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C360 for Europe

CRUISE Lines International Association has announced the launch of a European version of its Cruise360 conference.

The inaugural event will take place in Marseille, France from 20-22 Oct this year, with CLIA saying it will be the region's largest conference of its kind bringing together travel agents with cruise line executives, destinations and CLIA executive partners.

C360 Europe will also give delegates the opportunity to inspect up to seven cruise ships which will be in port at the time.

Wine themed cruise

CRUISE Express has announced a brand new wine-themed cruise, exploring New Zealand aboard *Celebrity Solstice*.

The 10-night Voyage to the Vineyards cruise will be hosted by wine experts from AU & NZ. For more, [CLICK HERE](#).

Viking takes 2nd delivery

VIKING Ocean Cruises took delivery of its second ship *Viking Seas* today, with its official

christening ceremony to be held 05 Apr on London's Thames River in Greenwich.

Viking Seas will embark on its inaugural voyage on 03 Apr, setting sail from Istanbul to make her way through the Mediterranean and into the Atlantic.

Torstein Hagen, chairman of Viking Cruises, commented he was "proud of everyone at Viking and Fincantieri for their contributions".

"As we take delivery of *Viking Seas*, we now double Viking's ocean capacity which demonstrates how enthusiastic



our guests are for destination-focused cruises," he said.

Viking Seas will accommodate 930 passengers and offer 465

cabins and a range of on-board amenities including: wi-fi, self-service laundry and access to the Thermal Suite.

Cruisest double deal

CRUISE1ST has introduced a new package that combines a 9-night cruise of the Greek Islands on Royal Caribbean's *Jewel of the Seas* and a 7-night cruise of the Western Mediterranean on Norwegian Cruiseline's, *Norwegian Epic*.

The package also includes return flights from Sydney to Europe, for more information call 1300 596 345.

Cruise Weekly today

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

Arctic rehearsal

COAST guard officials from the US and Canada will conduct a training exercise next month in order to be fully prepared for a mass rescue from a potential large cruise ship catastrophe.

Hopefully it will never happen, but the initiative is a response to the upcoming voyage of *Crystal Serenity* through the Bering Strait and Northwest Passage.

Receding Arctic ice has made the Passage accessible without an icebreaker since 2007, with 17 ships making the transit last year.

Crystal Serenity will be the biggest ship ever to go through the Northwest Passage, with the sold out voyage to be escorted throughout by an icebreaker carrying two helicopters.

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Crystal adds New Guinea itinerary

CRYSTAL Cruises has released its 2017/18 Worldwide Cruise Atlas, which showcases the line's cruise offerings aboard *Crystal Symphony* and *Crystal Serenity*.

New for the cruise line next year are voyages to New Guinea, which will give passengers aboard the opportunity to explore and experience the tribal culture of the small pacific nation.

The cruise operator will also be offering a second 32-day Northwest Passage transit, a 99-day Grand Pacific Explorer itinerary and post-cruise land programs to Machu Picchu, Iguaza Falls and Paris.

For bookings and more information on fares visit crystalcruises.com.

RCI cans 6 Miami voyages

ROYAL Caribbean has announced the cancellation of six Miami



voyages, scheduled to set sail on *Empress of the Seas* due to ongoing renovations (**CW** 24 Mar).

The cruise line made the announcement to travel trade partners last week, explaining "like many large renovation projects, we are going to need more time to ensure the ship meets the high standards for quality of guests can expect from Royal Caribbean."

Empress of the Seas sailings were scheduled to depart 30 Mar, 04, 07, 11, 16 and 21 Apr.

Having only just recently transition into the Royal Caribbean International fleet after sailing with Pullmantur Cruises,

the *Empress of the Seas*, remains at the shipyard getting an extensive

makeover, according to the itinerary update.

Guests due to travel on the canned itineraries are being invited to move to the same stateroom category on another *Empress of the Seas* sailing between 25 Apr and 23 Jul, and may also move to the same stateroom category on any *Majesty of the Seas* sailing between now and 29 Apr for the same cruise fare.

For guests who cannot or do not want to re-book, a full refund on the cruise fare paid is offered.

Vantage family fun

RIVER cruise operator, Vantage, has added family-friendly river cruises, open to children eight and above from next year.

The trips will embark during the summer school break, and feature arts and craft workshops, singing sessions, special ship tours, kid-friendly menus, complimentary travel journals, language lessons and more.

Activities for teens and 20-somethings, as well as a dedicated host to guide family activities in the evenings will also be made available.

Next year's family journey offering will take passengers on a trip around Paris, Normandy and the Seine River and will take place on River Venture, making visits to Giverny, Honfleur, Rouen and the D-Day beaches.

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\$25m terminal revamp

FLORIDA'S Port Canaveral cruise terminal is set to receive a \$25 million upgrade of its facilities.

Preliminary work of Terminal 10 will commence immediately, with Port Commissions confirming the rest of the facility will temporarily close 19 May and reopen in Nov upon completion.

