



### Passenger overboard

A **FEMALE** passenger has gone missing off the *Saga Sapphire* while the ship was crossing the Atlantic Ocean last weekend.

Saga has issued a statement confirming that after searching the ship the 70-year-old British woman could not be found.

The company is working in conjunction with maritime authorities and the *Saga Sapphire* cruise has turned round to conduct a search.

The ship is currently on a 35 day voyage from Southampton to the Caribbean.

### Singles cruise success

**SOLO** travellers cruising on board *Carnival Spirit* for the inaugural singlescruising.com.au trip have just returned from their nine night South Pacific voyage.

About 90 passengers enjoyed hosted activities and events as part of the singles group.

Cruise Holidays md Les Farrar hailed the first sailing out of Sydney as a great success.

"There are many people out there who don't want to be on a cruise by themselves and don't normally have anyone to travel with," Farrar said.

"By joining our group they were able to mingle with like minded people and form new friendships immediately.

"We have already set the next Singlescruising sailing date for 2016 and expect to start running more regular departures from then on," Farrar added.

### QM2 Lisbon delay

**CUNARD'S** *Queen Mary 2* was briefly delayed this week as she cruised out of Lisbon, Portugal due to a small fire which broke out in its gas turbine exhaust.

According to *Cruise Law News* one of the vessel's cruise pods also malfunctioned, with the ship now back on schedule for a 15 Dec trans-Atlantic departure from Southampton to New York.

## Abu Dhabi cruise launch



**MSC** Cruises has become the first line to operate voyages from Abu Dhabi's brand new cruise terminal, which officially debuted on the weekend with a departure by *MSC Musica*.

Located in the emirates' Zayed Port, the 8,000 square metre terminal houses all key passenger facilities, retail outlets and a café.

The architectural design of the new development is based on the UAE's heritage and identity, with a view of the Louvre Museum on Saadiyat Island.

The terminal took a year to build and is being hailed a landmark achievement for the growth of cruise tourism in the area.

*MSC Musica* will serve the region for the 2015/2016 cruise season which runs from now until 03 April 2016.

**MEANWHILE** the opening has also seen Etihad Airways become the first Middle Eastern airline offering on-site airline check-in at a cruise terminal.

Etihad and MSC are also offering special fly-cruise packages, while EY's destination management business, Hala Abu Dhabi, is also providing a portfolio of eight unique guided shore excursions for MSC guests.

Etihad chief commercial officer Peter Baumgartner said the new terminal represented "our shared vision alongside our local partners to position Abu Dhabi as a world-

class transport hub."

"Cruising is an exciting and fast growing sector of the travel industry and we look forward to helping develop this segment further with the expansion of our services from the brand new cruise terminal in Abu Dhabi," Baumgartner said.

Many of the ground services will be handled by EY including return coach transfers between the airport & cruise terminal.

**Pictured** above from left at the launch are Sultan Al Dhaheeri, Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority's acting executive director tourism; Etihad's Hareb Al Muhairy, Khaled Almehairbi and Peter Baumgartner; MSC Cruises ceo Gianni Onorato, Captain Mohamed Al Shamisi, Abu Dhabi Ports ceo; and Noura Al Dhaheeri, Abu Dhabi Ports cruise terminal manager.

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### Eight coins for Silversea's Silver Muse

**CONSTRUCTION** has started on Silversea Cruises' *Silver Muse* with a milestone keel-laying ceremony in Genoa, Italy.

The ceremony is a maritime tradition with welding a coin into the keel of the ship said to bring good luck during the build and to the captain and crew during her later life.

Silversea has taken this one step further by welding eight coins into the keel of *Silver Muse*, with coins coming from each continent the line sails to as well as a specially designed Silver Muse commemorative coin.

That means there's a South African Rand, a US 50c piece, a Brazilian real, a Euro, a Singapore dollar, a special Antarctic Trust and of course a good old Australian dollar too.

Silversea ceo Enzo Visone said the keel laying was a significant milestone for the line, with *Silver Muse* to sail throughout Europe, Canada, North and South America as well as the Caribbean, taking in more than 130 destinations in 34 countries.

The ship has 298 suites which can accommodate 596 guests.



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## Don't they look magnificent...



**THIS** group of Aussie travel agents recently enjoyed the delights of central Europe as they sampled part of APT's popular Magnificent Europe itinerary aboard the *MS AmaVenita*.

Highlights included a visit to the 14th century Nymphenburg Castle where they experienced one of APT's exclusive Royal Invitations, which included a lavish dinner in the Hall of Mirrors complete with white-gloved waiting staff.

Pictured above, back row from left: Bree Donnelly, APT; Richelle Reeves, Suncity Travel Caloundra; Natalie Cherry, Noosa Cruise & Travel; Sophie Anderson, Destination HQ Mentone; Claire Freeman, APT; Alf Marrocco, APT; Emma Bryson, Flight Centre Dural; and Linda Becke, Flight Centre Penrith Mega Store.

Front row: Tenneil Lawson, APT; Sarah Browning, Clayfield Travel Professionals; Maria Kelson, helloworld Warrnambool; and Kelly Tucker, Flight Centre Kalamunda.

## Island Escape add-ons

**ISLAND** Escape Cruises has launched package deals for its new Tahitian Affair cruises, adding arrival transfers, one night's accommodation and domestic flight connections.

The additional items are included in the gross Island Escape cruise fares, but if agents wish to package themselves there will be a credit of NZ\$750 per person applicable.

## New Star president

**GENTING** Hong Kong has announced the appointment of Ang Moo Lim as president of Star Cruises, taking over from the line's acting president, Genting HK ceo Tan Sri Lim Kok.

