

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

One Ocean is hot

ONE Ocean Expeditions has announced a major expansion of its cruise offerings to warmer climates, detailing new itineraries in South and Central America, Scotland, Ireland & Canada's East Coast.

The company said its newest vessel, *RCGS Resolute*, was "ideally suited to explore warmer waters due to its outdoor deck space and many exceptional panoramic viewing areas," while the ship's small size also allowed it to optimise coastal routes and allow guests to zodiac, kayak and stand-up paddle to shore - see oneoceanexpeditions.com.

White Bay shore power commitment

THE cruise industry will be expected to fund a new \$36 million shore power connection at Sydney's White Bay Cruise Terminal, under a plan unveiled by local Federal MP and Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Anthony Albanese.

The issue of emissions from the cruise ships has emerged as an issue in the upcoming NSW and Federal elections, with Albanese confirming the cost would initially be shared 50/50 by the state and commonwealth governments, but would then "be recovered from cruise ship operators over time".

The White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal opened in 2013, and since then local residents had "expressed reasonable concerns about fumes, odours and noise caused by vessels running their engines to generate power," Albanese said.

New federal regulations



requiring the use of low-sulphur fuel, introduced in 2016, "have not eliminated the problem for the 4,000 residents who live in the vicinity," he added.

Albanese said the ALP would "eliminate this nuisance once and for all by allowing vessels to connect to the Sydney power grid," with the Labor plan coming in the face of a Port Authority

study recommending against the installation of shore power at White Bay because it was "not an effective means of mitigating air emissions from cruise ships".

A spokesperson for NSW Maritime Minister Melinda Pavey also highlighted imposts on the cruise industry, with estimates it will cost a further \$27 million to modify ships to use the system.

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Cruising's Force for Good



INTERNATIONAL Women's Day celebrations last Fri saw a number of Australia's senior cruise industry females on stage at the "Force for Good" event in Sydney organised by Helene Taylor of Jito Connected.

The day-long event aimed to inspire a ripple effect by sharing stories, advice and tips for success, with key cruise-related sponsors including Celebrity

Cruises, APT Travel Group, Globus and The Travel Corporation.

Panellists and presenters during the day included Royal Caribbean VP and MD, Susan Bonner, Globus Family of Brands MD Gai Tyrrell, Scenic Group GM Anthony Laver, APT's Susan Haberle and Phil Hoffmann Travel founder Phil Hoffmann, along with a host of other travel brands - see today's *Travel Daily* for more.

Pandaw goes solo

PANDAW has added new no single supplement dates for its Upper Ganges cruises.

The product joins solo Pandaw sailings in the Irrawaddy, the Chindwin and the Mekong - more info [HERE](#).

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Princess to rescue

PRINCESS Cruises' *Regal Princess* has come to the assistance of two people whose private aircraft crashed into the Caribbean last week.

The plane went down southeast of Grand Turk in the Caribbean Sea, with the vessel responding to a request from the US Coast Guard.

After picking up the unfortunate couple they were dropped off at the next port of call, St Thomas, as part of *Regal Princess's* regularly scheduled week-long itinerary.

Dream enriches

GENTING Cruise Lines has launched a new "Cruise Voluntourism" campaign, which will initially debut on *Genting Dream* but also roll out across the Dream Cruises and Star Cruises fleet in Asia.

The program gives guests the opportunity to "further enrich their vacation with meaningful and memorable complimentary shore experiences during their cruise," with options including environmental, cultural and community support activities.

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Cairns backs the cruise sector

CAIRNS Mayor Bob Manning has warned the city must not take the cruise sector for granted in light of the boom in cruise visits in the last decade.

Dredging work being undertaken at the moment will mean Cairns will be able to cater for even larger vessels after the port is deepened and widened later this year.

"We've got our share of cruise ships, but we've got to make sure it's a welcoming city to attract cruise ships," Manning said.

It is estimated that 800 new jobs will be created during construction, with more than \$850 million in economic benefits for the region expected to be generated by the port.

Target source markets include China & Nth America.

Seabourn wellness

SEABOURN has announced two new wellness cruises following the success of the concept last year.

The itineraries for the sailings include health lectures, discussions, classes, and demonstrations led by physician and author Dr. Andrew Weil.

"Wellness is a growing phenomenon - and rightly so - as people around the world seek to live better, healthier, and more mindfully," said Seabourn President Richard Meadows.

The Ancient Path to Wellness sailing departs 13 Nov 2019 and visits a range of destination including Athens and Dubai, offering "Mindful Living" shore excursions.

