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Cruise Weekly today

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

Dreamy cruises

DREAM Cruises' Explorer will sail a range of Aussie coastal cruises between Oct 2019 and Mar 2020. See **front page** for more info.

New Royal rewards

ROYAL Caribbean International has announced a major new retail consultant incentive rewarding sales across its Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises & Azamara Club Cruises brands. Points can be earned for every booking made before 31 Mar - view more info **HERE**.

Darwin embraces strong season ahead

DARWIN is gearing up to receive a total of 75 cruise ship visits this summer season, with the cruise sector injecting approximately \$87.6 million annually into the city's economy.

Highlights of the season so far have included the arrival of *Viking Orion* for the first time, docking in Darwin last Tue, and a visit from *Seabourn Encore* on the weekend which unloaded 630 passengers.

Darwin will also soon host one of the largest cruise ships to visit Australia when the 4,000-passenger *Explorer of the Seas* arrives in Apr.

Commenting on the strong season ahead, the Northern Territory Government said it was working to grow the number of cruise ships visiting Darwin in the future, with a framework to achieve this put forward in its NT Cruise Sector Activation Plan 2015-2020.



"The Territory Labor Government continues to work with Darwin City and Waterfront Retailers Association and Tourism Top End to provide a Territory welcome to visitors throughout the cruise ship season," said NT Minister for Tourism and Culture Lauren Moss.

"It's always exciting to see such

stunning ships in Darwin Harbour. It's a boost for the tourism industry," she added.

The Government said that Darwin's close proximity to Asia made it especially appealing for both larger cruise ships and small luxury vessels.

Pictured: The Darwin-bound *Explorer of the Seas*.

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Unpack the results of the latest cruise survey. Read more in the December issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Royal board change

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises has appointed Stephen R. Howe Jr. to its Board of Directors.

Howe Jr. was previously the Chairman and Managing Partner at professional services firm Ernst & Young.

Carnival unveils *Mardi Gras*



CARNIVAL Cruise Line has announced that it will name its new XL-class ship to be delivered in 2020 *Mardi Gras* - the largest Carnival ship ever constructed.

The 5,200-pax vessel's name pays homage to the company's first ship to enter service in 1972 and will also be the first in North America to be powered by LNG.

"The new *Mardi Gras* will follow the trailblazing lead of her predecessor, introducing features

and technological innovations that have never been seen before on a cruise ship while setting a new standard for seagoing vacations," said Carnival Cruise Line President Christine Duffy.

Sailings for *Mardi Gras* will be announced by Carnival in Jan and will go on sale in the same month.

A second XL ship will commence construction in 2020, with 2022 flagged as its launch date.

Pictured: *Mardi Gras* rendering.

Broome gets \$8m

THE West Australian Government has committed an additional \$8 million for the upgrade of Broome Port, which will aim to improve cruise ship access and boost local tourism in time for the 2019 cruise season in Oct.

The work to dredge the port channel of surrounding rock will allow round-the-clock access for cruise ships, which currently dock at irregular hours due to the port's navigational hazards.

"The original funding commitment has been increased to ensure the best possible outcome for shipping accessibility," said WA Transport Minister Rita Saffioti.

"Airlines from Perth to Broome are also creating real opportunities for more people to visit the Kimberley," Saffioti added.

Dredging will start mid-2019.

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Europe sailings 2.0

CRUISECO has launched its second edition Europe collection featuring 13 cruise brands.

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Another highlight is a Crystal Cruises cruise sailing through Italy, Monaco and France.

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Silversea lands in Cuba



New Texas terminal

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises is investing nearly \$100 million to build a new cruise terminal at the Port of Galveston in Texas.

The terminal, which will enable Royal Caribbean to bring its Oasis-class ships to Galveston, is expected to open in late 2021 and will be the third cruise terminal for the destination.

Located at the port's southeast section Pier 10, Royal Caribbean will initially lease the terminal land for 20 years, with an option to extend for another 10 years.

