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Cruise Weekly today

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

2 ships in Cirq Quay

THIS weekend, for the first time two cruise ships will share the Overseas Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay in Sydney.

Made possible by the size of the ships, PONANT's 142m-long *Le Soleal* will slip in beside the 180m-long *Azamara Quest* on Sat morning, due to dock at 10am.

The 458-guest *Seabourn Odyssey* and 382-guest *Silver Whisper* will be docked at White Bay Cruise Terminal in Rozelle.

Hurtigruten discount

BENTOURS is offering 10% off Hurtigruten Norway coastal cruises for new bookings made until 31 Mar and for travel until 31 March 2017.

Email res@bentours.com.au.

Duffy content on capacity

CARNIVAL Cruise Line president Christine Duffy admits there is no immediate intention to ramp up capacity for the cruise company in Australian waters anytime soon, with the market already buoyant.

In Sydney last week, Duffy all but completed her task of stepping on board each of Carnival's 25 ships in just over 12 months since her appointment as president.

The one-time travel agent used her visit down under to inspect Carnival's year-round Australia-based vessel *Carnival Spirit* and her sister-ship *Carnival Legend* - which operates from here the majority of the year.

Duffy said there was no plan to have *Legend* based permanently in local waters, with the 2,680-pax required to service Carnival's Alaska Inside Passage demand.

"We've increased our capacity here quite a bit. Bringing *Legend* here two-thirds of the year, and with all the other capacity

increases that Australia is seeing, we think that is a good measure for us," Duffy said.

Speaking with **Cruise Weekly**, Duffy heaped praise on the trade.

"Agents are very important for us. I am still a strong believer that the best way to get on the right cruise for you, depending on what kind of vacation you are looking for, is to get the advice of a professional travel agent.

"There are so many cruise brands and they are all different. We often talk about the importance of the right person on the right cruise for the right occasion.

"We've done a lot this year and are really continuing to make it easier for agents to work with Carnival. We have a level playing field and we are very supportive of the trade," she told **CW**.

Duffy will fulfil her ambition of inspecting all of Carnival's ships next week in San Juan when she visits *Carnival Liberty*.

Anthem hit by storm

ANTHEM of the Seas has turned back to Cape Liberty, New Jersey after being hit by a storm off the south-east US coast.

Guests were asked to stay in their rooms, with many taking to social media where photos are circulating of a collapsed ceiling & public areas in disarray. Four minor injuries have been reported and Royal Caribbean International said in a statement there has been no damage to *Anthem* that would affect the seaworthiness of the ship.

"Safety is our highest priority and ships are designed to withstand even more extreme circumstances than *Anthem of the Seas* encountered," the statement read.

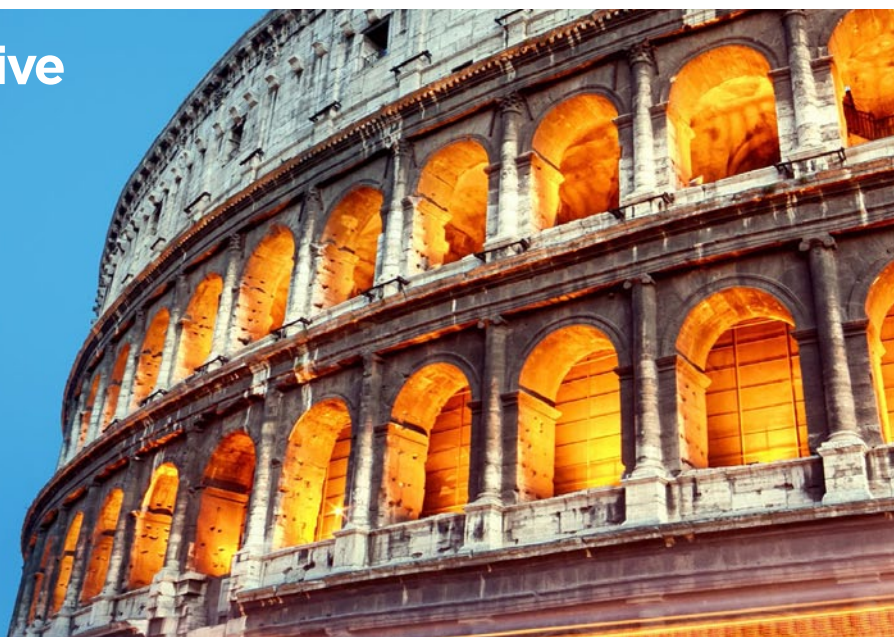
"While the weather was unpleasant, the ship remained seaworthy at all times."

