



Regal return date

PRINCESS Cruises has confirmed *Regal Princess* will return to service on 10 Nov after some unforeseen repairs forced two cancellations, with affected guests receiving a 50% cruise credit and a refund.

Oceania's TA takeover

OCEANIA Cruises has unveiled an exclusive Australia-wide takeover of Travel Associates (TA), which will run all throughout this month (**CW** breaking news Fri).

The first of its kind initiative will see Oceania promoted as 'Cruise Line of the Month' through Travel Associates' digital campaigns and in-store activations.

The campaign will also feature special booking offers exclusive for Travel Associates clients.

Oceania will install a series of deluxe travel specialist pop-up desks inside all branches of Travel Associates stores.

Bookings are by appointment only, with each meeting providing

an opportunity to connect face-to-face with a Travel Associates consultant and an Oceania business development manager, delivering individually tailored insights on experiences offered by the cruise line.

A series of exclusive cheese and wine evening events will invite guests to hear the Travel Associates and Oceania teams spotlight the line's hallmark small ship luxury, while showcasing its itineraries and insider tours.

Oceania will also share updates on the latest news, including the launch of its newest ship, *Allura*, set to sail next year (**CW** 02 Jul), as well as exciting fleet upgrades.

"We know that a growing number of our clients are seeking premium cruise experiences and looking to our teams to provide professional guidance and unique insights," Travel Associates General Manager Rachel Kingswell said. *MS*

Limelight sets sail

LIMELIGHT Travel has released a new special interest tour to Malta and Sicily featuring a six-night cruise onboard *Sea Cloud II*, with the tour hosted by Roman history lecturer, Dr Kathryn Welch.



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On location on board *Celebrity Edge*

Today's issue of CW is coming to you from *Celebrity Cruises*, which is this week hosting us aboard *Celebrity Edge*.

TODAY is our second full day on board *Celebrity Cruises' Celebrity Edge*, as she docks in Hobart for a four-day round trip from Sydney.

The lucky contingent to join *Celebrity* for the cruise is in store for a treat tonight, as they dine at *Edge's Fine Cut Steakhouse*, before enjoying *Feel the Funk*, one of the pre-eminent shows on board.

The night will succeed a day of exploring Hobart, with guests off in different directions to enjoy the city's famous attractions, such as MONA.

Five RCI ships in Europe for 2026

THE return of Royal Caribbean's (RCI) *Harmony of the Seas* (pictured) to Barcelona will be one of the highlights of the line's summer '26 cruises in Europe.

Harmony will sail on seven-night adventures to Palma de Mallorca, Florence, Naples, and Provence.

Other highlights of the season will see travellers explore the best of Europe across more than 60 destinations, departing from Athens, Rome, Ravenna, Southampton, and more.

Odyssey of the Seas will deliver seven- to nine-night vacations from destinations such as Ephesus and Naples to the islands of Mykonos and Santorini.

Cruisers will also have front-row seats to the solar eclipse in Aug 2026 aboard *Liberty of the Seas*.

The ship will sail two- to nine-night bucket-list adventures to the Norwegian fjords, the medieval streets of Bruges,



and Nyhavn Harbour and Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen.

Royal Caribbean's two-to 14-night cruises will sail aboard *Harmony* and *Odyssey*, as well as *Brilliance of the Seas*, *Explorer of the Seas*, and *Liberty of the Seas*.

The line-up spans from the sun-soaked beaches in the Mediterranean, including

Santorini and Mykonos, to the historic streets of Dubrovnik, and the views of the Norwegian fjords in Northern Europe.

Royal Caribbean's *Ovation of the Seas* returned to Sydney last week (CW 01 Nov), marking the start of a record-breaking 2024/2025 summer season cruising from Australia. MS



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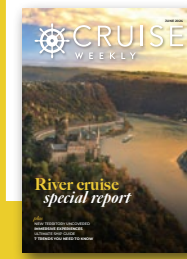
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Regent begins Nov with appreciation

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has launched its fourth annual Travel Advisor Appreciation Month, with a series of new initiatives for the line to demonstrate its gratitude for its valued agent partners.

The luxury line will host two webinars aimed at helping agents grow their businesses, with a gift voucher incentive open to agents attending the webinars.

Up first will be a session focusing on Regent's recently launched trade marketing tool, Regent Connect (**CW** 24 Oct).

