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### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover wrap from **Silversea**, and a full page from **Disney Cruise Line**.

### Disney Magic Ahoy

**IT TURNS** out you can do quite a lot on a Disney Cruise Line virtual voyage.

Enjoy fun new activities each day, explore each of Disney's ships, and collect Mickey stamps and win prizes on Disney's Magic Ahoy virtual cruise, specifically for travel professionals - head to **page 4** of today's **Cruise Weekly** for more information.

## Oceania unveils 2026 season

**OCEANIA** Cruises has unveiled its 2026 Collection of Voyages, which will explore the lesser-known ports, iconic cities, and resort towns across Alaska, the Mediterranean, and Northern Europe, and more.

The 2026 Collection features more than 100 itineraries, including 35 Grand Voyages, with sailings from seven to 67 days.

Not included in the season will be *Regatta*, which will sail a year-long around-the-world cruise, chartered exclusively by My Cruises (**CW 03** Oct).

*Regatta's* absence from the fleet means she will not sail her Australian season for Oceania; instead, *Riviera* will sail a number of local cruises in early 2026.

Other highlights include the return of *Riviera* (pictured) to Alaska on 14 itineraries, while Oceania's newest ship *Allura* will sail the Mediterranean, alongside *Nautica* and *Insignia*.

The latter ship will also join *Vista* and *Marina* in the Baltics, Scandinavia, the British Isles, Iceland, and Greenland, with more than two dozen itineraries, ranging from seven to 18 days.

A special highlight of the Collection includes *Marina's* Solar Eclipse Cruise, sailing from Copenhagen to Reykjavik on 30 Jul 2026, which will position travellers in the path of totality for the 2026 solar eclipse.

Guests will enjoy extensive



onboard programming, including an eclipse viewing party, signature cocktail offerings, and special cooking demonstrations.

Renowned expert astronomer Dennis Mammana will serve as guest enrichment speaker, and narrate the eclipse.

"Oceania is about discovering the magic of small-ship cruising, where the onboard experiences are just as exceptional as the destinations visited," President Frank Del Rio said.

"Guests can tailor their experience exactly as they wish, whether that be indulging in a gourmet meal created by our esteemed onboard culinary team or setting out on a shore excursion – the choice is entirely theirs," he added.

"The convenience of small-ship cruising allows our guests to unpack only once and seamlessly explore iconic cities and hidden treasures; with no lines, they're able to step ashore quickly, and they are always warmly greeted back aboard with a heartfelt welcome from our onboard team," Del Rio said. *MS*

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## Home Ex speakers

**NEW** industry experts have just been added to the Home Ex speaker line-up, including Helloworld Chief Operating Officer & Executive Director Cinzia Burnes and itravel Chief Executive Steve Labroski.

Burnes will share insights into what drives Helloworld's success and the lessons that home-based agents can learn to grow their own businesses, while Labroski will be part of a series called, 'Helpful advice for hungry advisors'.

Other speakers at Home Ex include Wendy Wu Tours founder Wendy Wu; GetAboutAble Chief Executive Officer Gemma Axford; and Mike and Mandy Dwyer from Main Beach Travel.

More speakers will be announced shortly.

Hosted by *Cruise Weekly's* sister title *Travel Daily*, Home Ex is a new on-demand virtual experience, aimed at home-based advisors, and accessible to the entire travel industry.

It will be jam-packed with inspiring and practical learning videos from experts to help power up advisors' businesses.

Home Ex will also feature a virtual expo to facilitate conversations between suppliers and agents.

The free virtual experience will launch on 10 Mar, and all content will be available for six months for the industry to access at their leisure.

Home Ex is free to register for the whole industry - **CLICK HERE** for more information and to sign up.

## The Adventure begins



**DISNEY** Cruise Line has revealed some of the details of its upcoming *Disney Adventure*, which will set sail from Singapore next year.

*Adventure* will feature many firsts for Disney, including experiences specifically created for the Asian market.

The ship will feature seven uniquely themed areas: Marvel Landing, Disney Imagination Garden, Toy Story Place, San Fransokyo Street, Town Square, Wayfinder Bay, and Disney Discovery Reef.

Marvel Landing will see guests experience Avengers-inspired adventures on three all-new attractions and experiences inspired by Marvel superheros.

This will include the Ironcycle Test Run - the longest roller coaster at sea, at almost 250m.

Pym Quantum Racers will see guests will steer Pym Tech-modified mini-cars on an oversized toy set track, and Groot Galaxy Spin will take passengers ride aboard a Nova Corp Bass Jumper, set to an exciting mix of upbeat music.

