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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, a front cover wrap from **NCL** and a full page from **Tauck**.

NCL's Legends

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is today reminding agents to enter its NCL Legends incentive, with the chance to win a seven-day Hawaiian cruise on board *Pride of America* - see the **cover page**.

Cruise360 update

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia has confirmed it will welcome President and CEO of Uniworld, Ellen Bettridge, to its lineup of key speakers at this year's Cruise360 event. Tix can be purchased **HERE**.

Avalon: "time to take back our share"

AVALON Waterways MD Pam Hoffee says she's determined to regain the company's leadership position in river cruising, after several years in which new entrants have grown significantly.

Speaking exclusively to **CW** in Sydney this week, Hoffee (pictured with Globus Family of Brands MD Gai Tyrrell and Director of Marketing Chris Fundell) said there are big opportunities for Avalon, with its unique Panorama Suites, reinvented "Avalon Choice" excursions, flexible dining and on-board Adventure Hosts to assist with activity options.

There are no plans to change the highly successful river-facing Panorama Suites, which feature across the European fleet including the recently launched *Avalon Envision* and next year's addition, *Avalon View*.

Avalon's research found 95%



of respondents prefer the company's suites to other cruise line cabins, and would rebook the brand again for the Panorama Suite option.

Recently released 2020 itineraries also feature a range of "active and discovery cruises" targeting a younger demographic, along with expanded shorter itineraries for clients wanting to get a taste of river cruising.

Hoffee also confirmed the success of recent changes to the Avalon "Journeys Club" loyalty scheme, which has morphed into Welcome Back Credits.

Agents have reportedly welcomed the change, which sees guests able to earn credits towards future travel based on their spend, making it a "really good way to drive repeat bookings".

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Cruise with Tauck

RIVER cruise operator Tauck is today promoting its range of cruise options, including voyages along the European rivers of the Rhine, Danube, Rhone, Seine and Douro.

For info, see **page four**.

Coral's newest adventure



CORAL Expeditions' newest ship *Coral Adventurer* homeporting in Darwin is anticipated to carry 2,000 passengers over the 2019-20 season, cruising throughout the Kimberley, Arnhem Land and East Indonesia.

Jeff Gilles, Commercial Director for Coral Expeditions hosted a group of VIP guests at the ship's welcoming ceremony last Sun in Darwin, sharing the intentions of the cruise line in the years ahead and declaring that the US\$50m vessel will be joined by a sister ship in 2021 named *Coral Geographer*.

The new ship will feature six suites with additional soundproofing in the main dining room area to improve acoustics, Gilles said.

Ahead of the new addition, he spoke of the 2020 circumnavigation of Australia that *Coral Adventurer* will undertake, which coincides with the cruise

line's 35th anniversary.

The circumnavigation will depart Darwin on 06 Nov on a 59-night voyage with 35 stops along the way.

Coral Adventurer features 58 staterooms and two suites and can accommodate 120 passengers.

Jeff Gilles is **pictured** with Eva Podsiadlowski, Marketing Executive, Coral Expeditions.

Infinity & beyond

ALBATROS Expeditions has confirmed it will add a second Infinity-class ship to its fleet, with the arrival of the new *Ocean Albatros* in 2022.

She will join sister ship, *Ocean Victory*, which is due to arrive in Dec 2020, and will take passengers on a range of itineraries around Antarctica and the Arctic.

Ocean Albatros will offer guests a choice of 93 cabins, each with either a private observation deck or French balcony, and will be built with a series of options such as safe return to port, dynamic positioning and zero speed stabilisers.

Both *Ocean Victory* and *Ocean Albatros* will also feature the X-Bow concept by Ulstein Design & Solutions.

For more information on the cruise line, **CLICK HERE**.

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Find out all that's new on board Uniworld's S.S. *Bon Voyage* in the May issue of *travelBulletin*.

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travelBulletin



Aussie pax killed

FIVE people have been killed, including one Australian, and 10 others injured after two seaplanes collided in mid-air over south-east Alaska.

The passengers, who were returning from a Misty Fjords shore excursion with Princess Cruises' *Royal Princess* ship, were killed when a de Havilland Otter DHC-2 Beaver collided with a de Havilland Otter DHC-3 approximately 12km from the town of Ketchikan.

The seven-day Voyage of the *Glaciers* cruise departed 11 May and is due to arrive on schedule in Anchorage on Sat 18 May, Princess Cruises confirmed in a statement.

Silver Shadow's Invictus update



SILVERSEA Cruises has announced its 388-passenger *Silver Shadow* vessel will undergo an extensive refurbishment in Nov, as part of the cruise line's ongoing Project Invictus renovation program.

New additions for the ship include the creation of an updated atrium area on deck five, along with major enhancements to all suites, corridors and public spaces, plus a remodelling of the ship's La Dame restaurant, Connoisseur's Corner, casino, and the popular Zagara Beauty Spa & Fitness Centre.

"We are committed to maintaining the impeccable standards of the Silversea experience, and this major refurbishment of *Silver Shadow* represents a significant investment for the benefit of our guests," said Roberto Martinoli, Silversea's CEO.

"Whether relaxing in the new atrium or sipping a Cognac in the expanded Connoisseur's Corner, our guests will notice not only a revitalised look but also greater choices and flexibility as a result of this project's enhancements."

Pictured: Silver Shadow.

Cruising "cheaper than backpacking": TID

TRAVEL insurance company Travel Insurance Direct (TID) has released results of a study into the gap year plans and destinations of Australians in the 18-24 demographic, suggesting that backpackers could benefit by spending their money on a cruise.

The report, which compared a series of destinations with their cruising route equivalent, noted that backpackers "could save up to 37% by going on a cruise".