RCI will refund guests and provide them with a future cruise certificate for 50% of the cruise fare paid.

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Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	09 Feb
<i>Amsterdam</i>	10 Feb
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	10 Feb
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	11 Feb
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	11 Feb
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	12 Feb
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	12 Feb
<i>Pacific Princess</i>	12 Feb
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	12 Feb
<i>Le Soleal</i>	13 Feb
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	13 Feb
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	14 Feb
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	14 Feb
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	15 Feb

MELBOURNE	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	09 Feb
<i>Golden Princess</i>	10 Feb
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	13 Feb

BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	12 Feb
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	13 Feb
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	15 Feb

HOBART	
<i>Europa</i>	10 Feb

ADELAIDE	
<i>Albatros</i>	14 Feb

WHITSUNDAYS	
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	11 Feb
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	14 Feb

FREMANTLE	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	12 Feb

YORKEYS KNOB	
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	12 Feb

PORT DOUGLAS	
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	13 Feb

ALBANY	
<i>Albatros</i>	11 Feb

NEWCASTLE	
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	15 Feb

BURNIE	
<i>Europa</i>	09 Feb

Carnival boss ticks off another



CARNIVAL Cruise Line president Christine Duffy is pictured (centre) on board *Carnival Spirit* with the shoreside team.

Duffy set herself the goal of stepping on board each and every ship in the Carnival fleet.

Zika cancellations

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is allowing pregnant women to reschedule or change their itinerary if their cruise is scheduled to visit areas affected by the Zika virus.

Carnival Corporation is providing pregnant women and their travelling companions a future cruise credit and Royal Caribbean will provide alternate itinerary options and a future cruise credit valid for two years.

25% Regent discount

REGENT Seven Seas is offering up to 25% off select sailings throughout the Mediterranean, Baltic Capitals, Alaska to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

To view all anniversary offers, see www.rssc.com.

Majestic livery unveil

PRINCESS Cruises has revealed the new livery design to be debuted on *Majestic Princess*.

The livery (pictured below) features the company's logo and will roll out fleetwide over the next few years.

Majestic Princess is designed specifically for the China market and yesterday was "floated out" in its building dock at the Fincantieri shipyard in Italy.



MEANWHILE, Princess Cruises has named Captain Dino Sagani as master of *Majestic Princess*.

Sagani has served on board Princess Cruises' ships for over 21 years and has commanded *Sea Princess*, *Dawn Princess*, *Sapphire Princess* and *Diamond Princess*.

Captain Craig Street has been appointed as relief Captain.

Repositioning deals

UNTIL the end of Feb, Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises are offering a number of half priced fares for a second pax on repositioning cruises.

Discounts include a 24-night Sydney to Seattle sailing on 23 Apr for \$2,999 for the first person and \$1,499.50 for the second, including up to \$500 on board credit and half price deposits.

Other itineraries on sale include an 18-night Sydney to Honolulu on *Radiance of the Seas* and an 18-night Brisbane to Hong Kong on *Legend of the Seas*.

For more, call 1800 754 500.



MOVE over mega shark and giant octopus, a giant sea creature has taken up residence in Islander Resort in Surfers Paradise.

The inflatable 'Octopied Hotel' art sculpture is the brainchild of street artist Luke Egan, who created the installation to signify the first partnership between Sand Safari and the annual Swell festival.

The creature did not come alone, with other landmarks also taken over by inflatable works, including jellyfish in Cavill Mall and an oversized octopus floating over the Soul building.



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