,” he said.



Azamara calls in Pitcairn



AZAMARA’S *Azamara Onward* brought guests to the Pitcairn Islands (pictured) recently during her World Cruise for a once-in-a-lifetime call.

The visit was the first time *Azamara* had docked in the Pitcairns, which is known for being inhabited mostly by decedants from the ‘mutiny on the *Bounty*’.

Ideal weather upon *Onward’s* approach to the Pitcairns allowed the ship the rare opportunity to bring passengers ashore.

Guests were able to fully immerse themselves in the hard-to-reach Pitcairn Island, the only inhabited island in the group.

The 4.5km² destination is home to only about 50 residents, many

of whom share a surname with one of the mutineers.

“Not many cruisers get the opportunity to visit Pitcairn Island - the weather usually does not cooperate, and there are no bays or coves for the ship to anchor in,” Head of Itinerary Planning Michael Pawlus said.

“This is the very first time in my career that I have seen the weather allow for guests to go ashore on Pitcairn Island.

“I’ve designed nearly 20 itineraries that include the stop before, so I’m thrilled that all conditions were in our favour this time, giving our World Cruisers an incredibly unique experience in such an isolated destination,” he added. *MS*



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On location on board *Silver Muse*

Today’s issue of *CW* is coming to you courtesy of *Silversea*, who is this week hosting us aboard *Silver Muse*.

TODAY is our first full day on board the beautiful *Silver Muse*.

Docked in Hobart, guests today have the option of venturing into Tasmania on a variety of shore excursions.

Art lovers are invited to experience the evocative Museum of Old and New Art, while foodies might prefer to experience Tassie’s fresh cuisine on a half-day culinary tour to the fine wine and oysters of Coal Bay.

Meanwhile, included excursions will see guests get up close to elusive Tasmanian devils and kangaroos at Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary.

A visit to historic Port Arthur is also on offer, or an adventure to South West Tasmania.

This evening we will set sail for Melbourne.

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