The terminal will be used by Norwegian Cruise Line, which is basing one of the world's largest cruise ships, the *Norwegian Epic*, at Port Carnaveral.

Oceania Riviera norovirus outbreak

THE Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) is investigating a third outbreak of the norovirus on board *Oceania Riviera*.

Fifty-two passengers have been affected on board, with specimens collected confirming positive for the gastro bug.

The voyage began on 20 Mar and is slated to end 03 Apr.

In response, Oceania Cruises and the crew aboard the ship have increased cleaning and disinfection procedures, collected samples for testing and have sent daily reports to the VSP.

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Celebrity Millennium</i>	29 Mar
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	29 Mar
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	01 Apr
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	01 Apr
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	03 Apr
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	04 Apr
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	04 Apr

MELBOURNE	
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	30 Mar
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	30 Mar
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	02 Apr
<i>Golden Princess</i>	04 Apr

BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	30 Mar
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	01 Apr
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	02 Apr
<i>Legend of the Seas</i>	03 Apr
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	04 Apr

DARWIN	
<i>Coral Expeditions 1</i>	01 Apr

HOBART	
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	01 Apr
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	04 Apr

ADELAIDE	
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	31 Mar
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	01 Apr
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	04 Apr

FREMANTLE	
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	30 Mar

YORKEYS KNOB	
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	29 Mar

PORT DOUGLAS	
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	30 Mar

WELLINGTON	
<i>Golden Princess</i>	29 Mar
<i>Noordam</i>	01 Apr

AKAROA	
<i>Golden Princess</i>	30 Mar
<i>Noordam</i>	30 Mar

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Cook extends deal

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises has extended its 'up to four nights free sale' until 07 Apr.

The sale offers four nights free on 11 night cruises, three nights free on seven-night voyages & one night free on 4-night trips.

New Alaska voyages

SIX of Princess Cruises' ships will set sail to Alaska next summer, offering a variety of cultural experiences and land & sea packages to explore the scenic state.

The Voyage of the Glaciers itinerary will be offered on *Coral Princess*, *Star Princess* and *Island Princess* between Whittier (Anchorage) and Vancouver; while cruises through the Inside Passage will be available aboard *Ruby Princess*, *Emerald Princess* (from Seattle) and *Grand Princess* from San Francisco.

All 2017 Alaska cruises and land and sea vacations are now open for booking, for more information visit www.princess.com.

PTM up-close with sea wildlife



PERSONAL Travel Manager, Karen Doyle, was recently invited by the Ecuador Tourism Office to attend a 16-day Ministry of Tourism fam to the South American destination.

Hosted by Mischelle Montenegro and Alejandro Romero from Camon Travel, Doyle joined four other Aussie attendees and explored the

Ecuadorian capital, Quito, before heading to the Galapagos Islands.

"Nothing can prepare you for the most incredible experience of having baby sea lions come up to you just wanting to play," commented Doyle.

"With no predators, they have no fear of humans so the animals are very close to you...this was such an incredible experience and one I will recommend to all my clients," she continued.

The fam ended with a full-day workshop where participants met face-to-face with local tourism suppliers.

PICTURED is PTM's Karen Doyle with her new seal friend.

Hurtigruten makeover

CRUISE operator, Hurtigruten, has commenced upgrades to four of its 11 Norwegian coastal ships.

Kong Harald and *Polarys* have already completed the refits, with *Nordkapp* and *Nordnorge* due to be done in Apr and Nov, respectively.

MEANWHILE, Hurtigruten has announced a near-complete reconstruction of its new ship *Spitsbergen*, to be adapted for use in polar waters.

The ship will join the fleet and commence its maiden journey along the Norwegian Coastal Voyage route later this year, replacing *Midnatsol*.

For more, **CLICK HERE**.

Craft brewery for Vista

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's latest ship, *Carnival Vista*, has launched the first craft brewery at sea in North America, named RedFrog Pub & Brewery.

Partnering with Concrete Beach Brewery, *Carnival Vista* will debut three new beers brewed on board: ThirstyFrog Hoppin' IPA, ThirstyFrog Caribbean Wheat and FriskyFrog Java Stout.



A BRITISH tourist has been rescued at sea by a fisherman, after attempting to swim out to a cruise ship she believed her husband was on board.

The 65-year-old was identified as Susan Brown, and was found after midnight 500 metres out to sea, clutching only her handbag.

She told police that she was on board a 32-night cruise with her husband, but decided to fly home early after an argument, when it stopped over for the day in Madeira.

The couple became separated at the airport, and "feeling desperate", Brown decided to make a swim for it, diving into the ocean to chase after a passing cruise ship thinking her husband might've been board.

Police have since confirmed Brown's husband boarded a flight to Bristol, England.

A cruise spokesman told *news.com.au* that a flight was booked for the couple, as was a taxi to the airport.

Brown was taken to hospital where she was treated for advanced hypothermia before being moved to a psychiatric ward for further observation.

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