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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news and photos.

What's on Horizon

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's new 3,934-passenger vessel will be named *Carnival Horizon*.

Set to be delivered in Mar 2018, the 133,500 tonne ship will offer many of the indoor and outdoor dining, bar, entertainment and activity options available on *Carnival Vista*.

"The name *Carnival Horizon* not only reflects the ship's unique connection with the sea with so many spectacular indoor and outdoor spaces but also the boundless array of options that guests of all ages are sure to enjoy," said Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line.

Homeport and itinerary details will be announced at a later date.

More Cruise360 details

FURTHER details on this year's Cruise360 Australasia industry conference have been revealed, with local CLIA commercial director Brett Jardine declaring the program will be "bigger and better than ever".

Themed Navigating the Future, the conference program including three panel sessions with local and int'l experts discussing the state of the industry and how to leverage the current boom.

In the first session, P&O Cruises president Sture Myrmell will be joined by Ponant chairman Asia Pacific, Sarina Bratton; RCI md ANZ, Adam Armstrong and NCLH exec vp int'l business development, Harry Sommer to address how industry trends are impacting decisions and the future of the cruise industry.

In another session, travel agent needs will be analysed by APT exec gm global sales & marketing,

Debra Fox; director & vp ops CLIA UK/Europe, Andy Harmer; director Bicton Travel, Phil Smethurst and social researcher and author, Michael McQueen.

The final panel will dive into the challenges of creating the right destination experience to match industry and consumer needs.

This will be discussed by P&O Cruises destination director, Mike Mihajlov; Emirates divisional vp Australasia, Barry Brown; RCI director of itinerary planning, Marc Miller and Singapore Tourism Board exec director int'l relations and market planning, John Conceicao.

The panels will be moderated by radio & TV host Ross Greenwood, who will also MC the event.

Cruise360 Australasia will take place at The Star Event Centre in Sydney on 16 Sep, for more info or to purchase tickets, head to www.cruising.org.au.

I Dream of Johnnie

GENTING Dream will unveil the world's first Johnnie Walker House at Sea when the ship debuts in Nov this year.

The tasting bar will feature whiskys from the Walker Super Deluxe collection, along with a 'whisky constellation wall' and a Blending Table.

Guests will be able to taste and purchase a selection of the rarest John Walker & Sons variants and single malts and Walker cocktails, whisky and food pairing menus will also be offered on board.

Aqua Amazon update

FOUR bodies of the five missing *Aqua Amazon* crew and the two supplier victims have been found.

The crew held positions as cooks, bartenders, cabin stewards and support personnel.

Aqua Expeditions has established a Family Support Fund for donations - [CLICK HERE](#).

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Emerald Princess vid

A VIDEO showcasing *Emerald Princess*' new features has been unveiled, ahead of the vessel's maiden arrival in Australia in Nov.

Emerald Princess will introduce a range of dining, shopping and entertainment offerings to Australian waters, including musical *Magic to Do* from composer Stephen Schwartz.

Also on board the 3,082 passenger vessel is SHARE by Curtis Stone and Princess' new Salty Dog pub, serving gourmet small dishes.

To view the video, [CLICK HERE](#).

Star Cruises newbuild

MARINE construction group Deltamarin and engineering and consulting company Elomatic have inked a large scale tri-party engineering contract with shipyard group MV Werften to build a Star Cruises mega-vessel.

The 200,001 tonne ship is scheduled for delivery in 2020 and will be over 340m long.

Bentours 2017 sale

BENTOURS, in partnership with Hurtigruten are offering discounts of up to 35% on next year's Norway coastal cruises.

Four itineraries aboard a total of 12 ships are on sale, including the six-day Classic Southbound Voyage and 12-day Classic Coastal Voyage, which is priced from AU\$1,690 in a polar inside cabin.

Book by 22 Aug for travel throughout 2017.

See www.bentours.com.au.

Seabourn butts out

SMOKING will no longer be allowed on Seabourn vessel's guest suite verandas and in the Observation Lounge by 2017.

The new policy takes effect on *Seabourn Quest* on 28 Nov, *Seabourn Encore* on 04 Dec, *Seabourn Sojourn* on 05 Dec and *Seabourn Odyssey* on 07 Dec.

Seabourn said the decision was made "In keeping with the preferences of the majority of its guests today".

Crystal backs off France

CRYSTAL River Cruises has uprooted plans to launch into the French river cruising market, reworking the design of two of its newbuilds intended for the region, delaying their completion.

Crystal Debussy and *Crystal Ravel* were originally planned for deployment to travel along the Seine, Rhone and Dordogne Rivers in France from Jun and Aug, 2017 respectively.

