



### Cruise Weekly today

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

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**MSC Cruises** is set to offer sailings from the Canary Islands with a brand-new itinerary for the 2024-25 winter season.

The seven-night itinerary on board *MSC Opera* cruises to some of the most sought-after destinations in the Canary Islands and Madeira, with sales open now.

The cruises will call six ports, and will sail between 03 Nov 2024 and 16 Mar 2025.

*Opera* will depart round trip from Santa Cruz de Tenerife for Las Palmas, Puerto del Rosario, Funchal, Santa Cruz de la Palma, and Arrecife, before returning to Tenerife.

## Viking announces 2024-26 River brox

**VIKING** has released its new 2024-2026 River Brochure, with new itineraries and additional sailing dates providing more choice for travellers.

The 234-page destination-focused brochure details Viking's itineraries from popular and previously sold-out river journeys exploring France (pictured), Portugal, Egypt, Southeast Asia, and the United States.

The brochure presents a diverse selection of northern hemisphere river experiences, including new Christmas itineraries.

Three new river cruises are featured in the brochure, including the 11-day 'Rhine & Main Explorer' from Nuremberg to Basel, the 22-day 'Mississippi River Odyssey' from New Orleans to Red Wing, and the 15-day 'The Big Easy to the Gateway City' from New Orleans to St. Louis.

"Europe is a popular destination



known for its rich history, art, and culture which appeals greatly to curious travellers," Managing Director Michelle Black said.

"Our 2026 season will open for booking earlier, allowing us to offer more itineraries, both new and old favourites, as well as sailing dates.

"This will allow agents to book more clients, both returning and new to Viking, on board our

state-of-the-art vessels."

Viking's Explorer Sale is currently offering included return economy flights to Europe and Southeast Asia on select 2025 and 2026 river journeys if booked before 28 Mar.

Cruisers looking to book a 2024 river journey can receive savings of up to \$4,600 per couple.

The brochure is available to be ordered through TIFS. *MS*



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Boost your sales and earn more this quarter with the new and bigger-than-ever Viking Explorer Sessions.

No matter where your client dreams of travelling, we've got a session tailored to them with 12 unique and themed sessions in each city. Each session will provide your clients with all the information and inspiration they need to plan, and then book, their next journey with you. Think of it as a chance for them to test drive their perfect Viking voyage.

Plus, we'll spoil them with complimentary refreshments and an exclusive offer they can redeem when they book with you. Register your clients today before sessions fill out.

**SYDNEY** | Tuesday 27 February

**MELBOURNE** | Thursday 29 February

**ADELAIDE** | Thursday 7 March

**BRISBANE** | Tuesday 12 March

**GOLD COAST** | Thursday 14 March

**PERTH** | Thursday 21 March

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**A SHIP** docked in Cape Town this week brought with her not cruise passengers, but instead an “unimaginable” smell which wafted all the way through South Africa’s oldest city.

The source of the stench was 19,000 cows aboard a livestock carrier, which drifted around 1.5 kilometres inland.

The smell, which was made worse by the hot summer weather, was thanks to a build-up of dung on board.

The cows had been on board the ship for two weeks, on a journey from Brazil to Iraq.

South Africa’s national Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had obtained a court order prior to the ship’s arrival which allowed inspectors to embark and inspect her cargo - an examination the vessel supposedly passed on her recent stop in Australia.

## Ponant Aussie funding



**THE** Ponant Foundation has announced its inaugural funding initiative in Australia, supporting the Macquarie Island Conservation Foundation.

The three-year partnership will support the natural and heritage values of Macquarie Island, located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.

The partnership will ensure protection from threats to conserve for current and future generations, and aims to fund and facilitate science and research programs, as well as provide supplementary support to management initiatives, student projects, and outreach

activities, which will benefit the conservation of the island.

“We are thrilled to share this three-year partnership activation with the Macquarie Island Conservation Foundation, aligning with the Ponant Foundation’s commitment to protecting the poles and our oceans, a key pillar of utilising a partnership approach,” General Manager Sales & Marketing Asia Pacific Deb Corbett said.

“We are proud to have the capacity to contribute to their vital research and initiatives in the region and can’t wait to see what can be achieved in the next three years and beyond.” MS

## Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY		
<i>Arcadia</i>		23 Feb
<i>Majestic Princess</i>		23 Feb
<i>Silver Shadow</i>		23 Feb
<i>Ambience</i>		24 Feb
<i>Celebrity Edge</i>		24 Feb
<i>Insignia</i>		24 Feb
<i>Celebrity Edge</i>		24 Feb
<i>Silver Shadow</i>		25 Feb
MELBOURNE		
<i>Queen Mary 2</i>		23 Feb
<i>Viking Orion</i>		23 Feb
<i>Grand Princess</i>		25 Feb
PORT ADELAIDE		
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>		23 Feb
<i>Volendam</i>		24 Feb
PENNESHAW		
<i>Volendam</i>		23 Feb
BRISBANE		
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>		23 Feb
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>		24 Feb
<i>Arcadia</i>		25 Feb
BURNIE		
<i>Resilient Lady</i>		23 Feb
HOBART		
<i>Azamara Onward</i>		25 Feb
<i>Resilient Lady</i>		25 Feb
<i>Majestic Princess</i>		25 Feb
DARWIN		
<i>Silver Whisper</i>		24 Feb
AUCKLAND		
<i>Seven Seas Mariner</i>		23 Feb
<i>Regatta</i>		24 Feb
<i>Queen Victoria</i>		25 Feb
CHRISTCHURCH		
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>		25 Feb
WELLINGTON		
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>		24 Feb
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>		25 Feb
<i>Silver Muse</i>		25 Feb

## P&O’s record Jan

**THE** United Kingdom’s P&O Cruises has reported record bookings for the beginning of wave season.

P&O saw its strongest Jan ever, with record-breaking sales volume; some of the most popular destinations were the Caribbean, the Norwegian fjords and the Atlantic islands.

*Iona* has seen the most interest, while P&O also saw longer average lead times.

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