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Silversea’s world cruise

RESERVATIONS opened today for Silversea’s World Cruise 2018, which features nine Aussie ports. The 121-day sailing from Los Angeles to Rome will work its way from Burnie to Darwin on its Australian leg, stopping by Phillip Island, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Whitsunday Islands, Townsville and Cairns.

Hosted aboard Silver Whisper, the “La Grande Bellezza,” itinerary will also visit Hawaii, Borneo, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Borneo, Sri Lanka, India and Greece. “World Cruise 2018 is an enriching epic adventure designed for experienced travellers,” said Karen Christensen, Silversea’s general manager & Director Sales/Marketing, Australasia.

“Guests will be able to visit some of the most amazing places on the planet, witnessing such incredible wonders as the Great Barrier Reef, the blue lagoons of Polynesia, and mystic Ha Long Bay, returning every evening to the comfort and all-inclusive luxury of Silver Whisper.”

The cruise includes a Boy Voyage reception, transfers, US$4,000 on board spending credit per suite and complimentary laundry, dry cleaning and wi-fi.

Fares lead in at AU$76,250pp, based on double occupancy. See the full itinerary HERE.

Ovation steel cutting

SEABOURN Ovation is one step closer, with the ceremony for the cutting of the first steel taking place earlier this week at the Fincantieri shipyard in Genoa. Seabourn president Richard Meadows said “The cutting of steel is a significant milestone in the creation of Seabourn Ovation, as well as the continuing evolution of the Seabourn fleet.”

The 40,350-GRT vessel will join the fleet in spring 2018 and will accommodate just 600 passengers, maintaining a staff to guest ratio of close to one staff member for each guest on board.

Uniworld 2017 preview brochure

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruise Collection has launched its 2017 Preview River Cruises & Tours program, featuring early booking savings of up to $2,400 per couple.

Destinations on offer include Europe, Russia, India, China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Egypt and the brochure features “the most all-inclusive European river cruise experience” with all meals, unlimited beverages on board, personalised onshore experiences and all gratuities.

In Mar 2017, Uniworld will launch its new SS Joie de Vivre in France, which will sail the “Paris & Normandy” itinerary.

Featuring in the brochure are two all-new new itineraries: the 10-day “Rhine-Main Discovery & Munich” with two-nights in Munich and a seven-night cruise & the 10-day “Paris & Impressions of the Seine” which delves into France’s artistic heritage.

Special deals are available for bookings deposited before 31 Jul 2016 - for more details see www.uniworld.com.
Spirit of Tas update

**SPIRIT of Tasmania** plans to operate double sailings on 11 & 12 Jun to clear the backlog of pax (CW Tue), subject to the Port of Devonport being reopened. The port will remain closed until at least tomorrow.

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APT cycling cruises

**TWO** special interest cycling cruises in Europe have been introduced by APT. The 15-day Cycling Magnificent Europe includes seven cycling experiences and the eight-day Bordeaux by Bicycle river cruise offers four.


**Disney’s New Wonder**

**NEW** entertainment and experiences are slated for guests aboard the *Disney Wonder* vessel for sailings from Nov this year, when it emerges from dry dock. Kids will enjoy the Marvel Super Hero Academy as well as a new Frozen-themed play centre. Adults can indulge in a new southern US and jazz-themed restaurant as well as an authentically re-created English style tavern. The ship will sail throughout the Caribbean in Jan 2017.

**Coral Discoverer refit**

**CORAL** Expeditions will refresh *Coral Discoverer* during dry dock in Singapore in Nov ahead of its inaugural southeast Asia cruises. The multi-million dollar renovation incorporates the addition of six Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms - the first on any Coral Expeditions vessel. Other staterooms will receive full upgrades to bathroom fixtures, soft furnishing and artwork, while refurb work also extends to the dining room, deck lounge and sun deck.

Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms feature indoor-outdoor living spaces and private balconies accessed through French doors. They are priced from $12,395pp on the 10-night Ho Chi Minh City to Singapore cruise & $16,995pp for the 12-night Singapore to Yangon (or v.v.), inclusive of meals onboard, off-shore excursions, ground transport and more.

More at [coralexpeditions.com](http://coralexpeditions.com).

**Aria shows off her nooks & crannies**

**THIS** group of itral travel agents spent last Fri experiencing *P&O Cruises’ Pacific Aria*. The team (pictured) checked out the penthouse suite, the adults-only oasis, day spa and Chef’s Table dining experience, followed by a three-course lunch in the Waterfront restaurant.

**Scenic on Getaway**

**SCENIC’S** European Christmas cruises will be front-and-centre on episodes of Channel Nine’s *Getaway* over coming weeks. Episodes airing on 11, 18 and 25 Jun will feature Amsterdam, Vienna, Budapest, Rothenberg, Prague and more.
Dawn Princess’ inaugural Cairns visit
SUPERLINER Dawn Princess arrived in Cairns yesterday, making history as the biggest ship in its fleet to navigate the city’s channel and berth at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal.

It marks the start of a new era which will see Princess Cruises dock its Australian-based “Sun Class” ships in the city.

Australis offer
AUSTRALIS is offering a night’s free accommodation in Punta Arenas before or after select cruises next summer to Cape Horn, southern Chile and Argentina.

The offer is valid for bookings made by 31 Jul on select three or four-night itineraries aboard the expedition ship Stella Australis between Sep and Mar 2017.

Carnival’s donation
CARNIVAL Foundation has made a $2.5 million donation to The Nature Conservancy to help the organisation continue its momentum to protect the world’s oceans and seas.

THE Dream Cruises Sales Team make a special visit to ecruising’s office recently to congratulate staff on nabbing the very first booking in Australia for Dream Cruises - with a suite cabin. Kara Lane, who won the prestigious ‘Cruise Consultant of the year’ award at the 2016 Cruise Lines International Association Awards, is pictured above with the Dream Team receiving a pamper package of Champagne and Dream chocolate to celebrate.

From left are Amber Reid, Dream Cruises; Kara Lane, ecruising; Brigita Devries, Dream Cruises and Andrew Loving, Dream Cruises.

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