



Cruise Weekly today

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

Cruises on hold

AUSTRALIAN

Paddlesteamers cruises on the Murray River are currently suspended due to the Victorian regional stage 3 restrictions, and the border closure between Victoria and New South Wales.

The company noted it was currently in negotiations with the Government of New South Wales to gain an exemption to operate cruises on the River departing from Victoria.

For all cruises affected to 13 Sep, Australian Paddlesteamers is issuing a cruise credit valid for 18 months from the original departure date.

Genting delays Crystal, Dream ships

GENTING Hong Kong has announced significant delivery delays for Crystal Cruises' upcoming *Crystal Endeavor* (pictured) and Dream Cruises' *Global Dream*, which will now not arrive until "about a year" later than both previously announced.

Both ships are under construction at the MV Werften shipyards in Germany, which are also owned by Genting.

The highly anticipated *Crystal Endeavor* had been scheduled to debut this year, while the massive 9,500 passenger *Global Dream* was due for delivery in 2021.

The delays were unveiled in a financial update on Fri in which the company warned of a US\$600 million net loss for the six months to 30 Jun.

Genting cited the suspension of operations across its Crystal Cruises, Dream Cruises and Star Cruises brands, as well as the



cessation of shipbuilding activities at MV Werften and "severely restricted operations and revenue generation at its entertainment and leisure businesses" which includes Resorts World Manila.

Genting Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay confirmed the company had undertaken a range of cost reduction, cash conservation and capital raising measures including cutting staff and salaries, suspension of all capital expenditures, seeking additional sources of finance and delaying

the newbuild deliveries.

All vessels across the three brands have been laid up apart from *Explorer Dream* which is operating in Taiwan (CW 30 Jun) and *SuperStar Aquarius* and *Superstar Gemini* which have both been leased to the Government of Singapore.

Some shoreside savings were implemented early in the pandemic with the closure of the Australasian Crystal office (CW 09 Apr), which has been consolidated into the local Dream/Star Cruises operation.

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Read about how plans for cruising in local waters are progressing in the August issue of *travelBulletin*.

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MSC resuming

MSC Cruises is returning to service in the Mediterranean, (CW 04 Aug) while halting cruise operations in other parts of the world.

Mediterranean cruises are available to Schengen guests only, with MSC's flagship *MSC Grandiosa* to welcome back guests in the western Mediterranean from 16 Aug and *MSC Magnifica* in the eastern Mediterranean from 29 Aug.

All other cruises, including United States departures, have been cancelled through to 31 Oct, with MSC to go beyond requisite guidelines with a range of enhanced measures, including universal testing for all guests and crew members.

Can U feel it?



U RIVER Cruises has announced four new and updated itineraries for its upcoming 2021 season, and reverted back to its former brand name, U by Uniworld.

Highlights of the new program include a new family initiative called GenZ on U, a foodie-themed cruise, and more inclusions, such as offshore excursions and airport transfers.

GenZ On U has been earmarked for teens and their parents, with six sailings to be ideally targeted towards milestones such as graduations and birthdays.

Other offerings will include karaoke contests, foosball tournaments, rooftop camping, trivia and projector movie nights and more.

For foodies, U's If U Love Food itinerary follows on from other themed sailings such as U in Drag and Tattoo on U.

Sailing on 24 Jul 2021, guests will be joined by social media personality Salvatore DiBenedetto, also known as @thegrubfather.

Travellers will experience a specially curated menu, excursions, and onboard activities that were created by DiBenedetto and the U team.

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A GERMAN u-boat has been surveyed for the first time, more than 100 years after it sank.

The World War I relic was revealed by sophisticated scanning techniques and deep-sea video footage, with scientists from the University of Southampton discovering a large hole in the boat's hull, caused by an attacking British naval vessel.

The wreck was investigated on behalf of Tolmount Development, which is preparing for the laying of a new pipeline in the North Sea, about 20 nautical miles off the coast of Yorkshire, and no - it was not found with a metal detector.

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Viking Panama

VIKING has unveiled a range of new 2021 Panama Canal cruises, which are open for sale now.

Included in the release is a one-off, 18-day Panama Canal & Coastal Holiday sailing departing New Year's Eve 2021, sailing from Fort Lauderdale to Los Angeles via six countries, and spending New Year's Eve transiting the canal.

Two new 11-day Classic Panama Canal Passage voyages are also on offer, departing 06 & 16 Nov 2021.

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