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Affordable Kimberley

MICRO-CRUIISING is promoting the *Oceanic*, a monohull rigged sailing yacht with seven cabins which is an ideal way to explore Australia's Kimberley region.

However you don't even need a cabin when cruising on the *Oceanic*, because passengers can also enjoy beach camping or even sleeping under the stars in special single and queen swags complete with mozzie nets.

Prices start at \$1,650 per person or \$1,870 per person for a twin share bunk, inclusive of meals and transfers for 7 nights in the Buccaneer Archipelago.

Total onboard accommodation sleeps 19, with a maximum guest complement of 30, and one berth FOC for group bookings of ten.

A group of 19 can also have a private charter with the cruise tailored to suit specific interests - for more information call 02 7903 0314 or email Nicola Caygill on nicola@micro-cruising.com.au.

P&O to PNG archipelago

AN UNINHABITED Papua New Guinea atoll will welcome its first ever cruise ship in Jun, with P&O Cruises' *Pacific Jewel* adding the destination from mid-next year.

The Conflict Islands is a privately-owned archipelago of 21 islands surrounding a blue lagoon and home to one of the world's most biodiverse reef systems.

Through a partnership with atoll owner, conservationist Ian Gowie-Smith, P&O Cruises is the maiden line to access one of only a few parcels of land owned freehold in Papua New Guinea.

In a further boost for Papua New Guinea's untapped cruise offering, P&O Cruises will offer its maiden 'sea break' to Australia's northern neighbour, offering a four-night itinerary to Alotau ex Cairns aboard *Pacific Eden*.

In her second season from the Far North Queensland port, *Eden* will also ply the waters of PNG's

Kawanasasau Strait & Milne Bay.

"Papua New Guinea is one of the most extraordinary places on earth and even though it's our neighbour, its picturesque islands are relatively untraveller - until now," P&O Cruises senior vice president Sture Myrmell said.

Myrmell also confirmed further elements of P&O's soon to launch latest program (out next week), which includes cruises from eight homeports between 2016-2018.

P&O's new program includes the soon-to-debut *Pacific Aria* and *Pacific Eden*, which will offer multiple departures ex Brisbane.

Aria will also offer a series of 10 cruises ex Fremantle from Apr to Jun 2017 - pocruises.com.au.

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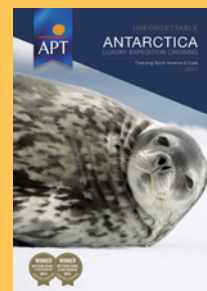
Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news.



Brochure Spotlight

APT Antarctica 2017

APT has released its 2017 **Antarctica Luxury Expedition Cruising** brochure, with Ponant's



Le Boreal having been privately chartered for APT's voyages to the region.

The 200-guest vessel is fully equipped for exploring the icy waters and includes a full team of expert naturalist guides.

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Royal Caribbean sale

ROYAL Caribbean International is celebrating the impending arrival of its *Explorer of the Seas* in Sydney with a "BOGOHO" (buy one get one half off) sale.

The deal includes all new worldwide RCI bookings (apart from China) confirmed by 05 Dec - and there are added bonuses depending on the itinerary.

Australia, NZ, South Pacific, Transpacific and Asia repositioning voyages will see guests who book an oceanview stateroom during the sale period on any voyage departing 01 Jan-23 Apr 2016 receive a free upgrade to a Balcony stateroom.

And on Europe, Caribbean, Asia and Alaska voyages new bookings on international sailings of five nights and longer departing from 10 Dec 2015 will receive up to US\$300 onboard credit per cabin.

More info 1800 754 500.

Oceania skips Male

OCEANIA Cruises' *Insignia* has rejigged its current Indian Ocean itinerary to avoid a call at the Maldives capital Male, where the government has declared a state of emergency.

Insignia will visit Colombo, Sri Lanka instead, with Oceania saying "the safety and security of our guests and crew is paramount".

Koningsdam team

HOLLAND America Line has announced the senior staff officers who will take charge of its new *ms Koningsdam* when she debuts in Apr 2016.

Previously announced Captain Emiel de Vries will be joined by Hotel Director Stan Kuppens, Chief Engineer Willem Zuidema, Staff Captain Kevin Beirnaert and Safety, Environmental and Health Officer Martijn van Dam.

Pandaw upgrades

PANDAW River Cruises is changing the configuration of the cabins on the front section of the *Pandaw 2* and the *Mekong Pandaw* to create new suites.

Featuring a private balcony and a lounge area with a sofa, they will also have double or twin beds and a private bathroom.

In-room amenities for suite guests will include a minibar and Espresso machine plus complimentary house wine.

Pandaw says the new suites will be available on *Mekong Pandaw* departures from Jul 2016, and on the *Pandaw 2* from Sep next year.

Other enhancements include the availability of mountain bikes which can be rented for US\$25 per bike per cruise, as well as a new program of family friendly school holiday departures.

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MSC to partner with Cirque du Soleil

MSC Cruises' new Meraviglia class ships will feature shows from Cirque du Soleil, with two performances nightly in a custom-built theatre under a new partnership with the global entertainment giant.

