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### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover wrap from **Seabourn**.

### Seabourn Cuba

**SEABOURN** has announced it will be sailing to Cuba for the first time in late 2019.

For more information on the new Cuba itineraries, see the **front page** and **page two**.

### Aurora brox events

**AURORA** Expeditions has seats still available for its remaining 2019/20 brochure launch events.

The first of the four sessions left kicks off today (Hobart), Cairns (15 Aug), Wollongong 21 (Aug) & Canberra (22 Aug). Interested agents click **HERE**.

## Oceania reveals \$100 million upgrade

**OCEANIA** Cruises has announced its OceaniaNEXT initiative, a \$100 million refurbishment of its four 684-guest Regatta-class ships.

The NCLH-owned company's *Regatta*, *Insignia*, *Sirena*, and *Nautica* vessels will all receive major upgrades, with the "re-imagining" process to result in 342 brand new designer suites and staterooms, as well as new designs and decor for the ships' restaurants, lounges and bars.

"OceaniaNEXT will be the most extensive and comprehensive suite of product and guest service enhancements that we have ever undertaken," said Oceania Cruises chief executive officer Bob Binder.

"We are maintaining the intimate surroundings and personal attention that our guests love, while at the same time setting a new standard of style and elegance for small ship



cruising...we can't wait for our 'new' ships to launch," he added.

The first vessel to undergo the refurbishment will be *Insignia*, which is scheduled to exhibit her new look on 07 Dec this year.

She will be followed by sister ships *Sirena* in May 2019, *Regatta* in Sep 2019 and finishing with *Nautica* in Jun 2020.

Key details of the renovations include 1,400 new marble bathrooms, 12,000 new sofas and chairs, 8,000 new light fixtures, and 1,368 refreshed suites and staterooms.

**Pictured:** A rendering of what the new Grand Dining Room will look like after the "re-imagining" of the Regatta-class ships.

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## Viking world cruise

**VIKING** Cruises has released four new itineraries that collectively form a 245-day Ultimate World Cruise.

The cruise line created the four distinct legs to enable flexibility for cruise pax who may not be able to take on the entire journey and instead enjoy an abbreviated trip.

"These itineraries are created to maximise time in port and give passengers an extensive cultural experience," said Viking product and marketing manager Lubica Sibikova.

The Ultimate World voyage includes a Sydney to London leg visiting 21 countries with eight overnight stays, exploring destinations such as China, Thailand and India.

The package is priced from \$38,995 per person and departs Sydney 11 Feb 2020.

## Silversea new blog

**SILVERSEA** Cruises has launched a new travel blog called *Discover*, providing original content designed to inspire cruise travel.

The blog features a selection of behind-the-scenes videos from photographer Steve McCurry's recent travels with Silversea, including trips to Svalbard, Japan, West Africa, Sicily, Papua New Guinea, and the Galapagos Islands.

To view the blog, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Seabourn set for Cuba



**SEABOURN** has been given final government approval to commence its first cruises to Cuba in 2019.

The cruise line has responded by launching four itineraries that depart from either Miami or San Juan, Puerto Rico, the first of which is a 12-day cruise aboard *Seabourn Sojourn* departing Miami on 04 Nov, 2019.

The 11-, 12-, and 14-day sailings will take in five Cuban ports, stopping off at three to four on each itinerary, with all voyages scheduled to visit the Cuban capital of Havana.

The cruises on offer depart between 04 Nov and 21 Dec 2019.

"We are excited to finally be able to include Cuba in our itineraries," said Seabourn president Richard Meadows.

"These Cuba itineraries are fresh

and sure to satisfy the curiosity of anyone who has considered visiting," he added.

Several UNESCO World Heritage Sites are listed in the new Cuban packages such as Nipe Bay on the north coast of the Holguin Province, the city of Cienfuegos renowned for its 19th century architecture, and the country's cultural capital, Santiago de Cuba.

The approval for Seabourn to sail to Cuba means parent company Carnival now has three brands offering cruises to the Caribbean nation.