The vessels' maiden voyages have instead been reassigned to launch in Apr, and May, 2018, looking substantially different than originally planned.

Crystal told *Cruise Weekly* while they heard general concerns from agents and guests regarding recent terror attacks in France, the decision "was mostly about the general geopolitical climate".

In a statement, Crystal River Cruises said since revealing more information about the cruise line last month – and successfully launching *Crystal Mozart* - "the majority of guest and travel partner feedback stressed a strong interest of the Rhine and Danube itineraries as well as size of the vessels".

"As we expand into new markets and new waters, we agreed to be flexible," the statement said.

Crystal's ceo and president Edie

Rodriguez said "We are listening carefully to what travellers are telling us and have concluded that the best way to anticipate, meet and surpass their expectations is by making this move earlier than later".

Both ships will be extended by 25m to be 135m long, allowing the addition of a swimming pool with a sliding glass roof and more of the larger suites, up to 70.5m², in the Rhine-class.

Guests who are already booked on *Debussy* and *Ravel* in 2017 will be offered one of a number of incentives on alternative cruises, including shipboard credit and future cruise credit.

Debussy and *Ravel* will join two other newbuilds, *Crystal Bach* and *Crystal Mahler*, which are scheduled to enter service on 18 Jun and 29 Aug, 2017.

Crystal said detailed itineraries will be announced shortly.

Vista video series

AGENTS will be introduced to *Carnival Vista*'s highlights in a six-part video series featuring brand ambassador John Heald and vice president of sales & trade marketing Adolfo Perez.

To watch the first weekly video, [CLICK HERE](#).

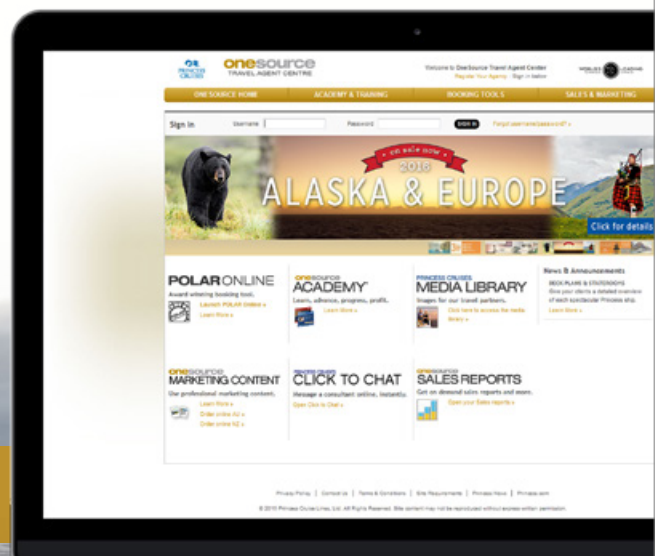
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Get updated on all Crystal's news in the August issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Carnival Advisory

FOUR new members have joined Carnival Cruise Line's Executive Partner Advisory Board, previously known as Carnival's Executive Forum.

The new additions are: Matthew Eichhorst, head of Global Cruise, Expedia Inc. & president Expedia CruiseShipCenters; Sarah Henshall, svp Travel & Branch Operations AAA Carolinas; Nicole Mazza, cmo TRAVELSAVERS NEST and Rick Zimmerman, president & ceo, KHM Travel.



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Eden's first Singapore cruise



OVER the weekend *Pacific Eden* embarked on her first cruise from Singapore (pictured above), kicking off a month-long deployment in the region.

She will offer four roundtrip seven-night cruises, calling into Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia.

Yesterday the cruise line made its first visit to Langkawi in Malaysia and today marks P&O's maiden visit to Krabi in Thailand, followed by another first when *Eden* stops by Phuket tomorrow and Sabang in Indonesia on Thu.

After returning to Singapore on Sat, *Pacific Eden* will then embark on her second roundtrip cruise from the city which will include P&O's inaugural visits to Cambodia's Sihanoukville (08 Aug) and Thailand's Ko Chang (09 Aug), as well as the island of Koh Samui (11 Aug).

The vessel's final cruise from the Lion City will be a 14-night sailing to Cairns, where *Eden* will be homeported for two months, becoming the first ship to be based in the northern Queensland city.

RCL Aug incentive

AGENTS can earn priority selection for ship tours this coming season by completing their Essentials Training for Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises and Azamara Club Cruises.

Complete the Essentials Training (including Bonus Training) or Refresher Course via the Cruising for Excellence Program to earn priority pick on select tours.