The cruise line has two ships which sail out of Galveston: *Liberty of the Seas*, the largest cruise ship to sail from Texas, and *Vision of the Seas*.

Just under one million pax will board cruise ships from Galveston in 2018.

NCL cool new pier

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has partnered with Alaska Native-owned Huna Totem Corporation to develop a second cruise pier in Icy Strait Point in Hoonah, Alaska.

The pier is scheduled to be completed for the 2020 northern summer season and will accommodate NCL's Breakaway Plus-class ships.

Oceania Cruises' *Regatta*, *Seven Seas Mariner*, *Norwegian Jewel* and *Norwegian Joy* are set to call at Icy Strait Point in 2019.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Huna Totem Corporation to construct a new pier at Icy Strait Point which will strengthen our presence in the wildly popular Alaska market," said NCL's Executive VP of revenue and destination development Howard Sherman.

SILVERSEA has revealed 34 shore excursions for its new 16-voyage Cuba collection for 2019 and 2020.

Silver Wind will inaugurate the new collection when she sets sail on a seven-day voyage on 14 Feb 2019 from San Juan to Fort Lauderdale, calling at Havana, Santiago de Cuba and the Bahamian island of Bimini.

A further four voyages in 2019, including a 14-night sailing aboard *Silver Whisper*, will precede 11 voyages in 2020.

The onshore experiences in Havana, Santiago de Cuba and Cienfuegos will showcase World Heritage-listed sites, musical performances along with local art

galleries and the local way of life.

Highlights include, "Hemingway's Havana" featuring a visit to Hemingway's former home, Finca Vigia; the Hemingway Monument in Cojimar, the fishing village that inspired the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*; and several of the writer's hangouts in Old Havana.

Additionally, the "Birthplace of the Revolution" tells the colonial and wartime history of Cuba, with travellers visiting Cespedes Park; the Moncada Barracks; and the Santa Ifigenia Cemetery; along with the "Natural Beauty of El Nicho" hike through the trails of El Nicho and San Juan Peak.

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Viking ups South America



VIKING Cruises has released four additional ocean cruises exploring South America.

The new collection includes a 27-day sailing from Santiago to Los Angeles, stopping in at Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica and Mexico.

The Journey Along the Pacific Coast cruise is priced from

\$9,295 per person.

“Some of Viking’s most popular cruises are those that visit South America, so we are excited to be able to add to that list and offer our valued guests even more opportunities to discover this region,” said Viking Cruises Operations and Product Manager Lubica Sibikova.

FACE-2-FACE: Jess Jones



District Sales Manager New South Wales and ACT, Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, and Azamara Club Cruises.

1. What is the favourite part of your job?

That’s easy - being able to share my passion for our three brands on a daily basis with our wonderful travel partners.

2. Why did you choose a career in the cruise industry?

After finishing up with school I knew I wanted to be in travel so I applied for a receptionist role at an online cruise travel agency who, much to my surprise, offered me a job as a Junior Travel Consultant. I fell in love with cruising the first time I set foot on a vessel during a ship inspection and continued my career in the cruise industry from that day forward.

3. Advice for up-and-comers?

Become an expert (or geek) on what you are passionate about and use as many of the resources on offer to assist you

along the way.

4. What was your best fam trip?

A seven-night Asia voyage on *Azamara Quest*. We had overnight stays in Ho Chi Minh and Ha Long Bay, which meant we could explore further and see both cities by night – which was incredible! We were also treated to an “Azamazing Evening” at Binh Quoi Village.

5. The celebrity you would most like to cruise with?

At the moment Jane McDonald - I just love her cruising show on SBS I think she would be hilarious to actually cruise with.

6. When not at work, how do you spend your time?

Most people know I’m a crazy Eels fan so in winter it’s attending the footy and in summer mostly concerts.