The Wellness in the South Pacific cruise departs 21 Feb 2020 & visits select NZ islands.

P&O salutes its women



P&O Cruises' senior female officers gathered on board *Pacific Aria* last Fri to celebrate International Women's Day.

The cruise line's parent company Carnival Australia said it was "proud of the women who work ship and shore across the organisation and the cruise lines it represents".

In addition to Carnival Australia Chairman Ann Sherry, half of

the brand's leadership team are women, covering many important senior positions such as chief financial officer, general counsel, people & performance, and corporate affairs.

Pictured marking the day was Food & Beverage Director Eve De Nies; Hotel Director Louisa-Jane Brown; Security Officer Jane Boon; and Cruise Director Kristy Elise Fraser.

Bain joins South Sea Cruises

CHRIS Bain (pictured) has joined the South Sea Cruises team in Australia as Business Development Executive, joining SSC from his most recent role as Brisbane-based sales manager for the Haka Tourism Group.

He was also previously BDM for Coconuts Travel Marketing in Australia and NZ.




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Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	11 Mar
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	12 Mar
<i>Sea Princess</i>	12 Mar
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	13 Mar
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	14 Mar
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	15 Mar
<i>Viking Sun</i>	15 Mar
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	17 Mar
MELBOURNE	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	12 Mar
<i>Sea Princess</i>	14 Mar
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	12 Mar
<i>Costa Luminosa</i>	12 Mar
<i>Viking Orion</i>	13 Mar
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	15 Mar
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	16 Mar
CAIRNS	
<i>Viking Orion</i>	17 Mar
DARWIN	
<i>Sun Princess</i>	12 Mar
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	12 Mar
<i>Insignia</i>	13 Mar
<i>Amsterdam</i>	14 Mar
ADELAIDE	
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	12 Mar
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	16 Mar
HOBART	
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	11 Mar
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	14 Mar
<i>Sea Princess</i>	16 Mar
AUCKLAND	
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	11 Mar
<i>MSC Magnifica</i>	13 Mar
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	16 Mar
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	17 Mar

FACE-2-FACE: Belinda Osmic

Business Development Manager, Azamara Club Cruises Australia and New Zealand.



1. What is the favourite part of your job?

Every day is different, and getting to meet new people and travel to new destinations.

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

I saw it as a great way to see the world. I started in entertainment on board our ships before making the move into the business development side. It is very fulfilling to work with people when they are creating holidays of a lifetime!

3. What is the key to your success?

Confidence is key! At times in my career I have taken huge leaps into new avenues, and being eager and willing to learn helped to make these leaps successful.

4. Biggest challenge facing the industry?

The challenge to the local cruise industry is infrastructure, however worldwide it's the misconception that all cruise lines are alike. We have so much choice now with different brands, so our job is matching the clients to the cruise line best suited for them.

5. Advice for up-and-comers?

The more you experience, the easier it is to sell. Take every opportunity you can to travel,

and every inspection offered - the time spent learning will help you more than the time you gave up an experience because you were too busy!

6. What was your best fam trip?

I'm lucky looking after the Azamara Club Cruises brand here in Australia and New Zealand, as I get to sail a number of times each year. It's hard to pick just one, but this year's trip to Europe and our time in Monte Carlo and Ibiza for the overnights is high on the list.

7. Where do you see yourself in five years?

The same place I have for the last 10! Working in the cruise industry.

8. How do you wind down after a busy week?

Rose wine always helps.

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

JLo...and now that she is in a power couple with A-Rod, their extended family!

10. What should the cruise ship of the future look like?

Luxury, with a touch of adventure.

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

Travelling!

G Adventure deal

G ADVENTURES is offering a significant discount on upcoming departures of its Burgundy River Cruise Adventure trip.

Starting and ending in Dijon, the 8 day small group journey will have a maximum of 22 guests, with the 06 Apr and 13 Apr 2019 trips available for \$2,099pp, a 40% discount.

See gadventures.com.au.



A HAPLESS couple have gone viral after being caught on camera furiously chasing after their cruise ship after it sailed away without them.

The Royal Caribbean cruise ship was pulling out of a port in the Bahamas when the honeymooning couple attempted to wave it down after rocking up 45 mins late.

Maria Gonzalez Roesch and Alessandro Di Palma weren't lucky enough to receive a nifty three point turn from the 228,081 gross tonne ship - much to the couple's chagrin.

Stranded in a tropical paradise on your honeymoon, however did they cope?

