

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page from Tauck.

Virgin to Cruise360

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia has announced President and CEO of Virgin Voyages, Tom McAlpin, will join the lineup of speakers at this year's Cruise360 conference on 30 Aug (CW breaking news).

Tickets are available to purchase [HERE](#).

Cruise with Tauck

TAUCK small ship cruising is today promoting its Venice & the Dalmation Coast, Mayan Culture & Natural Wonders, and London, Bordeaux & Iberian Charms trips - see [p3](#).

Asia achieves cruise record: CLIA

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has released its Asia Ocean Source Markets report for 2018, announcing that the region "hit another record high" for the number of passengers taking an ocean cruise.

The report, which offers an in-depth look at the growth, demographics and trends of the top source markets in Asia, outlined that 4.24 million passengers took a cruise in 2018, an increase of 4.6% compared with 2017.

As the third largest cruise region after North America and Europe, Asia's strong growth highlights its potential for the global cruise industry.

"With nine out of 10 Asian travellers choosing to cruise in Asia, it is clear that cruising will keep growing in popularity as more capacity will be deployed to Asia in the next few years," said



Joel Katz, Managing Director for CLIA Australasia & Asia.

"Asian cruise passengers are found across the age spectrum, suggesting different consumer segments interested in a cruise holiday and providing numerous possibilities for industry partners to develop the cruise penetration rate in this region," he added.

Looking ahead, the report suggests that cruising in Asia is

expected to continue growing in popularity, thanks in part to the arrival of new ships in 2019/20, including Royal Caribbean International and MSC Cruises.

The building of new infrastructure in Asia is also set to play a major part in the region's ongoing growth.

Download the full report [HERE](#).

Pictured: A Genting Cruise Lines ship sailing into Hainan, China.

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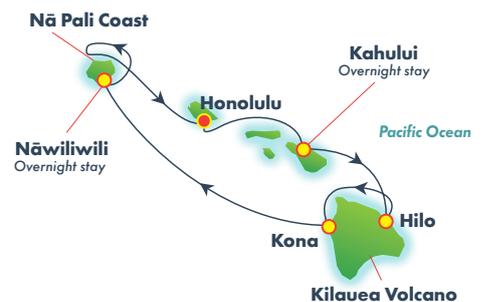
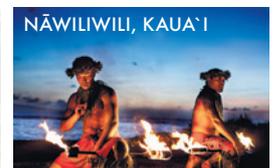
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OOE cancels polar

THE Russian Government has abruptly withdrawn two ships run by expedition cruise line, One Ocean Expeditions (OOE).

According to the *Vancouver Sun*, the cruise line plans on pursuing legal action with its contractors after it was forced to cancel a number of trips.

Adventure Canada is offering pax affected by the cancellations transfers to its expeditions at no extra cost for the same cabin category and region - call 1800 363 7566.

Seabourn's new Venture



LUXURY cruise line, Seabourn, has opened sales on the first itineraries for its new ultra-luxury, purpose-built expedition ship, *Venture*.

Commencing Jul 2021, *Venture* will initially offer 25 different voyages, ranging from seven to 22 days, with the possibility to combine voyages to create journeys up to 30 days in length.

Offering all ocean front veranda suites, it is scheduled to visit more than 150 destinations.

The ship's initial voyage will take passengers to the Arctic and

Northern Europe, before heading south later in the year to explore the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Venture will see out its inaugural year in Antarctica, before commencing 2022 on a series of seven-to-12 day voyages along the Amazon River.

Seabourn has announced plans to launch a sister ship to *Venture* in mid-2022, with the design of the vessel set to combine ultra-luxury with expedition travel, and personalised service.

Pictured: *Seabourn Venture*.

Regent Seven Seas grows plant menu

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has announced it will debut an extensive array of plant-based dishes across its fleet, starting from 01 Oct 2019.

More than 200 gourmet plant-based selections will be offered across all meals, including dessert.

The range of new dishes includes chickpea pancake with spinach, cherry tomatoes, mushrooms and harissa sauce, roasted almond and vegetable soup, wild mushroom tart with brittle pie crust, mushroom duxelles, red pepper coulis, along with lime-vodka sorbet for dessert.

CLIA UPDATE



with Joel Katz
MD, CLIA Australasia

Brisbane weighs anchor

THE Port of Brisbane has started work on its new international cruise terminal, providing a welcome boost to Australia's cruise infrastructure when it opens next year.

After a sod-turning ceremony last month, contractors have now started installing piles to support the wharf as well as groundworks for the new terminal building.

This will help make Queensland an important cruise gateway for Australia, allowing more ships to homeport in Brisbane and a greater choice of itinerary options for Australian cruisers. It also reinforces the importance of infrastructure investment, without which our industry's growth will be severely restricted.

With elections now out of the way in NSW and Canberra, we hope to see more progress on plans to develop a third cruise terminal in Sydney. This continues to be our industry's most critical infrastructure need, and without it we will face difficulty in maintaining growth. We've been encouraged by the support the Australian Government has shown for cruising, as well as by the work being done by the NSW Government to develop a business case for new cruise facilities.

We hope the advances being made in Brisbane will soon be replicated in Sydney.

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WOULD the *Titanic* have avoided disaster if its skipper didn't try to dodge the giant iceberg which ultimately sealed its fate?

Well, that's the claim put forward by former cruise ship officer Jay Herrin in his book *The Truth About Cruise Ships*.

"The *Titanic* would have likely survived the iceberg if it had smashed into it head on," Herrin asserts.

He also claims that the biggest hazard that cruise captains fear are rogue waves crashing into the side of the vessel.

"The side of the ship is the weakest spot in any ship," he writes.

"When it comes to sailing, the danger of any wave depends not only on its size, but where it strikes the boat".

Maybe save the book for land.

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