Toy Story Place (**pictured**), also on the upper decks, has been designed for families with young children, and will include playful water features inspired by its

namesake films, including a large family pool, multiple whirlpools, towering water slides, and interactive splash pads.

San Fransokyo Street is where guests will find Big Hero Arcade, a dynamic family gaming lounge, the centrepiece of which will be Hiro Training Zone, an active, full-body experience which will allow groups of four to put their skills to the test as they run, dodge and block their way across a high-tech gaming floor.

Guests can also look forward to dining options comprising of international favorites and world-class Asian cuisine.

Broadway-style entertainment will include an all-new musical, *Remember*, developed exclusively for *Adventure*: a tale featuring the beloved robot duo from *Wall-E*, among others.

Bookings for *Adventure* are scheduled to open 10 Dec, with pricing and sailing dates to be released on 14 Nov.

"As part of our unprecedented expansion for Disney Cruise Line, we are committed to delivering exceptional experiences that bring our special brand of cruising and the best of Disney storytelling to new guests on new shores," Senior Vice President & General Manager Sharon Siskie said.

## Crown arrives in NZ

**PRINCESS** Cruises' *Crown Princess* has arrived in New Zealand for her inaugural season in the country.

*Crown* made her maiden call into the Bay of Islands, as part of her debut summer season in the region.

One of the highlights of *Crown's* Australia/NZ season will be Jan's dedicated Sydney Swans cruise (**CW 01 Oct**).



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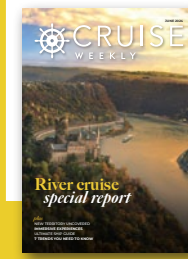
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IT'S always fun to bring home a souvenir from your travels, but it's important to remember what you are not allowed to bring across international borders - such as live animals.

A woman has pleaded guilty to trying to smuggle almost 30 turtles across a lake from the US into Canada - by kayak.

The Chinese woman was arrested as she was attempting to board her inflatable kayak with a duffle bag, where it is alleged she was attempting to across Lake Wallace from the US into Canada.

The Eastern box turtles were found wrapped in socks, and it is believed were intended to be sold for a profit in Hong Kong.

Eastern box turtles are known to be sold on the Chinese black market for \$1,000 each.



## Shooting for the stars

EMERALD Cruises has unveiled its new Star-Ship, *Emerald Astra*, (pictured) as well as fleet enhancements across Europe.

The new ship will welcome 180 guests, and will be the seventh vessel to sail the Rhine, the Main, and the Danube, when she joins the fleet in 2026.

The updated design offers amenities such as a pool/cinema combination, multiple dining options, and a sun deck dedicated to relaxation & panoramic views, and more.

All interiors have also been enhanced with a sleek, contemporary design.

Emerald has also announced comprehensive upgrades across its Europe river fleet, which includes vessels navigating the Rhine-Main-Danube, as well as the Rhone and Douro.

The enhanced ships will be ready for next season.

Changes will include a redesign of the Horizon Bar & Lounge, pool, cinema, Reflections Restaurant and The Terrace.

"As we continue to expand



our fleet and enhance the guest experience, our commitment remains steadfast: to provide unrivalled luxury and value in river cruising," Emerald founder & Chairman Glen Moroney said.

"The introduction of *Emerald Astra*, alongside the fleet-wide upgrades, exemplifies our dedication to leading innovation in the industry.

"By seamlessly blending the finest elements of river and yacht cruising, we ensure that every journey is extraordinary.

"These enhancements are designed with our guests in mind - creating refined spaces that encourage relaxation, connection, and discovery - upholding our promise to continually elevate the standards of luxury river cruising." MS

## Ponant cuts CO2

### PONANT'S 2023

*Sustainability Report* shows steady progress toward the cruise line's ambitious goals, reducing its CO2 emissions by double digits last year.

The business has achieved an 11% reduction in CO2 emissions per cruise day compared to the 2018 benchmark year.

Ponant also trialed the use of the B100 biofuel, which generates 90% fewer CO2 emissions than fossil fuel, and is produced by recycling oils collected in France.

The cruise line's *Le Champlain* trialed the biofuel last year, with 12 Ponant's vessels now certified in its use, laying the groundwork for reaching the 2050 goal of net-zero emissions.

Ponant now separates and sorts 100% of onboard waste on board its vessels, and last year generated almost three-quarters of its onboard drinking water through the Nordaq filtering system, which is installed on almost all of the line's ships.



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