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## Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and photos plus a full page from **Travel Industry Expo**.

## QM2 retrofit ready

**QUEEN Mary 2** has returned to the US after her major \$132 million refit.

The overhaul conducted in the Blohm + Voss Shipyard saw over one million man hours put in around the clock over 25-days.

The revamp saw 30 Britannia Club staterooms, 15 Britannia single staterooms and five Britannia inside staterooms added along with 12 kennels plus a redesign of the eateries, the rooms, and key public spaces.

The ship's exterior was repainted along with technical enhancements and structural changes.

## Uniworld ups sales team

**FORMER** travel consultant Samantha Langton has been appointed as Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection's new sales manager in Queensland, effective immediately.

The new appointment comes as the company ramps up its sales force across Australia this year.

Uniworld's md Australia Fiona Dalton said the line was thrilled to have her on board.

"She brings with her over 15 years' experience in the retail travel industry, most recently as a cruise consultant for Cruiseabout during which time she and her team were awarded most improved store across the Cruiseabout brand," Dalton said.

Prior to that she worked as an international consultant, assistant manager and manager at several Flight Centre stores.

Uniworld is also in the process

of recruiting a head of sales to drive trade sales campaigns while providing support to their sales managers.

**MEANWHILE** sister company Adventure World and its affiliate Star Clippers is currently searching for a sales manager.

## HAL Alaska/ Europe

**HOLLAND** America Line has released its new Alaska and Europe sailings for May 2017 to Apr 2018.

Guests can choose between seven- or 14-night voyages or Land+Sea Journeys combining a three-, four- or seven-night cruise with an exploration of the Yukon and Denali by railcar and coach.

European highlights include a new voyage on board *ms Zuiderdam*, a roundtrip from Copenhagen visiting Dublin and Edinburgh, see more **HERE**.

## ecruising gong

**BRETT** Dudley, founder and chairman of ecruising.travel has accepted an award from Raffles Dubai for being the number one supporter of the hotel for 2015.

On hand to present the award in Dubai was president of Raffles Globally Peter French and gm Raffles Dubai, Ayman Gharib.

Dudley said he'd formed a great relationship with the Raffles Dubai over the years, "it's a wonderful hotel and a great stop over destination".

**Pictured** below are Peter French, Brett Dudley and Ayman Gharib.



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## P&O's Explorer preview

AN ELEGANT supper club a waterpark and a barefoot bowls green are just some of the star features on board P&O's *Pacific Explorer* which is set to debut next year.



P&O has provided a sneak preview of what the 1,998 passenger ship's multi-million dollar refurbishment is set to look like.

Currently sailing as *Dawn Princess* - under Princes Cruises - the 77,000-tonne liner will be refitted in May and Jun next year before leaving for its inaugural sailing from Sydney on 22 Jun.

The line's president Sture Myrmell said the team had "a lot of fun" designing the vessel

which takes the winning features of existing ships while adding "a whole new layer of excitement".

"It really will be a ship that offers something for everyone".

*Pacific Explorer* will offer new dining concepts including The Black Circus, a supper club where food will be served with a side of cabaret-style entertainment.

Further dining options will include a new pizza restaurant, The Pantry, Nic and Toni's Mediterranean eatery and Salt grill by Luke Mangan plus a poolside Lobster & Burger bar.

An Edge Adventure Park will feature activities including a flying fox.

## Tasmania incentive

TRAVEL agents have the chance to win a six-night cruise to Tasmania as part of Princess Cruises' drive to promote its OneSource travel agent centre.

To be in the running agents must visit OneSource before 05 Aug and answer five questions.

The OneSource website gives agents a one stop spot for campaigns, fares, brochures, flyers and on-demand sales brochures.

To be in the running to win a balcony room on the cruise departing Sydney on 20 Nov head to [onesourcecruises.com](http://onesourcecruises.com).

## MSC, Air France pact

MSC Cruises and Air France have signed a new Fly&Cruise agreement offering two weekly flights for MSC passengers between Paris Charles de Gaulle and Havana in Cuba, from 30 Oct to 25 Mar.

The pact gives 10,450 MSC Cruise guests direct access to Cuba via 36 flight frequencies chartered by a three class Air France Airbus A340.



A REPLICA Noah's Ark (pictured below) built by Christians opened in Kentucky last week.

The US\$100 million, 155-metre wooden model which stands at 15-metres high has been constructed as a life-sized version of the boat outlined in the bible.

Inside there are rows of cages containing animal replicas.

President of Answers in Genesis, the ministry that built the ark, Ken Ham believes it is going to be "one of the greatest Christian outreaches of this era in history".

Ham expects the nautical attraction will draw two million visitors in its first year.

The ark has already attracted its fair share of controversy with opponents saying the "educational boat" rejects science.



### Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	12 Jul
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	15 Jul
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	18 Jul
DARWIN	
<i>Coral Expeditions 1</i>	14 Jul
<i>Reef Prince</i>	17 Jul
<i>Eco Abrolhos</i>	18 Jul
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	13 Jul
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	16 Jul
FREMANTLE	
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	18 Jul



THE image says it all, *Crystal Mozart* was officially welcomed to the Crystal River Cruises fleet in Vienna, Austria this week.

She was christened by Godmother Elisabeth Gürtler, md of Vienna's famous Hotel Sacher

and the city's historic Spanish Riding School.

The 120 metre, 154-guest vessel boasts spacious suites, personal butlers and six-star service.

She will leave tomorrow for her maiden voyage on the Danube.

## Celebrity Olympics

CELEBRITY Cruises will be broadcasting the Rio Olympic Games on board its fleet of ships - excluding *Celebrity Xpedition*.

The line will also offer a range of Olympic-themed activities and events on board throughout the 16 days of the games along with the chance to win official Olympic merchandise.

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