



Cruise Weekly today

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

New Aurora e-book

AURORA Expeditions has released its Best Small-Ship Experiences bucket list and e-book for 2024.

The title delves into some of the life-changing experiences available to travellers on a small ship expedition, including camping on the ice in Antarctica, cruising the wilds of Patagonia, marvelling at the waterfalls of Iceland, and going from reef to rainforest in Costa Rica.

Those booking before the end of Mar can also enjoy added value savings, with air credits and up to 20% off select voyages - to read the e-book, [CLICK HERE](#).

Ryobi enters cruising

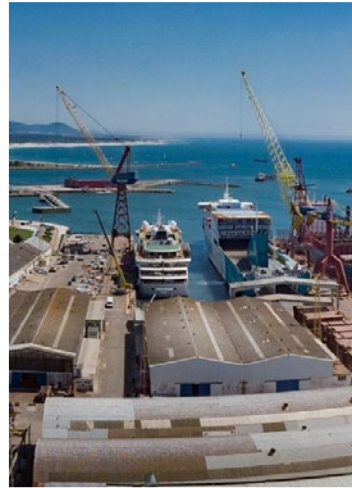
JAPANESE transport and tourism company Ryobi Holdings has ordered a newbuild cruise ship from West Sea Shipyard in Portugal (pictured).

The superyacht-style ship will be delivered by 2027, according to reports, and will operate luxury cruises in Japan as well as Southwest Asia.

The new €100m (AU\$162m) ship will span up to 120 metres in length, and is planned to have 60 staterooms with accommodation for 120 passengers, as well as 100 crew members.

The Japanese cruise market is experiencing a resurgence with shipping and transport companies such as Nippon Yusen (NYK) and Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL), investing heavily in the sector.

NYK is constructing *Asuka III* at the Meyer Werft shipyard, while MOL last year acquired the former *Seabourn Odyssey* to



begin a new international cruise venture (**CW** 13 Oct).

West Sea has previously built ships for Viking, Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, and Emerald Cruises, and only recently expanded into ocean cruising with an order from Atlas Ocean Voyages. *MS*

Nassau record

NASSAU Cruise Port has set its highest single-day visitor record in its history, welcoming almost 30,000 pax on 27 Dec.

The six-ship day saw vessels from four different lines call, including Royal Caribbean International's *Oasis of the Seas* and *Anthem of the Seas*, Carnival Cruise Line's *Carnival Dream* and *Carnival Liberty*, Disney's *Disney Wish*, and MSC's *MSC Meraviglia*.

Nassau recently made new infrastructure investments, which allows the port to now berth six ships at once.

The port has also already broken its seasonal visitation record, welcoming 3.9 million passengers thus far.

Nassau's goal is to welcome 4.2 million passengers this season, and projections for 2024 have as many as 5.6 million visitors calling.

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TYPICALLY it is the skies lighting up to celebrate the new year, but some New South Wales and Tasmania residents also watched their seas light up to ring in 2024.

The bioluminescent phenomenon known as 'Noctiluca scintillans' recently lit up the waters of Sydney and Hobart, delighting hundreds.

Jenny Kathy captured the photo **pictured** below and posted it to the Bioluminescence Tasmania Facebook page.

Sydneyiders were also treated to the dreamy blue glow, which showed up in Manly last week.



Turkish Riviera cruise



A NEW Peter Sommer Travel cruise will uncover the story of the ancient civilisations of the Turkish Riviera.

The new cruise begins in Bodrum and ends in Gocek, cruising around the Datca and Bozburun peninsulas, and into the Gulf of Fethiye.

The new 15-day gulet cruise highlights the history, culture, and food of the region, visiting hidden archeological sites and colourful markets, and savouring wine, honey, olive oil, and more.

There will also be the opportunity to swim, snorkel, kayak, and relax on the deck of the ship.

"On our newest gulet cruise, you'll reap the rewards of our decades of research, exploration and personal connections in Turkey," Peter Sommer Travel founder Peter Sommer said.

"Our intimate knowledge of the region includes familiarity with both world-famous and lesser-known ancient sites, and friendships with some of its

finest artisans and food and wine producers," he added.

"Rather than just going there, join us for an unforgettable experience as we truly get to know the archaeology and gastronomy of this spectacular coast," Sommer said.

The cruise departs 15 Sep and costs £5,125 per person based on double occupancy. *MS*

Pictured: Bozburun Peninsula.

NCL restaurant free

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has revamped its dining offering, reportedly adding one of its specialty restaurants to its range of complimentary options as part of the fare.

NCL has switched its American Diner restaurant from a specialty venue, and is now including it in the cost of the fare, according to pax aboard *Norwegian Getaway*.



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Pandaw India cruise

PANDAW has released additional staterooms for its combo-exploration across India in Apr.

The cruise sails the Brahmaputra River to Dibrugarh, from where guests will fly to Kolkata to journey down the Sundarbans, before sailing up through West Bengal along the Hooghly River.

The one-time expedition will not be repeated, and has limited availability remaining - **CLICK HERE.**

Flights with Hurti

THOSE who book a selected HX expedition to Antarctica, Greenland, or Iceland before the end of Mar can enjoy round-trip flights from Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane.

The offer is accessible while availability lasts - for more information, **CLICK HERE.**

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