



Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

Good dream!

ALL guests and crew members aboard *SeaDream I* have tested negative for coronavirus after a guest on a previous sailing tested positive (*CW* yesterday).

All guests were confined to their staterooms ahead of coronavirus tests, with none exhibiting any symptoms of coronavirus, with all having since tested negative, as has the crew.

SeaDream's Andreas Brynstad thanked Norway's National Institute of Public Health and the Norwegian Directorate of Health, among others, for their assistance in affirming the ship's safety.

NCLH to restart as early as Nov?

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) Chief Executive Officer Frank Del Rio has admitted a full relaunch of cruise operations will take "six months", despite revealing cruises could return in a limited capacity later this year.

Speaking on the company's second quarter earnings call, Del Rio conceded the NCLH fleet would not likely return until the northern spring next year, but flagged limited-capacity cruises could begin as early as Nov.

Del Rio estimated capacity will start out around 50% or 60%, with a full relaunch to then take about six months.

Despite reporting an adjusted net loss of US\$666.4 million in its second quarter, Del Rio noted the business is "relatively strong", with NCLH seeing demand for cruises in 2021.

The company's overall



cumulative booked position for 2021 is within its historical range, including bookings made with future cruise credits, NCLH's earnings report noted.

Roughly 60% of guests booked on cancelled cruises are now electing to take full refunds, with Del Rio saying this did not

represent any major shift in consumer behaviour.

NCLH also said it was not planning to sell any of its ships, with Del Rio adding his confidence the company had secured the required liquidity to weather the ongoing pandemic.

Pictured: Norwegian Sun.

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IF YOU'RE looking for some physically distanced fun in the nation's capital, look no further than Go Boat's wine tasting tours on Lake Burley Griffin.

Each guest is provided with their own stemless wine glass, as well as a bottle of water, Tilba cheese and crackers and a free tote bag.

Tickets are being sold as groups of two-to-three so guests can sit next to their friends and maintain their distance at the same time.

Atlas' MAX SHORE

ATLAS Ocean Voyages has announced new guided MAX SHORE extended regional odysseys, made up of a range of three- to six-day overland adventures.

The new product includes Atlas' All Inclusive All the Way style, which features air and land transportation, lodging, meals and beverages.

Australian and NZ agents booking Atlas are eligible to earn 15% commission.

"No other cruise brand offers an included, multi-day overland adventure like Atlas Ocean Voyages does with MAX SHORE," said President Alberto Aliberti, adding, "we've combined two unforgettable travel experiences – a luxury cruise and a fascinating land tour – into one without compromising either."

How do you Luke that?



AUSTRALIAN Pacific Touring (APT) has brought back chef Luke Nguyen (**pictured**) for an adventure in the Kimberley.

The long-time brand ambassador will once again join the tour & river cruising operator for one exclusive departure in the region on 08 Jul 2021.

Nguyen will join the 14-day Kimberley Coastal Cruise & Purnululu Experience, which includes a nine-night cruise on small expedition ship *Caledonian Sky*, two nights in Kununurra and two nights at APT's exclusive Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge.

Guests will join the celebrity restaurateur for a range of Luke Nguyen-inspired meals, including a special three-course feast at the Wilderness Lodge.

"I am excited by the prospect of being involved in shaping the menu for the cruise and for the opportunity to learn more about incorporating native ingredients while sharing my love for food," Nguyen said.

"I'm also looking forward to being able to serve up something

special when we are staying at the Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge and very much hope my involvement serves to enhance what will be a truly wonderful holiday experience."

Return w/ Regent

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has extended its Return with Regent incentive (**CW 22 May**) into Alaska, Northern Europe and the Mediterranean for 2021.

Reservations made before the end of the month can trigger the offer, with a \$500 Visa gift card also going to Australian and New Zealand travel partners who book any sailing through to May 2022.

The promotion includes US\$1,000 shipboard credit per suite and a 10% reduced deposit, as well as the security of Regent Reassurance (**CW 22 May**).

Travel agents booking any three suites by the end of Aug can also sail for free.



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