For more information, head to www.cruisingpower.com.au.

Renaissance discount

AGENTS can access a whopping 75% discount on the retail prices of two of Renaissance Tours' cruises if paid in full by 29 Aug.

The 10-day Budapest to the Black Sea voyage departing 13 Oct on the *Amadeus Royal* is on offer for \$1,250ppts.

For the price of \$3,000ppts, agents can sail on the 23 Nov departure of the 12-day Impressive Gorges tour.

At least one person per cabin must be a bona fide travel agent, see renaissancetours.com.au.

Busan cruise terminal

NORTH Korea's Busan Port Authority (BPA) has revealed plans to reconfigure part of Busan North Port container terminal into a massive cruise facility.

Once converted, the terminal will be able to accommodate two mega-sized vessels (over 200,000 tonne) at the same time, and have enough space to park buses for tourists.

BPA said the move "will resolve problems such as the long arrival & dep process and budget waste due to constructing separate terminal buildings & parking lots".

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Indo aims for more cruisers

INDONESIA is aiming to lure more Aussie cruisers to the country, with a Wonderful Indonesia Cruise Sales mission planned for Sydney on 12 Aug.

To further support the cruise industry, the Indonesian Government has also eased its customs, immigration, quarantine and port authority's procedures; simplified the sail permit application from one month to one day; and has announced plans to build new marinas in Saumlaki, Ambon, Kupang, Tarakan, Labuan Bajo, Tanjung Pandan and Belitung.

Cruise traffic in Indonesia currently sits at 360 calls and 266,000 pax in 2016, with the Ministry of Tourism predicting it will grow as new destinations open up and legislation is eased.

The tourism authority has set its sights on 1.4 million visitors from downunder this year, with Minister of Tourism of the

Republic of Indonesia, Arief Yahya, saying that he envisions Bali to be a hub in the future.

"We want to promote Bali and Beyond so that destinations close to Bali can also develop," he said.

The Cruise and Yacht Sales Mission will be hosted at the Hilton Hotel Sydney.

A trade event will also commence at 5pm with a briefing, tabletop sales mission and dinner to follow.

To register your attendance, visit trybooking.com/MLXC.

GEE acquires EMC

MARITIME and hard-to-reach land market communications service provider, Emerging Markets Communications (EMC) has been acquired by Global Eagle Entertainment (GEE), a provider of media content and connectivity to airlines.

Combined, the two companies will create one of the world's largest providers of satellite-based connectivity and media to the global mobility market.

Emerging Markets Communications provides communications services for Norwegian Cruise Line.

The Census at sea

A RECORD number of cruisers will be filling in their Census forms at sea this month with P&O expecting 5,000 of their guests to be participating come 09 Aug.

Three of the line's ships will be sailing domestic waters while the Census is being conducted.

Working together with P&O, the Australian Bureau of Statistics will deploy a team of staff to supply Census forms to pax sailing on *Pacific Aria* from Brisbane on 08 Aug as well as pax ex Sydney on *Pacific Pearl* on 09 Aug.

Those already on board *Pacific Jewel* have forms on the ship which will be collected when she docks in Sydney on 12 Aug.

Olympic cruise accom

NORWEGIAN Getaway has been chartered for 40 nights by company Landry & Kling to be used as a floating hotel during the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Chartered by the company on behalf of the Rio 2016 organising committee, the 4,028 pax ship will dock at Rio's Pier Maua from 04-22 Aug & be used by officials.

MEANWHILE, the United States' men and women's basketball teams will be housed on Silversea's *Silver Cloud*.

Spain special

SPAIN and Portugal Travel Connection is offering 10% off selected river cruises on sailings from 01 Jan 2017.

For full details or to confirm bookings, contact the company on 1300 858 795.

Scenic \$7k giveaway

TRAVEL agencies have a chance to win \$5,000 cash in an incentive launched by Scenic this month.

To be in the running, agencies need to promote river cruising in Europe, France, Portugal or Southeast Asia and provide Scenic with marketing activity details.

The major prize is \$5,000, with four \$500 runner-up prizes also up for grabs - entries close 31 Oct. See <http://goo.gl/LxhjEn>.

Cruise Calendar	
This week's port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia.	
SYDNEY <i>Pacific Pearl</i>	06 Aug
DARWIN <i>Coral Expeditions 1</i>	04 Aug
BRISBANE <i>Pacific Jewel</i>	02 Aug
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	06 Aug
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	08 Aug
PORT DOUGLAS <i>Pacific Jewel</i>	06 Aug

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