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Coral Expeditions beefs up Tassie

CORAL Expeditions has announced the launch of a new annual 14-night expedition cruise circumnavigating Tasmania.

Departing Hobart for the first time on 01 Jan 2020 aboard the *Coral Discoverer*, the cruise will focus on the themes of wildlife, maritime and convict history, local characters, communities and Tasmanian cuisine.

"Circumnavigations hold a special place in our heart at Coral Expeditions as they allow us to explore an entire island at a leisurely pace much like the explorers of old," said Jeff Gillies, Commercial Director of Coral Expeditions.

"We make full use of our shallow-draught ships to take guests to rarely seen places during these extended trips," he added.

Highlights of the itinerary include visits to Bass Strait Islands such as King Island, hikes through the Strezlecki National



Park on Flinders Island, trips to historic maritime sites featuring shipwrecks of the Tasmanian coast, and a winemakers dinner at the Josef Chromy Wines vineyard in the Tamar Valley.

Seven-night sailings are also available with departures starting on 27 Jan 2020, running back-to-back until mid-Mar.

Coral Expeditions has geared the trip toward the "active and adventurous traveller", with prices for the circumnavigation voyages starting at \$10,990pp

and includes shore excursions, meals and beverages.

For more info call 1800 079 545.

Evergreen seminars

EVERGREEN Cruises & Tours is inviting agents to info sessions on its 2020 travel program hosted in cities such as Cairns on 13 Mar; Melbourne on 19 Mar and Brisbane on 21 Mar.

Events will also be held in Tweed Heads on 28 Mar and Adelaide on 09 Apr, with sessions providing info on European river cruises in France & Portugal, along with Vietnam and Cambodia river cruising and sailings taking place in Canada and Alaska.

Attendees will also receive an exclusive discount on their next Evergreen booking.

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U choose a theme

U BY Uniworld (U) has announced two new themed cruises departing this year on board *The A*, with the two cruises called Tattoo on U and U in Drag to be operated as modified versions of the eight-day Germany's Finest itinerary. U in Drag departs 06 Jul 2019 and will be hosted by three drag queens from *RuPaul's Drag Race*, while the Tattoo on U sailing sees passengers travel with a number of celebrity tattoo artists.

They will have the opportunity to be inked by the famous faces and participate in tattoo parlour crawls.

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NCLH champions women



Viking Euro savings

VIKING Cruises is currently offering reduced Standard (E) and Standard (F) stateroom fares on select European river sailings.

Save up to \$8,000 per couple when bookings are made by 31 Mar, with applicable cruises including Viking's eight-day Rhine Getaway from Amsterdam to Basel sailing, an eight-day Romantic Danube from Budapest to Nuremberg.

For more info call 138 747.

Silversea's new TV

SILVERSEA Cruises has updated its in-suite television programming across its fleet, as part of its Invictus Project.

The new program now features the National Geographic and Sport 24 channels, alongside BBC World News, Fox News, and up to 100 of the latest movies.

As part of the new additions, guests will be able to watch live football and basketball matches, along with other "significant broadcasts".

MEANWHILE Silversea has introduced a new culinary program, S.A.L.T., an acronym of 'Sea and Land Taste'.

S.A.L.T. will be tailored according to the sailed region & feature market trips, winery visits, and dining experiences.

S.A.L.T. will be introduced along with the launch of *Silver Moon* in Aug 2020.

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) is today celebrating the accomplishments of its female staff members, clients and partners as part of the International Women's Day festivities being staged at its regional headquarters in Sydney.

"The NCLH team are today proudly ablaze with purple - and sharing purple cupcakes - to celebrate all the amazing women in our organisation and industry," said NCLH Senior Vice President and Managing Director Asia Pacific Steve Odell.

"[We are showing] our support for International Women's Day's 2019 #BalanceForBetter

campaign, the aim of which is to forge the way for a more gender-balanced workplace and world," he added.

The cruise line continues to work on initiatives, programs and opportunities geared towards attracting and developing female talent, with women currently making up 75% of NCLH's staff.