The report showed travellers could save approx \$685 on a eight-night roundtrip to Fiji by opting for a cruise rather than a backpacking holiday, and as much as \$439 for a 14-night trip to south east Asia, starting in Singapore and including Bali - more **HERE**.



A YOUNG Scottish girl's message in a bottle has been found one and a half years later by a fisherman about 500km from where it had originally been launched.

Vicky Gibbons said her then-eight-year-old daughter Eve chose Aberdeen Beach as the location to toss her message in a bottle into the ocean in Nov 2017, with an email received last week from a fisherman named Sven solving the mystery of the bottle's present-day whereabouts.

The floating message washed up on a beach of the Norwegian island Feoy in the North Sea.



AUSTRALIAN CRUISE ASSOCIATION
ACA UPDATE
with Jill Abel - CEO

ACA Goes Global

ACA'S network has expanded again with the recent signing of an MOU with the Global Port Network.

This comes on the back of previous similar agreements with New Zealand Cruise Association and CLIA Australasia all of which help us to expand our knowledge and identify collaboration opportunities.

The Global Port Network first met two years ago and is made up of port and destination associations such as Cruise Baltic, Cruise Britain, Cruise Europe, Cruise Norway and MedCruise.

Its mission is to work collectively and collaboratively to share information and experiences which will help regions like ours to deliver best practice and mutually successful outcomes.

ACA Chairman, Grant Gilfillan, and I attended the last meeting in Florida during Seatrade where discussions centred around critical industry issues such as the environment and sustainability, infrastructure investments and economic benefit.

The issue of visitor dispersal was also raised with all groups sharing their experiences and raising potential solutions for future consideration.

As Australia is growing in recognition as an important destination on international itineraries, it is beholden upon us to consider our role in the global arena and to not only learn from other best practices but also to share our knowledge so we can make sure that we can work together as an industry to make a positive difference for future travellers.

More info on the ACA **HERE**.

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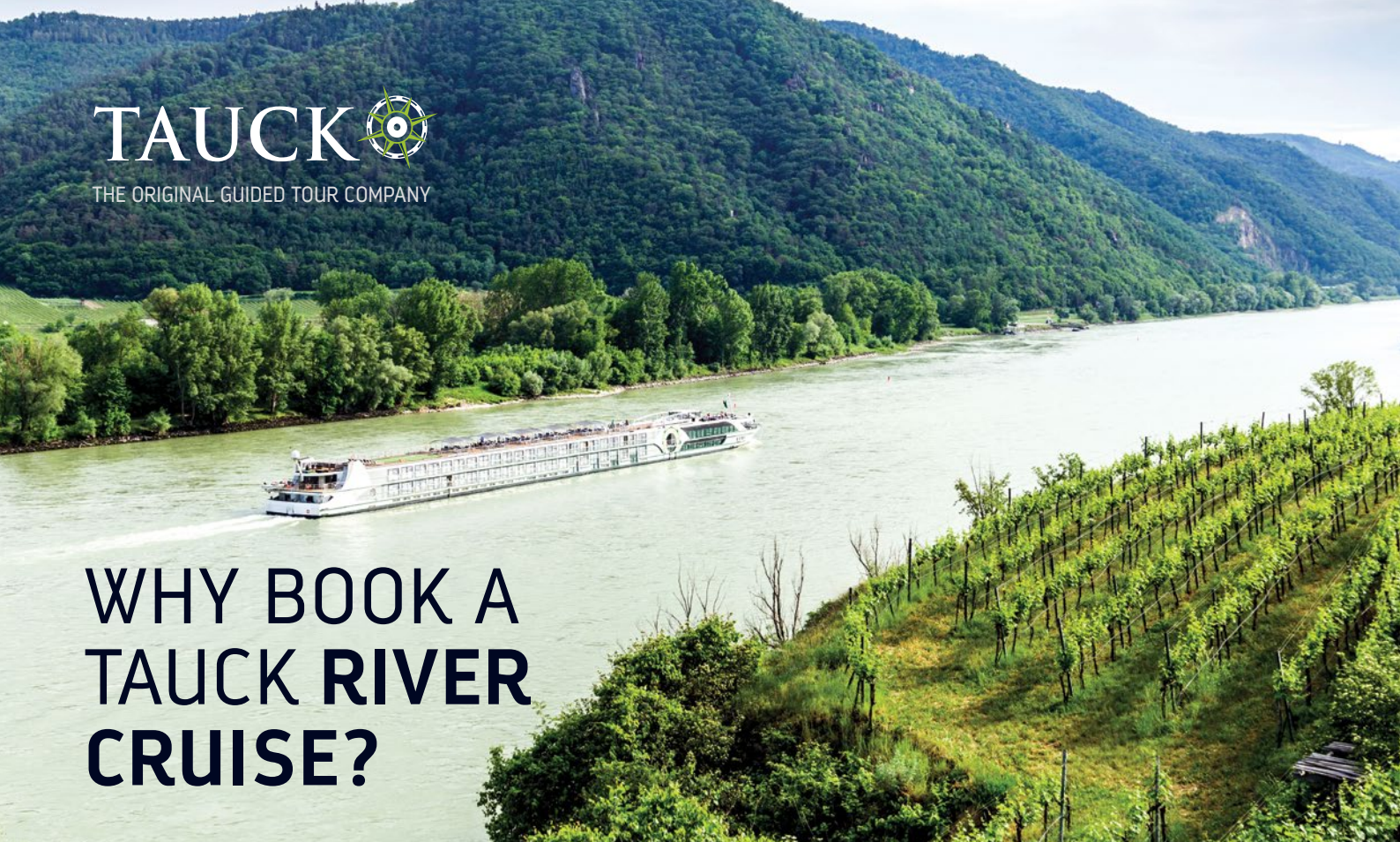
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