Bookings for Seabourn's Cuba sailings are now open with all sailings to be serviced by the company's 458-passenger *Seabourn Sojourn*.

For more information on the itineraries available, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Pictured:** Havana, Cuba.

## Solomon cruises

**SOLOMON** Islands Discovery Cruises has announced it plans to operate six adventure itineraries exploring the Pacific archipelago in 2018-19.

The newly established cruise operator is offering six- and seven-day cruises that will journey through the Florida and Russell Islands on board its 30-metre *MV Taka*.

"Lindblad Expeditions left a big hole when it decided to redeploy its small ship operation to the Galapagos two years ago," said Tourism Solomons chief executive Josefa "Jo" Tuamoto.

"Having a dedicated niche adventure cruise program operated by a local company... is a huge build on our existing tourism product."

For more information on the new cruises, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Scenic Egypt cruise

**SCENIC** has introduced its new Egypt and Jordan 2019/2020 brochure featuring a new 14-day Egypt in Depth tour and cruise itinerary.

The trip will cruise the Nile on the boutique *Sanctuary Sun Boat III*, and includes a stay in the ancient city of Luxor, tours of the Great Pyramids of Giza, and sailings on the Red Sea.

Prices for the trip lead in at \$8,995pp, with earlybird prices on offer before 15 Dec.

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Find out what it's like to cruise Alaska with Oceania in the August issue of *travelBulletin*.

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## Beyond Volga deals

**BEYOND** Travel is celebrating the launch of its inaugural Cruise Russia brochure by offering discounts of up to \$1,000 per couple on all 2019 *Volga Dream* departures for bookings made and deposited before 31 Aug.

*Volga Dream* cruises are now available for \$4,750 per person twin share and include daily breakfast, sight-seeing tours, and cultural programs.

Facilities on board the ship include a panoramic lounge bar with live music, sundeck, wi-fi, fitness centre, sauna, massage room, and gift shop.

For further booking information call 1300 363 554.

## NCL unveils new triple treat



**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line (NCL) has shown off a range of bow-to-stern enhancements on three of its ships, *Norwegian Breakaway*, *Norwegian Sun* and *Norwegian Star*.

The refurbishments involve refreshes across accommodation, outdoor space, and dining experiences.

"This is a testament to how invested we are in our guests' experience," said NCL president and ceo Andy Stuart.

"Although we are one of the



youngest fleets in the industry, we are very committed to The Norwegian Edge program which allows us to remain consistent and relevant," he added.

Specific additions include the rock'n'roll venue Syd Norman's Pour House on *Breakaway* (**below**), a revitalised look for the Splash Academy on *Norwegian Sun* (**left**), the new Star Spice H2O bar on *Norwegian Star* (**top**), and remodelled accommodation including Penthouse suites (**inset above**) on the *Star*.



## Carnival splash sale

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line has launched a Splash & Splurge sale on select cruises departing Sydney and Melbourne between 07 Sep 2018 and 30 Dec 2019.

The special offers apply to bookings made before 06 Sep 2018 on *Carnival Legend* and *Carnival Spirit* and include a combination of discounted rates and up to \$400 on board credit per cabin.

For further information call 13 31 94 and quote promo code "RDG".

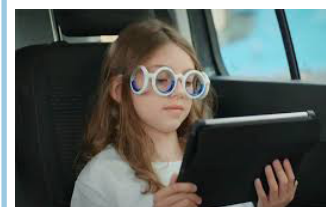


**ARE** you feeling any better, four eyes? Wait, six eyes?

Automotive manufacturer Citroen has come up with unusual looking eye wear as a means of reducing sea sickness brought on by rough seas.

Seetron glasses work by using a coloured liquid "that recreates the horizon line to resolve conflict between the senses."

Now if the company can just score the services of Alex Perry to add a few extra style points, we're all set!



## Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	16 Aug
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	20 Aug
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	18 Aug
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	18 Aug
CAIRNS	
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	17 Aug
DARWIN	
<i>Silver Discoverer</i>	18 Aug
AUCKLAND	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	15 Aug

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