



## North Star plans second bigger ship

The new vessel would likely offer cruises to New Zealand and carry around 50 passengers, the *True North* owner has revealed.

**NORTH** Star Cruises general manager Peter Trembath met this week with agents and media in Sydney, and will host a lunch in Melbourne today, to promote his plans for expansion.

Speaking at the Sydney event this week, Trembath announced that another vessel was on the cards for the Broome-based company, which has operated Kimberley cruises for more than 25 years, and more recently added itineraries in South Australia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

But rather than copy its 36-pax adventure ship *True North*, Trembath said the new vessel would be a larger expedition-style ship that could sail to New Zealand.

Tremath indicated it would still carry less than 50 passengers.

North Star Cruises, which recently contracted a new Sydney-based public relations team, has also appointed a global business development manager.

The new recruit is expected to focus on China, which Trembath said had emerged as a growing source market for the company.

Meanwhile, Trembath also used the announcement to encourage Australian agents to take advantage of the company's new Preferred Representative Program for top sellers, which is designed to promote greater communication and interaction between the cruise company and agents.

**Pictured** below enjoying yesterday's Sydney event at the Intercontinental is (from left) Chloe Chun, Peter Trembath and Laura Speirs.



## Seabourn extends sale

**SEABOURN** has extended its "one-week sale" for another week, with the cut-off date for savings now 07 Jul 2012.

The sale offers savings of up to 50% off 20 different itineraries worldwide departing between now and Dec 2012.

Fares start from US\$2,108 per person double occupancy for a seven-night Mediterranean cruise between Athens and Istanbul on *Seabourn Quest*.

See [www.seabourn.com](http://www.seabourn.com).

## ALL THE CRUISE NEWS

Today's trade issue of **CW** features three pages of all the latest cruise news.

## Island Escape in NZ & Pacific

**ISLAND** Escape Cruises is offering a five-night Bay of Islands itinerary from \$1,995pp, for 2013 departures in Jan, Feb, Mar and Apr.

The itinerary takes guests to Opua, Bay of Islands, Roberton Island, Urupukapuka Island, Oke Bay, Te Pahi Islands, Russell and Opua.

Meanwhile the company has also released pricing for its six-night Islands of Discovery itinerary in Vanuatu which departs roundtrip from Port Vila and takes in Havannah Harbour, Mataso Island, Pele and Kakula Island, and Tranquility Island.

The Vanuatu voyage is priced from \$2,295pp for 2012 departures in Jul and Aug.

Fares for both voyages include outside cabin accommodation; all shore excursions; use of tenders, kayaks, snorkel and fishing gear; chef-prepared meals; complimentary coffee, tea, juice, water and soft drink; and all port charges, fees and onboard services.

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## Cruising Alaska

It's that time of the year when many Aussies and Kiwis are heading to a perennial favourite cruise region – Alaska.

Aside from cruising throughout Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, Alaska has consistently been one of the top cruise destinations from this market – and why not, it is a stunning part of the world!

Breathtaking scenery, gleaming glaciers, abundant wildlife, and native culture are just a few of the spectacular attractions that draw visitors to cruise Alaska.

A typical Alaska itinerary of seven days will sail through the Inside Passage and visit spectacular Glacier Bay National Park or Hubbard Glacier.

The most popular ports of call along the way are Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan and Sitka.

Most cruise lines also offer a variety of extended cruise-tour package options which take passengers deeper into Alaska via train and include land stays at lodges and sightseeing in Denali National Park - making their trip to Alaska even more comprehensive.

For climate and sunlight purposes, cruises to Alaska sail strictly during the northern hemisphere summer months of May to mid-Sep.

Jun, Jul and Aug can be classified as peak season although May and Sep are the most popular months for Aussies and Kiwi's.

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## Intercruises expands Australian team

Intercruises Shoreside & Port Services has reinforced its commitment to the region with two new key appointments.

**THE** global business, which offers ground handling and services in 29 ports in Australia, has announced two additions to its Sydney-based office.

James Coughlan will take responsibility for the company's shore excursion department in Australia, and Andreas Kaech will step up as manager of Intercruises port agency services in Australia.

Coughlan has joined Intercruises after a decade working onboard various ships for a luxury cruise line, where he most recently held the position of shore excursions manager.

He will oversee the ongoing development of Intercruises' shore excursion program in Australian ports, from Hobart to Thursday Island, and Brisbane to Geraldton.

Kaech has worked since Apr as Intercruises' port agency manager and has more than 15 years of experience in ship logistics and port agency services, previously holding the position of cruise operations controller for a ship agency in Brisbane.

He previously worked as logistics manager at Cunard, Seabourn and Princess Cruises.

