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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news and photos plus a front cover wrap from **Norwegian Cruise Line** and a full page from **AA Appointments**.

FTC cruise webinar

FRENCH Travel Connection is running two 30 minute webinars on France Waterways on 11 Jul.

Register for the 3pm webinar **HERE** and the 4pm session **HERE**.

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 it's 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**.

Harmony in Barcelona



HARMONY of the Seas has this week been sent off on her inaugural cruise from her summer homeport of Barcelona.

Senior executives from Royal Caribbean's Sydney office along with reps from the Australian travel industry snuck on board, experiencing the ship first-hand.

Harmony of the Seas is sailing a five-night Western Mediterranean itinerary with visits to Rome (Civitavecchia) and Naples, Italy at full capacity.

Her inaugural summer season will offer seven-night Western Mediterranean itineraries and she

will reposition to the US in Nov.

The vessel features The Ultimate Abyss, the tallest slide at sea with a 10-story plunge; robot bartenders at The Bionic Bar and virtual balconies with real-time views of the destination.

Pictured at a dinner in the Coastal Kitchen are: Vivien Davies, Sylvania Travel & Cruise; Leesa Johnson, Cruiseabout Rouse Hill; Craig Chisholm, Ozcruising; Rod Menzler, Flight Centre Brisbane; Adam Armstrong, managing director Royal Caribbean Cruises Australia & Lisa Williamson, Marriott Int'l.

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.

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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.

EU ship safety rules

THE European Union has adopted a number of legislative proposals to simplify and improve the rules on safety for ships carrying passengers in EU waters.

There have been changes to the requirement of the digital registration of passenger data and the technical requirements for ships on domestic voyages.

For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

Spirit and Legend crack 500k



SINCE their debut in Australia in 2012, Carnival Cruise Line's *Carnival Spirit* and *Carnival Legend* have clocked up half a million guests.

To celebrate, the Anderson family - who tipped CCL over 500k - were welcomed to their 11-night New Caledonia cruise with a cake and balloons.

Carnival Cruise Line vice president Australasia Jennifer Vandekreeke said reaching the landmark less than four years after the line's local debut was testament to the line's growing popularity, as well as the role of local travel agents.

"Over the last few years we've developed strong and supportive partnerships with the travel agent community here in Australia," Vandekreeke said.

Pictured with members of *Carnival Spirit's* ship and shoreside teams during the celebration are: Brihoney Anderson; Jennifer Vandekreeke, Carnival Cruise Line vice president Australasia; Taylor Anderson; Matt Anderson and Ollie Anderson.

Disney hits the road

THE 2016 Disney Days roadshow is underway with the local Aussie team hosting a series of agent events across Australia and New Zealand throughout Jun.

This morning the team provided an update on the 2017 season aboard Disney's cruise ships sailing the Mediterranean, Alaska, Scandinavia, Hawaii, Mexico's Riviera and the Caribbean.

Michael Cassis travel & bdm for Disney highlighted the return of the Star Wars Day at Sea itinerary which was a sell out in 2016, urging agents to book their clients now owing to its short Jan-Apr 2017 season.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details.

Greek Port Strikes

CONTINUING strikes at Piraeus Port in Greece are causing cruise ships to cancel their calls or divert to Turkey instead, according to the *Greek Reporter*.

ACA Update



Jill Abel - CEO



Northern Exposure

On the back of exciting growth from the cruise industry in the Top End, currently delivering around 70,000 passengers a year, many developments are taking place. A new \$1.2m shaded walkway allows passengers to stroll from the Cruise Ship Terminal to the Darwin Waterfront Precinct in comfort. The NT Govt is also providing free wi-fi in the Waterfront Precinct and the Stokes Hill Wharf so that cruise visitors can easily catch up with family and friends online. Shuttle services are now available between Fort Hill Wharf and the Tourism Top End visitor centre through Coach Charters Australia, the new port shuttle operator. While in the city, passengers are able to enjoy small group shore excursions including the Sea Darwin WW11 themed harbour cruise; Nautilus Aviation scenic heli flights and the Pudukul Aboriginal Cultural Tour. The Royal Flying Doctor Service will add to this when their interactive exhibition at the Stokes Hill Wharf on the Bombing of Darwin is completed next month. Regional destinations are also benefiting from increased cruise visits. In the last year, a number of maiden visits by expedition ships were made to remote aboriginal communities, including Yirrkala, the Tiwi Islands and the small island homeland of Ban'thula, Elcho Island. And the development doesn't stop there. The recently released Darwin Port Development Plan includes some exciting modifications to the existing facilities to cater for increasing passenger changeovers. The Port is also working alongside government to attract homeporting and larger vessels.

New Miami-based line

NEXT month will see the birth of Victory Cruise Lines, set to sail the Great Lakes from 08 Jul and into Cuba from 30 Oct.

Itineraries ranging from four to 15-days are on board the *M/V Victory I*, formerly the *Saint Laurent*, the *Cuba Journal* reports.

Victoria Cruise Lines is promising on its website that its ports and excursion experiences will be "second to none", "food & service will be deluxe in every way" and hotel service "outstanding".

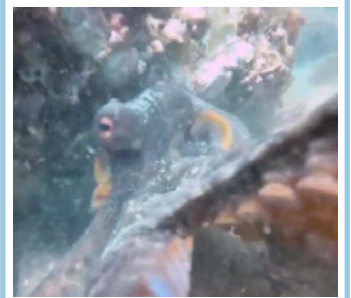


THIS Aussie octopus was just trying to nab himself a new GoPro.

A video has surfaced of a diver's video camera being stolen by a curious octopus in Sydney Harbour.

The diver is seen positioning the camera in front of the sea creature's lair, before it snatches the GoPro, filming a short selfie video before the camera is wrestled back.

A snippet of the octopus' artistic selfie video is **pictured**.



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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.

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

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.

Aria shows off her nooks & crannies



THIS group of itravel 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.

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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.

ecruising's Dream booking



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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