Pictured: Ben Angell, Vice President Marketing Asia Pacific at Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings and Deborah Newmark, Director of Operations and Contact Centres Asia Pacific at Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings with valued female members of the cruise line's team.

A windy Escape

NORWEGIAN *Escape* encountered an "unexpected strong wind" over the weekend in Florida, causing the ship to suddenly tilt to the left resulting in multiple injuries to passengers.

The Norwegian Cruise Line ship suffered no major damage during the incident.



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Lagasse on *Mardi Gras*

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has announced a partnership with renowned chef and restaurateur Emeril Lagasse to create his first ever restaurant aboard Carnival's newest ship *Mardi Gras* which sets sail in summer 2020.

Located in the vessel's French Quarter zone, Emeril's Bistro 1396 will serve up a range of fresh dishes such as oyster and cochon de lait po-boys, muffaletta sandwiches, barbecue shrimp, seafood ceviche, roasted duck, Creole potato salad with diced scallions, and sausage gumbo. "I've developed restaurants all



over the country, but to create my first restaurant at sea – on a ship named *Mardi Gras* with its own French Quarter no less – was an opportunity I simply could not pass up," Lagasse said.

Making splendid history



MARKING International Women's Day in style, Regent Seven Seas Cruises has announced that Captain Serena Melani (**pictured**) will helm the cruise line's newest ship, *Seven Seas Splendor*, making history as the first woman to skipper a new cruise ship at launch.

Melani, 45, has notched up nearly 30 years in the industry, beginning her nautical career at the age of 16 as a cadet while attending school and working on cargo ships in her hometown of Livorno, Italy.

"Captain Melani has distinguished herself as a trailblazer in the maritime and cruise industries," said Regent Seven Seas President and Chief Executive Officer Jason Montague.

"We are proud to appoint Captain Melani as the industry's first female captain to deliver a new cruise ship and look forward to her many future successes leading *Seven Seas Splendor* in the years ahead," he added.

Melani was also Regent's first female Master Captain in 2016.



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Scenic river deals

SCENIC has launched a preview of its 2020 Europe River Cruise program, offering a range of limited time pre-release offers until 30 Apr.

The specials include flights to Europe when booking any suite on a cruise of 11 days or longer, along with a chance to upgrade to Business class from \$3,995pp inc taxes when booking a Sapphire or Diamond Deck suite on cruises of 11 days or more.

OOE speaker line-up



ONE Ocean Expeditions (OOE) has announced a new line-up of special guests for its upcoming 2019 Arctic season.

Some of the speakers selected to accompany its cruises include artist and filmmaker Cory Trepanier, historian Dr. Joost Schokkenbroek, photographer David McEown (**pictured**), and champion curler Jill Officer.

The latest array of onboard experts is part of OOE's push to enhance the cruise experience for guests by having prominent

scientists, researchers, artists and athletes travel alongside them.

For more info on OOE's Canadian Arctic voyages, **CLICK HERE**, & more on Norwegian Arctic voyages, **VISIT HERE**.

Wyndham rebrands

GOLD Coast cruise operator Wyndham Cruises has announced a rebrand to Sea World Cruises as part of a push to link more closely with the popular theme park.

"We are excited to operate under the Sea World brand... it's such an iconic name in the tourism market and we look forward to integrating our cruises with the Sea World product," said Sea World Cruises General Manager Anthony Ardern.

The cruise company also revealed it has launched a new ferry service transporting passengers from Surfers Paradise to Sea World.

"The ferry service will officially commence on Mon from Appel Park in Surfers Paradise," Ardern said.

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AND there you were thinking you loved cruising the most.

Wrong - it turns out that honour goes to Ilene Weiner and her husband Howard, who have clocked up 282 cruises and 2,500 days at sea.

First setting their feet on board a Princess Cruise more than 30 years ago, this week the cruise line honoured the couple during their 28-day Hawaii, Tahiti and South Pacific sailing that ended in their favourite destination, Australia.

Next on the bucket list for the cruise-obsessed duo? "Africa," Ilene Weiner enthused.



UnCruise savings

UNCRUISE Adventures has launched offers of up to \$1,200 in savings per week on select Alaska small ship adventure cruises for this year.

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