"We continue to strengthen our team through the appointment of individuals with industry experience and good knowledge of the Australian market," said Martin Bidgood, regional director Australia, Intercruises Shoreside & Port Services.

Part of TUI, Intercruises offers full turnaround, hotel reservation, shore excursion and port agency services to the ocean and river cruise industry around the world.

## Paul Gauguin Cruises 50% off

**PAUL** Gauguin Cruises is offering savings of up to 50% off its seven-night Tahiti and the Society Islands sailings onboard *The Gauguin*.

Prices for the voyage start from US\$2,861 per person, for the 15 Dec 2012 sailing.

For info phone Wiltrans on 1800 251 174.

## Costa appointment


**COSTA** Cruises has appointed a new vp of Technical Operations, Soren Krogsgaard.

In his new role Krogsgaard, will supervise Costa Crociere's Technical Operations Department and coordinate all technical operations for the entire Costa Cruises fleet, as well as for the three ships operated by the Costa Group's Spanish brand Iberocruceros.

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## Seven ships meet in Southampton

The whole fleet of P&O Cruises UK sailed into their home-port on Tuesday, marking the line's 175<sup>th</sup> year.

It was the first time that *Oceana*, *Adonia*, *Azura*, *Oriana*, *Aurora*, *Arcadia* and *Ventura* had arrived and left together at any port on the same day.

Witnessing the event was former ballerina Darcey Bussell, the godmother of *Azura*, and thousands of people who lined the shores.

Bad weather caused the cancellation of aerobatic displays by the Red Arrows, which were to include a low-level fly-past over the ships.

The Hampshire County Cricket Club ground at West End was used as an extra check-in point for some of the 15,000 passengers boarding the seven vessels.

The flotilla of ships (pictured below) began leaving the port in single file at around 6pm and then sailed down the Solent between Weston Shore and Hythe, marked by a fireworks display.



## Scenic celebrates Chile

SCENIC Cruises got onboard with the 'Flavours of Chile' recently, to celebrate the continued success of Australian travellers to Chile.

Held onboard the Chilean Navy Training Ship, Buque Escuela *Esmeralda*, a four masted barquentine which arrived in Sydney as part of her LVII instruction cruise around the world, the event saw attendees immersed in the "flavours of Chile" including its beautiful wines, as well as regional tourism offerings.

Pictured below at the event (from left) is Maxeine McKeon, Harvey World Travel Erina; Emma Davis, Scenic Tours; His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Chile, Pedro Diaz; and Cassandra Jones, Scenic Tours.



## Uniworld expands Asia

UNIWORLD has responded to a surge in demand for its Asian program by launching a new 2013 Asia River Cruises and Tours brochure with an extended product offering.


According to the company, over the past 12 months its Asia program has drawn great interest, with all its 2012 itineraries selling out fast.

As such, to meet this demand, Uniworld's new 2013 program includes a new 10-day Impressions of China & the Yangtze itinerary which travels from Shanghai to Beijing.

In addition, the 2013 program also signals the launch of three new ships in Asia, the five-star *Century Legend*, *Century Paragon* and *River Orchid*, and the beginning of two new partnerships with Century River Cruises in China along the Yangtze River and Pandaw in Vietnam and along the Mekong River in Cambodia.

"The latest program showcases Uniworld's commitment to offering the highest standard in river cruising with these new updates allowing guests to have a holiday of a life time," said Uniworld gm John Molinaro.

To view a version of the brochure [CLICK HERE](#).



### MERMAIDS are real?

We've all heard tales of mermaids, ranging from Disney's Little Mermaid, to the history books which tell us of ancient hardened seafarers' absolute belief in the existence of aquatic humanoids.

However in this day and age most people believe that Mermaids are a myth confined to the annals of history.

This belief was however rocked in the US when the *Discovery Channel's Animal Planet* network aired a program titled *Mermaids: The Body Found*.

Based on science fiction and "some real events and scientific theory", the program was so convincing that the American National Ocean Service was inundated with requests for more information about the fictional creatures, to the point where it was forced to issue a press release denying the existence of mermaids.

## Honeymoon Variety

VARIETY Cruises has launched a series of special honeymoon packages in destinations such as the Greek Islands, the French and Italian Rivieras, Sicily, Cuba and the Seychelles Islands.

The packages feature a 25% reduction for the bride; a welcome treat including champagne and a fruit basket; a candle-lit dinner onboard or at a preferred restaurant in Santorini or Mykonos on the Greek cruise programs; a 10% discount for any wedding anniversary onboard the ships; automatic access to the Variety Club membership; "our Memories" gift at disembarkation; a free massage for two, if onboard the *Harmony V*, *Variety Voyager* and Seychelles program vessel.

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