Hosted by Approach Guides Chief Marketing Officer, Jennifer Raezer, and Regent Seven Seas Cruises Director of Digital Marketing, Veronica Frost, agents can learn how to use Regent Connect to increase commissions and create compelling adverts.

This session will take place at midday AEDT on Wed 06 Nov -



CLICK HERE to register.

RSSC Vice President Sales and GM Asia Pacific, Lisa Pile (**pictured**), said Regent Connect is a fantastic free tool designed to help agents with their sales and marketing activity.

"Regent really appreciates our valued trade partners and continues to provide them with easy-to-use resources they need to increase revenue, which is why we're giving back with these exclusive webinars, and a gift voucher incentive held during Travel Advisor Appreciation

Month," Pile said.

The second webinar will invite agents to improve their knowledge of social media and learn new skills to harness social platforms to grow their business.

This session will take place on 27 Nov and will be led by Heather Porter, Amazon Kindle bestselling author and host of podcast, *The Hustle Rebellion*. **ML**

Cruise beach clean

CREW members from P&O Cruises UK and Cunard have wrapped up their tenth beach clean-up of the year as part of an effort to beautify some of the lines' most popular ports.

The latest clean-up took place in Lisbon, with two stretches of coastline yielding 42kg of rubbish and taking the haul for the year to more than 170kg removed from shorelines.

Eclipse hull issue

SCENIC has been forced to make significant adjustments to its current itinerary in order to complete an extensive hull cleaning operation to enter New Zealand waters.

Operations staff carried out a hull clean to ensure the ship met New Zealand biosecurity standards, however an inspection found additional cleaning was needed to gain certification to enter New Zealand territory.

The luxury expedition ship departed Fiji on 29 Oct bound for New Zealand on an itinerary due to conclude in Auckland on 08 Nov.

Cleaning of the hull must now take place off the coast of the country prior to entry, with extra sea days needed to carry out the work, with Scenic saying its crew was working to manage the situation.



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Carnival's Frightfully Fun trade event

OCTOBER was a full month of spooky delights at sea, and the Carnival Sales team brought it ashore with a trade event in Brisbane on 30 Oct. Agents got into the Halloween spirit, dressing up for the occasion for a night of hauntingly good fun, prizes, and spooky putt putt.

Carnival National Sales Manager Mark Richards said: "Celebrating with our top Queensland agents for a frightfully fun Halloween was fantastic.

"Queensland remains an important state for Carnival, especially as we prepare for *Carnival Encounter's* year-round deployment from the Sunshine State next year, along with *Luminosa* joining us over the summer. The opportunities for our trade partners to grow with Carnival are very exciting."

The night also included prize giveaways, with lucky winners taking home tickets to a VIP Suite Experience at a Brisbane Bullets game, a money-can't-buy *Carnival Encounter* ship tour and lunch for themselves and a group of clients, plus gift card prizes for best dressed.



CARNIVAL Cruise Line showed how spooky it could get for its Brisbane agents.

THERE was a huge array of excellent costumes on display.



CARNIVAL BDM Emma Judge had a Wickedly good time with her agents on the night.



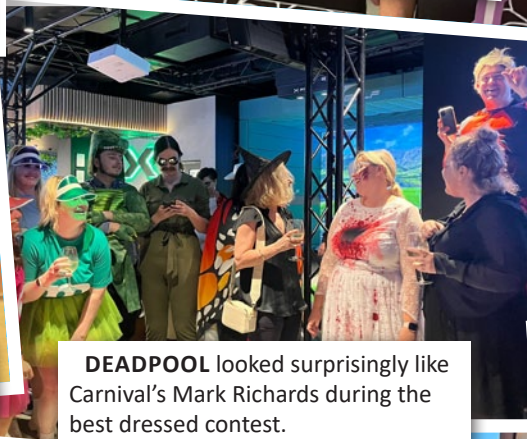
AGENTS were right into Carnival's fun take on the annual Halloween tradition.



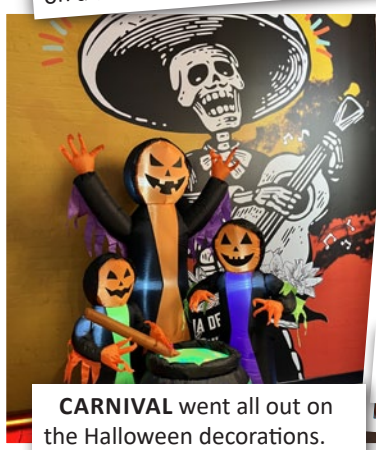
THE mood was frightfully ghoulish - just as Carnival planned.