The €20 million "aft lounge" will feature a circular stage co-designed with Cirque du Soleil, with 200 guests able to dine during the first show and space for 300 to have drinks in the later performance.

The first ship in the class, the *MSC Meraviglia*, is currently under construction and will enter service in the western Mediterranean in 2017.

Croatian cruising

BEYOND Travel has released a number of new small ship cruise itineraries in Croatia, including the first vessel to offer VIP private balcony cabins in the region - the new *MS Infinity*.

Beyond has created a new 8-day one-way 'Deluxe Dalmatia' voyage from Split to Dubrovnik priced from \$1,490pp - 1300 363 554.

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The successful candidate will work in our reservation team and liaise closely with our marketing, sales and product departments, work well under pressure, meet deadlines and provide support to the office as required. Salary on application.

Send written CV with covering letter to hr@msccruises.com.au by 30 November 2015.

Creative Cruising Cruise Consultant

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Make a career move and bring in 2016 with your role at Creative Cruising.

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Oily mess in Quebec

A 1000-PASSENGER sightseeing ship docked in Quebec, Canada has leaked 7,500 litres of diesel fuel into the St Lawrence River. The *Louis-Jolliet* is operated by Canadian line Croisières AML, with the spill quickly contained.



PRINCESS Cruises president Jan Swartz is clearly always well prepared, having been named a 2015 Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles.

At a special ceremony to accept the accolade Swartz shared her own inspirational story of selling cookies as a young girl when she was a Brownie in her home state of Texas - the start of a lifetime career path in sales which has seen her now head up one of the "best known brands in the cruise industry" as its first female chief.

Swartz also participated in a mentoring session with the participating Girl Scouts offering guidance and answering questions, with some of the emerging leaders pictured with her below.



Fist bump for godfather

ARMANDO Christian Perez - the international rapper better known by his stage name Pitbull - has officially taken up his duties as godfather of Norwegian Cruise Line's new *Norwegian Escape*.



Pitbull, who's pictured doing a celebratory fist-bump with Norwegian ceo Frank Del Rio during the ceremony in Miami, Florida, performed a pier side concert with *Escape's* hull artwork forming a backdrop for the "epic event".

Norwegian Cruise Line president Andy Stuart said the arrival of *Norwegian Escape* "represents a major moment for us.

"This is a true evolution fo our brand...not only does she offer high calibre entertainment, quality dining and luxurious accommodations that significantly raise the bar for our fleet and puts her in a class of her own, but she exemplifies our renewed commitment to offering unparalleled freedom and flexibility to our guests," he said.

As well as the Pitbull performance guests enjoyed a sneak peek of the onboard entertainment, with the casts of Broadway shows "After Midnight" and "Million Dollar Quartet" performed a selection of songs from each show to the enthusiastic crowd.

Hurtigruten upgrade

HURTIGRUTEN Cruises today announced a refurbishment program for four of its coastal ships, which will undergo a "total makeover" next year.

The company is already in the process of upgrading the recently acquired *MS Spitsbergen* which will operate on the Norwegian coastal route next summer.

The other vessels being made over include *MS Polarlys*, *MS Kong Harald*, *MS Nordkapp* and *MS Nordnorge*, all of which will be fitted with a "modern Scandinavian interior" reflecting the Arctic coastal landscapes.

Hurtigruten has also confirmed that *Spitsbergen* will operate a new cruise concept when she debuts on 08 May 2016, plotting a parallel route alongside the *MS Lofoten* but not stopping overnight, meaning there is more time to spend in selected ports during the daylight hours.

Spitsbergen will also offer the Coastal Expedition concept with a lecture program, regular hikes and expedition team on board.

AIDAbella to Shanghai

CARNIVAL Corporation has provided further details of its Chinese deployments, with *AIDAbella* to become the first German ship operating from China year-round.

Carnival said the AIDA ship would cruise from Shanghai effective Spring 2017, providing a 'Made in Germany' premium offering in the market.

"With our lifestyle-oriented and innovative product, we will be providing powerful momentum to the emerging Chinese vacation market and captivating completely new guest groups," said AIDA president Felix Eichhorn.

The Costa Asia team will be supporting the brand in the areas of sales and human resources.

Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	10 Nov
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	11 Nov
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	12 Nov
MELBOURNE	
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	10 Nov
<i>Costa Luminosa</i>	10 Nov
<i>Golden Princess</i>	12 Nov
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	13 Nov
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	11 Nov
<i>Sea Princess</i>	13 Nov
ADELAIDE	
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	11 Nov
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	12 Nov
<i>Volendam</i>	14 Nov
FREMANTLE	
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	10 Nov
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	13 Nov
<i>Costa Luminosa</i>	14 Nov
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	15 Nov
PORT DOUGLAS	
<i>Sun Princess</i>	10 Nov
ALBANY	
<i>Volendam</i>	10 Nov
WELLINGTON	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	10 Nov
<i>Noordam</i>	11 Nov
AUCKLAND	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	14 Nov
<i>Golden Princess</i>	16 Nov
AKAROA	
<i>Noordam</i>	13 Nov
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	16 Nov
BAY OF ISLANDS	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	13 Nov
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	15 Nov
FIORDLAND	
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	14 Nov
<i>Noordam</i>	15 Nov
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	16 Nov

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