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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a full page from **Crystal Cruises**.

CroisiEurope deal

CRUISEABROAD has discounted a CroisiEurope 19-day triple-river cruise & stay package in France next year as part of Plan a Cruise Month.

The 30 Jul Viva la France departure includes cruises on the Garonne, Seine and Rhone rivers plus stays in Bordeaux, Paris and Lyon, now from \$5,799pp.

Seadream spa credit

SEADREAM Yacht Club is offering a spa credit of US\$300 per stateroom with all new bookings made during CLIA's Plan a Cruise Month.

The credit applies to double occupancy bookings of six nights or longer made in Oct.

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RCI orders two Icon class

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises has announced a whole new class of vessel which will be powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG) and introduce fuel cell technology.

A memorandum of understanding has been inked for two "Icon" class ships for the Royal Caribbean International fleet, scheduled for delivery in Q2 of 2022 and 2024.

Because of the long lead time, many Icon design elements are only in their early stages, but they will likely accommodate approx 5,000 passengers (800 more than *Ovation of the Seas*), said Richard Fain, chairman and ceo of Royal Caribbean Cruises.

In the meantime, the company will test fuel cell technology on an existing Oasis-class ship in 2017, and will run larger fuel cell projects on new Quantum class vessels being built in the next several years.

"With Icon class, we move further in the journey to take the smoke out of our smokestacks," Fain said.

The commitment to LNG will help grow the number of ports that support the technology, Fain added, noting the new ships will primarily operate on LNG but will also be able on distillate fuel.

Harri Kulovaara, RCL chief of ship design said the company had been eyeing fuel cells for nearly a decade, and believes the technology is at a stage that justifies investment.

"There is a long lead time for Icon class, and we will use that time to work with Meyer Turku to adapt fuel cell technology for maritime use," he said.

Last week Carnival Corporation revealed Shell will be the supplier of its first LNG-powered cruise ships, scheduled to launch in 2019 (**CW** Tue).

Seven Seas revamp

SEVEN Seas Voyager is set to receive a new look later this month as part of the cruise line's US\$125 million fleetwide refurbishment program.

Renovations will extend from bow to stern; with its penthouse, concierge and deluxe suites to be overhauled to include large oversized marble accented bathrooms, leather headboards and new beds.

The ship's on board dining establishments will also receive a fresh lick of paint, with Chartreuse, La Veranda, Pool Grill and Compass Rose all scheduled for interior enhancements.

Regent ceo Jason Montague said they were "making certain that we not only have the most luxurious ship ever built with *Seven Seas Explorer*, but the most luxurious fleet at sea".

The post-refurb cruise will be a 23-night Barcelona to Dubai journey on 09 Nov.

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Broome's cruise boom

CRUISE ship visitors sailing into Broome in 2015/16 jumped 74% on the prior season.

"Latest figures show more than 17,000 cruise passengers visited Broome last financial year, up from about 10,000 the previous financial year," said Colin Barnett, WA Premier and Tourism Minister.

A \$24 million upgrade to restore the structural integrity of Broome's wharf is to be completed by the end of 2016.

The revamp has helped reel in more tourists, Barnett said.

Fremantle had the lion's share of cruise visits, welcoming 151,074 people in 2015-16.

"In 2015-16, we had three ships homeported in Fremantle during the cruise season, bringing \$155 million to the State's economy and generating about 470 full-time jobs across the State including 13 in Broome," he said.

The Premier reinforced that tourism is a vital industry to

WA, highlighting the millions of dollars cruise ship visitors bring to the state's economy, as well as the income from restocking the supplies on a ship.

Tourism generated \$9.6 billion in visitor spend last financial year, a figure the government plans to increase "to \$12 billion by 2020, and having a strong performing cruise sector will help us achieve that goal," Barnett added.

Hurricane update

HURRICANE Matthew was downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone by the US National Hurricane Center on Sun.

Royal Caribbean's *Majesty of the Seas* cancelled its sailing on Sat due to Port Canaveral's closure and given Hurricane Matthew's location and projected path.

PortMiami, Port Everglades, Port Canaveral and South Carolina Ports have all reopened.

Infinity experts jump on Voyager



INFINITY Cruise and Royal Caribbean International recently hosted an educational for Flight Centre Travel Group retail agents on board *Voyager of the Seas* ahead of its summer season in Australia commencing 01 Nov.

Pictured on the bridge of *Voyager of the Seas* are (front row): Megan Campbell, ET Mt Hutton; Jo Patton, FC Batemans Bay; Kylie Thompson, FC Cranbourne; Chelsea Small, FC Runaway Bay; Lou Larsson, Infinity XTRA; Captain Ryan, RCI; Melissa Burton, FC Fulham Gardens; Kylie Scott, FC Salamander Bay; Alison Hubble, Infinity Cruise and Amy Ryan, RCI.

In the back row are: Nicole Stojic, RCI; Peter Leighton, ET Traralgon; Rikki Handley, FC Camberwell; Grant Parton, Infinity Cruise; Leigh Freeman, FC Pacific Highway; Chanel Loxton, FC Whitford City and Georgia Scott, ET Helensvale.

A Legend returns

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's *Carnival Legend* has arrived into Australian waters for her third season of cruises from Sydney.

Legend is sporting the new addition of marine-themed Camp Ocean kids club, which replaces Camp Carnival and will remain in Aussie waters until 01 Apr.

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Vard contract firms

THE contracts between Vard Holdings and Hapag-Lloyd Cruises for construction and design of two vessels have been confirmed & become effective (**CW** 30 Aug).