WATCH out for these trick-or-treaters lurking on a street or Carnival ship.



DEADPOOL looked surprisingly like Carnival's Mark Richards during the best dressed contest.



CARNIVAL went all out on the Halloween decorations.



A DEVILISHLY good costume idea, ladies.



AGENTS donned their golf caps and set some truly scary scores.



HERMIONE Granger was the inspiration for this *Harry Potter* superfan.



PORTHOLE

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings, not to be outdone by its fellow industry competitors, channelled its inner T-Birds and Pink Ladies this Halloween for their best impersonations of the *Grease* cast.

Pictured are Edel Cruz, Michelle Jarquin, Mark Kempa, Azucena Barberis, Harry Sommer, and Veronica Lewis.

Let's hope no one ran into the Scorpions.



Treated like Princesses



PRINCESS Cruises recently hosted a trade fam on *Discovery Princess* in Canada and the United States, with some of the line's top travel advisors exploring some of the region's best drops.

Five top travel agents from Cruiseabout, Andrew Jones Travel, Clean Cruising, I Love Cruising and House of Travel joined representatives from Princess for a seven-night 'Wine Country Cruise' trip, travelling from Vancouver to Los Angeles via Victoria, San Francisco, and San Diego, experiencing the best *Discovery* has to offer.

During the sailing, agents had the opportunity to indulge in many of the onboard dining experiences available, including The Catch by Rudi and 360 Dining, a seven-course showcase pairing Mediterranean-inspired dishes with regionally sourced wines and champagnes.

The 360 Dining experience is currently available on only two Princess ships, with *Enchanted*

Princess being the other.

The group also enjoyed an exclusive dinner at Magic Castle, as part of the cruise line's Spellbound collaboration on board its new ship *Sun Princess*.

Discovery will arrive in Australia next year, ahead of her inaugural summer season Down Under. *MS*

Pictured above during the ship's formal night are Vicki, Jared, Kylie, Justin, Fiona and Stacey.

Oceania going long

OCEANIA Cruises is seeing its guests trend toward longer voyages, which the line is catering to as part of its 2026 collection of itineraries.

Guests can book cruises as long as 67 days in the latest collection, with Vice President, International Sales Jason Worth telling **CW** about the popularity of longer sailings.

"We are seeing a global trend of guests booking longer voyages than ever before and planning further ahead to secure their dream itinerary.

"They are ticking off bucket-list destinations and journeying to more exotic locales like Africa, Asia or South America.

"They are also upgrading to higher categories of stateroom or suite to experience the finest level of luxury during their voyage."

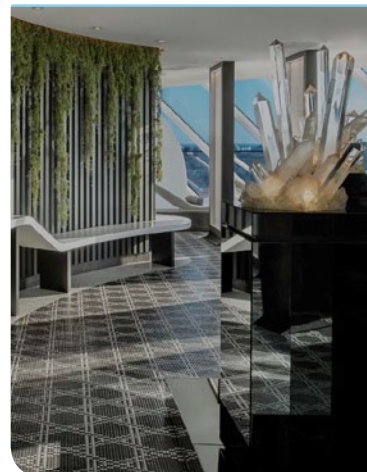
The Oceania sales chief said the cruise line is seeing greater interest in back-to-back or combined voyages - a trend which is emerging globally.

HX makes WAVE(s)

HX EXPEDITIONS has teamed up with Heriot-Watt University in Scotland to work together on the Whales & Arctic Vessels Project (WAVE).

The five-year agreement will see the two entities investigate where and how often whales encounter ships in the high Arctic and how the animals react to these encounters - an area of research that remains largely unexplored.

The partnership will harness HX's expedition network and its ability to engage both guest passengers and the wider public in the important environmental research, ensuring the sector is operating responsibly.




CRUISE WEEKLY

On Board: *Celebrity Edge*

SEA Thermal Suite

Many cruise ships have a spa, but *Celebrity Cruises' Celebrity Edge* has her SEA Thermal Suite. This venue's eight distinct spaces is an evolution of the Persian Garden, which appeared on *Celebrity's* former ships, featuring a Hammam, a Crystallarium, a Salt Room, a Steam Room, and Infrared Sauna, Room, a Float Room, and more.