It's an expansion of his existing role which also sees him as the firm's executive vice president of sales, marketing and hotels as well as being country head of Indochina, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore.

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## Antarctica is so hot right now

**CUSTOMER** demand for Antarctic cruises is stronger than ever, with passenger numbers for Chimu Adventures to the icy continent more than doubling since 2008.

Chimu Adventures boss Greg Carter (pictured) said the trend had been climbing sharply over the past 18 months.

"We've really seen a big change in consumer behaviour over the past couple of years. Antarctica is definitely back on the bucket list for many travellers," he said.

"The GFC had a major impact on demand however that's really turned around now as people have decided there's no point delaying their travel any longer."

Looking at the company's strong forward bookings Carter said it would seem customers are more confident about the future than in previous years.

There are still limited cabins left on Chimu's Antarctic program for next year, but Carter is predicting they will fill up fast.

Among the most popular



departures is Chimu's Classic Antarctica 11 day round trip from Ushuaia, Argentina, the world's southernmost city.

As well as standard cruises Chimu will operate a number of special guest departures

for 2017, including an Antarctic trip with Samuel Johnson, the popular Australian actor behind the breast cancer charity *Love Your Sister*, plus another adventure with much-loved media personalities and serious Antarctic fans Andrew Denton and Jennifer Byrne.

This will be the couple's 11th trip to the frozen continent.



## Brochure Spotlight

**GPT - New Zealand Cruise & Coast 2016/17**



**GRAND** Pacific Tours partnering with Celebrity Cruises has a new brochure with tours combining a cruise aboard *Celebrity Solstice* and a luxury coach tour, with departures Nov 2016 – Feb 2017.

Cruise destinations include the majestic fjords of Milford, Doubtful and Dusky Sounds, Dunedin, Akaroa, Wellington, Tauranga, the Bay of Islands and Auckland.

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This week's port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia and New Zealand.

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<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	15 Dec
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	16 Dec
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	16 Dec
<i>Noordam</i>	17 Dec
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	17 Dec
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	18 Dec
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	19 Dec
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	20 Dec
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	21 Dec
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	21 Dec
<b>MELBOURNE</b>	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	17 Dec
<i>Golden Princess</i>	21 Dec
<b>BRISBANE</b>	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	16 Dec
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	17 Dec
<i>Sea Princess</i>	18 Dec
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	19 Dec
<i>Legend of the Seas</i>	20 Dec
<b>DARWIN</b>	
<i>Superstar Virgo</i>	17 Dec
<b>FREMANTLE</b>	
<i>Astor</i>	19 Dec
<i>Sun Princess</i>	20 Dec
<b>CAIRNS</b>	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	20 Dec
<b>PORT DOUGLAS</b>	
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	16 Dec
<b>YORKEYS KNOB</b>	
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	15 Dec
<b>WITSUNDAYS</b>	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	19 Dec
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	20 Dec
<b>ALBANY</b>	
<i>Astor</i>	17 Dec
<b>WELLINGTON</b>	
<i>Golden Princess</i>	15 Dec
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	20 Dec
<b>AUCKLAND</b>	
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	15 Dec
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	16 Dec

### Greener cruising

**NORWEGIAN** cruise line, Hurtigruten has made a commitment to offering more environmentally friendly trips on ships powered by battery technology and algae fuel.

Speaking in the wake of the recent Paris Climate Change Conference, Hurtigruten's chief executive officer Daniel Skjeldam said it was time cruise and maritime industries as a whole accepted greater environmental responsibility.

The cruise company has partnered with the Bellona Foundation, a Norwegian environmental NGO, to explore the vision of offering zero emission cruises.

Bellona president Frederic Hauge said he was pleased to be working toward a greener solution for the cruise company.

"We consider Hurtigruten's reach-out to be a very credible and inspiring expression of their willingness to contribute to achieving the objective of emission-free global shipping and sea travel," Hauge said.

A study is underway to learn how the current fleet can reduce greenhouse gas emissions & how hybrid ships can be developed.

### Cruiseco likes to move it on Voyager



**ABOVE:** This lucky group of Cruiseco agents and staff recently enjoyed a day on board *Voyager of the Seas* for a Royal Caribbean master class training session.

As well as exploring all of the ship's different offerings they were treated to a FlowRider demonstration from Royal Caribbean's sports staff as well as a visit from Madagascar's King

Julian, star of *Voyager of the Seas'* Dreamworks parades.

Hosted by Mark Rheinbay and Tony Soden, the group is pictured on the staircase of *Voyager of the Seas'* The Sapphire Dining Room.

### NCLH into top index

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line Holdings is set to become part of the NASDAQ-100 Index after a reweighting of stocks on the New York-based exchange.

The index comprises the 100 largest non-financial stocks on the NASDAQ based on market capitalisation, with NCLH president and ceo Frank Del Rio saying the firm was "honoured to join this elite group of the world's most successful and dynamic companies".



**CRYSTAL** Cruises' latest video, released overnight, comes armed with a warning: "This video may cause uncontrolled desire for adventure."

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The video flashes through *Crystal Esprit's* amazing new collection of water toys which will come out to play on the luxury yacht's maiden voyage in the Seychelles next week.

Water skis, a wake board, two types of ocean kayaks, Skidoo jet skis, 10 person zodiacs, a contained in-ocean pool plus fishing and snorkel equipment will all be available for complimentary use by the lucky passengers on a first come, first served basis.

If this wasn't enough, an on-board U Boat Submarine will be available for sub aquatic quests at \$599 per person.

If you don't mind a bit of underwater adventure envy head to [cruiseweekly.com.au/videos](http://cruiseweekly.com.au/videos) to check out the video.

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