Delivery is scheduled for the luxury expedition cruise ships in Q1 2019 and Q4 2019.

Effectiveness of the contracts are subject to financing conditions.

Ahoy accom offer

KIMBERLEY motor yacht expedition company Ahoy Buccaneers is offering free Broome accommodation with three of its Oct sailings.

The last-minute deal provides up to five nights at Oaks Cable Beach Sanctuary or Blue Seas Resort, combined with a seven- or 13-night cruise.

Cruise Month dishes out prizes



BON Voyage Travel & Cruise NZ has won the first of four cruise giveaways in Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia's Plan a Cruise Month.

The Kiwi agency was awarded the major prize for their promotion including a 16-page "What's in Port" guide to the NZ summer cruise season in the New Zealand Herald.

Tonia Timmins from Bon Voyage Travel & Cruise NZ chose a cruise on board Carnival Cruise Line's

Carnival Legend as her prize.

Mobile Travel Agent Sarah Fenton was awarded \$1,000 in marketing co-op funds for her social media campaign.

Since the start of the month, Fenton has been pushing CLIA member cruise line deals and offers on Twitter and Facebook using #cruisemonth.

Meanwhile Roslyn Savio from Atour Travel Cherrybrook and Andy Thompson from House of Travel Takapuna NZ have each won a bottle of champagne.

Pictured are: Gerard Murphy and Timmins.

Condon sets up shop

STAR Clippers has confirmed ex-Travel The World cruise manager, Roger Condon has joined the ranks as Australian sales manager (**CW** 27 Sep).

Condon has over 20 years' experience in the travel industry and held several management positions at Travel the World.

In his new role he will be responsible for managing and increasing sales, marketing, and revenue and product development nationally.

Rome's new terminal

CONSTRUCTION will begin next month on a new 10,000m² passenger terminal at Roma Cruise Terminal.

The €20 million project will be designed to handle 4,500 passengers and store up to 9,000 pieces of luggage.

It will have two retractable passenger fingers for disembarkation and embarkation.

The Strand deal

MYANMAR river cruise operator The Strand Cruise is offering free internal flights and accommodation with select Dec departures, in addition to its seasonal discount of 30%.

Select cruises on the Irrawaddy River between Mandalay and Bagan are available with a complimentary night at the Strand Yangon hotel, plus return domestic flights from Yangon to the cruise embarkation point.



Brochure Spotlight

Hurtigruten - Norway 2017/18



HURTIGRUTEN'S Explore Norway 2017/18 brochure features cruises deep into the Norwegian fjords, where guests will get up close to the people who live there, their culture, traditions and way of life. The new fare structure which came into force on 18 Apr is explained within the brochure and over 60 different excursions are detailed.



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Tunisia cruising back

THE first cruise ship to visit Tunisia since two terrorist attacks last year has arrived in La Goulette, the port of the capital, Tunis, *The Guardian* reports. Following the attacks, Tunisia's tourism industry took a dive.

Costa Pink is Good

COSTA Cruises is marking breast cancer prevention month with a series of 'Pink is Good' activities on board its Mediterranean ships. Events throughout Oct include a costume party and marathon to help fund medical research.



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

SYDNEY
Carnival Legend 11 Oct
Carnival Spirit 12 Oct
Pacific Jewel 12 Oct
Pacific Pearl 13 Oct
Radiance of the Seas 17 Oct
Sun Princess 17 Oct

BRISBANE
Pacific Dawn 12 Oct
Pacific Aria 13 Oct
Pacific Aria 17 Oct

CAIRNS
Pacific Eden 15 Oct

DARWIN
Celebrity Solstice 16 Oct
Sea Princess 17 Oct

GERALDTON
Sea Princess 11 Oct

AUCKLAND
Sun Princess 13 Oct

Mangan names ceo

CHEF Luke Mangan has chosen food and travel journalist Sofia Levin as his culinary experience officer.

Levin's winning dish - a beetroot cured Kingfish with citrus and fennel salad, avruga roe and horseradish cream - will be offered on the menu at Salt grill by Luke Mangan restaurants on P&O's five ships this month.

She will now travel the world with Mangan this month on a money-can't-buy smorgasbord of travel and tasting experiences.

Sofia Levin and her winning dish are pictured.



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4. What is the name of Norwegian Jewel's most luxurious and exclusive accommodation option?

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SA's record season

SOUTH Australia has exceeded its 2020 target cruise industry growth target three years early, with the 2015/16 season bringing in a whopping \$26.9m into the State's visitor economy - up \$10.8m on the previous year.

"Cruise ship visits to Adelaide have the biggest impact of \$23.4m, closely followed by Kangaroo Island at \$2.1m and Port Lincoln at \$1.4m," said SA Minister for Tourism, Leon Bignell.

This coming season, a record 52 visits to SA ports are scheduled, 15 more than the prior season, and capacity will surge to 112,048 - from 89,468 in 2014/15.



OUTBREAKS of hilarity at sea are forecast next month as American TV comedy troupe The Tenderloins takes over *Norwegian Pearl* on a four-night cruise from New Orleans to Costa Maya in Mexico.

Best known for their *Impractical Jokers* show on US cable channel truTV, the troupe of four will be the stars of live shows, a Q&A session, a karaoke party and a live podcast taping.

The ocean-going comedy festival will include other US comedians and is the second such departure offered by theme cruise creator Sixthman.

"Last year's cruise was literally one of the greatest weeks of my life," said The Tenderloins member Joe Gatto. "I can't wait to do it again," he added.

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