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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 CLIA.

Seabourn savings

SEABOURN is offering a range of special deals on select voyages aboard its fleet of all-suite ships when bookings are made before 13 Nov.

The Set Sail Event offers deals such as a 50% reduction in deposits and a 15% saving on select Combination Cruises.

View the full offers [HERE](#).

Viking relocates

VIKING Cruises has moved to a larger purpose-built office in Surry Hills to accommodate growth in head count.

All phone numbers for the brand remain the same.

APT 2019 Croatia cruising sold out

APT has seen such strong demand for next year's inaugural season of small-ship coastal cruising in Croatia that it has just opened up 2020 departures for sale, with 2019 fully sold out.

The company has chartered the brand new *Queen Eleganza* in partnership with Noble Caledonia, with the purpose-built yacht-style small ship featuring 18 cabins and undertaking week-long voyages on itineraries between Dubrovnik and Zagreb.

Australian travel agents have been among the first to experience the newbuild, with APT hosting two back-to-back voyages for top achievers and VIPs this month.

Mladen Vukic, the company's small ships product manager, told **Cruise Weekly** APT was thrilled to see its expectations of strong demand for the product fulfilled.



Vukic said the unique APT small ship program saw the 18-cabin vessel cruise between the islands of the Adriatic each day, stopping in a different port in the evening so guests could experience destinations after the crowds from larger cruise ships had gone.

The APT all-inclusive product features meals, shore excursions and pre- and post-

accommodation, while a range of add-ons exploring Sarajevo, northern Croatia and Italy have also proven popular.

For a limited time APT is maintaining 2019 pricing for the 2020 *Queen Eleganza* season.

Vukic wouldn't be drawn on whether the demand could see a second vessel commissioned, only saying "watch this space".

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On board
Queen Eleganza

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of APT, aboard the new *MV Queen Eleganza* which will cruise the Croatian coast from next year.

APT is this week hosting a VIP preview cruise between Dubrovnik and Zagreb aboard the boutique 18-cabin *MV Queen Eleganza* - a luxury newbuild created specifically to cruise the coast of Croatia.

The itinerary forms part of the growing APT Small Ship Cruising portfolio of all-inclusive product, with a wide range of destinations on offer and ports that larger ships cannot access, along with an intimate, exclusive experience allowing access to hidden gems.

A&K 2019/20 brox

LUXURY travel operator Abercrombie & Kent has released its 2019/20 cruise collection featuring journeys around Australia, New Zealand and the polar regions.

The newest addition to the program is the 12-night expedition cruise along the Kimberley coastline aboard the A&K-chartered all-balcony vessel *Le Laperouse*.

The journey from Broome to Darwin showcases the Kimberley coastline with highlights along the way including ancient Aboriginal rock art, saltwater crocodiles, mangrove ecosystems and the Horizontal Falls.

The cruise sets sail between 20 Jun and 02 Jul 2019, with prices starting at \$16,995 per person, twin share.

To view the full brochure online, [CLICK HERE](#).

Princess' local flavour



PRINCESS Cruises has expanded its Across the Ditch Program for the 2018/19 summer cruise season by launching two overland excursions and more than 20 exclusive shore tours on New Zealand's North Island.

The new product added to the cruise line's Local Connections initiative harnesses the knowledge and skills of local New Zealand experts across every port in the country.

"It is the local chefs, beverage-makers and artisans who will bring a destination to life in their own unique way," said Princess Cruises senior vice president Asia

Pacific Stuart Allison.

"The expansion of the successful global Local Connections Program in New Zealand demonstrates... how the benefit of cruise tourism can be felt well beyond the ports our ships visit," he added.

Highlights of the new product include an overland excursion to Great Barrier Island for a stargazing experience and a forest journey near the port of Tauranga to eat traditional bush food with celebrated Maori chef Eru Tutaki.

For more info [CLICK HERE](#).

Pictured: New Zealand's Great Barrier Island, one of only four Dark Sky Sanctuaries in the world.




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Captain Cook Fiji

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises Fiji has released new 2019 and 2020 departure dates for its 11-night Lau and Kadavu Discovery Cruise on board small ship *MV Reef Endeavour*.

The new dates listed include 05 Mar 2019 and 05 Nov 2019 and 03 Mar 2020.

The cruise departs Port Denarau Marina with early booking saver fares in a porthole cabin starting from \$4,700 per adult, twin share.

Prices include accommodation, all meals, guided village, school and island tours, snorkelling and glass bottom boat excursions, daily island stopovers and water activities.

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

Agents on Quest for fun



AZAMARA Club Cruises recently hosted 18 Infinity and Flight Centre agents on a seven-night cruise from Barcelona to Rome on board the 690-passenger *Azamara Quest*.

The familar saw several calls in the Mediterranean including an evening in Monaco's Monte Carlo, an adventure through Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera coastline, and explorations of the French resort town of Cannes.

Pictured: The group sits back with a few cocktails at Seagram's New York Rooftop at Hotel 1898 in Barcelona, including: Grant Parton, Alisha Trani Hayhoe, Tricia Matthews, Natasha Dann, Jo Maslin, Alyssa Agostino, Beck Linton, Brent Hevey, David Shaw, Isabella Modra, Kerrie Fellowes, Kristie Deegenars, Kristy Carlson, Laura Vartaci, Lisa Noye, Paul Egan, Sarah Ellison, and Tamara Mackintosh.

New Fred Olsen trips

FRED Olsen Cruise Lines has launched a range of new European small ship cruise itineraries departing from Southampton in the UK on the *MS Braemar* in 2019.

The company's "closer" cruise program includes an eight-night Cruising the Fjords of Norway voyage, departing 14 Aug 2019 and priced from \$2,111 per person.

"There is nothing better than stepping off the ship and being right where you need to be – and that will be the case on almost every itinerary," said Fred Olsen's head of itinerary planning and destination experience Martin Lister.

Cruise Calendar

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

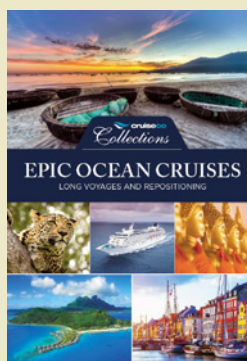
SYDNEY		
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>		30 Aug
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>		31 Aug
BRISBANE		
<i>Pacific Aria</i>		29 Aug
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>		29 Aug
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>		30 Aug
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>		01 Sep
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>		02 Sep
<i>Pacific Aria</i>		03 Sep
DARWIN		
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>		30 Aug

Cruiseco launches sixth Collections Brox

CRUISECO has this week launched the sixth edition of its Collections Brochures, with the new Epic Ocean Voyages edition containing a selection of 31 cruises across 12 cruise line brands.

Many of the listed voyages feature a longer time at sea between ports that according to Cruiseco are "often considered more relaxing by guests".

"Epic Ocean Voyages offers a range of cruises from contemporary to premium," said Cruiseco ceo Amanda McClelland.



WHALE watchers were left awash with shock and excitement following a close encounter with a humpback whale while enjoying a whale watching tour last week.

The dramatic incident was caught on camera (**pictured**) off the coast of Pleasant Island in Alaska, leaving the passengers and crew soaked – talk about photo bombing!