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	10 Dec
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	10 Dec
<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	10 Dec
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	11 Dec
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	12 Dec
<i>AIDAaura</i>	12 Dec
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	13 Dec
<i>Regatta</i>	13 Dec
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	14 Dec
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	14 Dec
<i>Seven Seas Mariner</i>	15 Dec
<i>Viking Orion</i>	16 Dec
<i>Sun Princess</i>	16 Dec

MELBOURNE	
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	10 Dec
<i>Seven Seas Mariner</i>	10 Dec
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	11 Dec
<i>AIDAaura</i>	16 Dec

BRISBANE	
<i>Regatta</i>	11 Dec
<i>Viking Orion</i>	13 Dec
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	14 Dec
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	15 Dec
<i>Sea Princess</i>	16 Dec

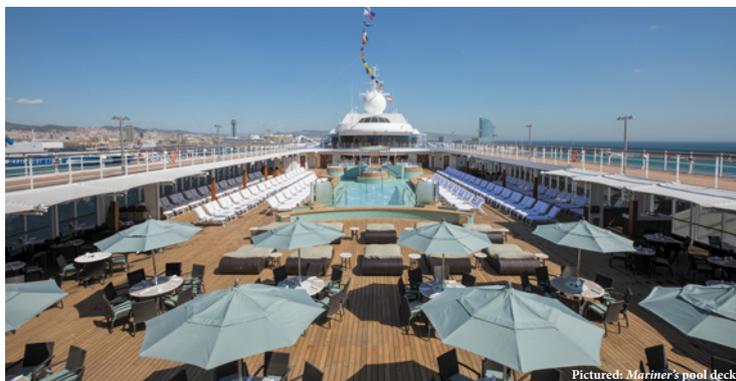
CAIRNS	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	10 Dec
<i>Sea Princess</i>	12 Dec
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	13 Dec

FREMANTLE	
<i>Astor</i>	10 Dec

HOBART	
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	11 Dec
<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	14 Dec
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	15 Dec

AUCKLAND	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	13 Dec
<i>Golden Princess</i>	13 Dec

Renewed *Mariner* returns



Pictured: *Mariner's* pool deck.

FRESH from her bow-to-stern refurbishment earlier this year, *Seven Seas Mariner* commenced her 2018-19 season in local waters this month.

The all-suite, all-balcony vessel kicked off her South Pacific itineraries by visiting Auckland, with a series of cruises from Sydney to Asia to begin 15 Dec.

"2018 has been an exciting year for Regent Seven Seas Cruises, with the completion of our US\$125 million-dollar refurbishment program ushering

in a new era of opulence for luxury cruising," said the cruise line's Senior VP and Managing Director Asia Pacific Steve Odell.

"We are excited to have both *Seven Seas Mariner* and *Seven Seas Navigator* in our region this 18/19 season for some 75 days," he added.

Highlights from *Mariner's* Aussie itinerary include a 20-night Sydney to Singapore sailing, visiting Cairns, Townsville, PNG, Komodo, Broome, Bali, and Java along the way.

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SeaDream 2020

SEADREAM Yacht Club has released its new program for the 2020 season in the Caribbean and Mediterranean aboard *SeaDream I* and *SeaDream II*.

Guests can experience cruising through the French and Italian Riviera, the Greek Isles, Spanish Mediterranean coast, Kusadasi in Turkey, along with new additions such as Ikaria in Greece, Vis in Croatia, Santa Maria di Leuca in Italy and Koper in Slovenia.

A new port of call for SeaDream in the Caribbean during the summer season will be Basseterre, St Kitts.

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A WOMAN famed for marrying the ghost of a 300-year-old sea pirate has revealed she has split up from her phantom husband, warning others not to follow in her strange footsteps.

Amanda Sparrow tied the knot earlier this year with Jack Sparrow by a shaman priest, however she posted on Twitter last week that the union is over.

"Be VERY careful when dabbling in spirituality, it's not something to mess with," Sparrow tweeted.



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