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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover from Princess Cruises.

Precious Sapphire

PRINCESS Cruises has seen a record booking day for the line, with tickets going on sale yesterday for *Sapphire Princess*' redeployment to Australia (CW 19 Feb).

Princess Cruises' Director of Sales & Marketing Nick Ferguson explained that POLAR, the cruise line's booking engine, had not previously dealt with such a spike in booking queries for any other program release.

Princess Cruises' new Greatest Hits program is detailed on the front page of today's *Cruise Weekly*.

Agents hail cruise lines on COVID-19

NEW cancellation and amendment policies issued this week by a number of cruise lines have been welcomed by the travel industry, which is facing a mounting tide of concern from cruisers worried about the COVID-19 outbreak, particularly those with upcoming 2020 European summer bookings.

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises yesterday announced a significant change for clients with existing or prospective Uniworld or U River Cruises bookings, giving them the option at 30 days prior to departure to cancel their trip at the 120+ day cancellation rate of only \$250 per person.

Zoe Dean, Uniworld Head of Marketing, said "at times like these, partnership truly takes on added importance as we work together to give our clients and guests the flexibility to make informed decisions about their



travel plans".

She said the new policy would give customers more time to make decisions about their future travel plans without worrying about increasing penalties.

MSC Cruises has also announced it is cutting cancellation terms to just 21 days for existing bookings on sailings in Northern Europe and the Mediterranean in Apr, May and Jun 2020.

The same flexibility applies for new MSC bookings from this week through to 31 Mar, meaning

up to three weeks before departure clients can cancel and only lose non-refundable deposits - which have also been reduced to just \$50 per person per cruise.

MSC is also giving customers with Mar 2020 Mediterranean bookings the ability to postpone their cruise or change to another region for up to 12 months.

Cruise Weekly has reached out to other cruise lines for any policy updates - see next week's issues for all the latest information.

Pictured: MSC *Bellissima*.

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Cruise Calendar

The next few port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	28 Feb
<i>Seven Seas Navigator</i>	28 Feb
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	29 Feb
<i>Seven Seas Mariner</i>	29 Feb
<i>Explorer Dream</i>	01 Mar
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	01 Mar
BRISBANE	
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	01 Mar
MELBOURNE	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	28 Feb
<i>Noordam</i>	28 Feb
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	29 Feb
<i>Seven Seas Navigator</i>	01 Mar
FREMANTLE	
<i>Albatros</i>	28 Feb
<i>Pacific Princess</i>	29 Feb
HOBART	
<i>Arcadia</i>	28 Feb
<i>Crystal Serenity</i>	29 Feb
<i>Arcadia</i>	29 Feb
<i>Noordam</i>	01 Mar
ADELAIDE	
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	29 Feb
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	01 Mar
DARWIN	
<i>Viking Sun</i>	28 Feb
EDEN	
<i>Explorer Dream</i>	28 Feb
AUCKLAND	
<i>Ruby Princess</i>	28 Feb
<i>Maasdam</i>	01 Mar
AKAROA	
<i>Azamara Journey</i>	29 Feb
<i>Sea Princess</i>	29 Feb
WELLINGTON	
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	29 Feb
<i>Sea Princess</i>	01 Mar

NCL gets extraordinary!



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) this week debuted its new Extraordinary Journeys product, while also opening sales for a number of 2021 itineraries.

The new offering introduces a portfolio of port-intensive itineraries, designed to offer "more immersive and meaningful" experiences around the world.

The new product is headlined by journeys such as the 21-day African Safari and Seychelles voyage on *Norwegian Dawn*, departing from Dubai, where guests will experience a number of the city's architectural marvels;

and the 15-day Alaska journey on *Sun* (pictured), offering travellers the opportunity to enjoy a gold rush experience in Skagway.

"The new Extraordinary Journeys itineraries are meant to stir a sense of wonder and encourage meaningful travel, whether you're looking to disconnect or reconnect with the people and world around you," said Norwegian Cruise Line President and Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer.

"With cruises from 11 to 22 days sailing and calling to nearly every continent, we are inspiring our guests to discover".

Silversea's slew of Sub-Antarctic savings

SAVINGS are on offer on Silversea's Sub-Antarctic voyages as part of the cruise line's Wave Season promotion, departing from New Zealand aboard the 144-guest *Silver Explorer*.

Sailing aboard for 14 days from Dunedin roundtrip and 15 days from Dunedin to Melbourne, passengers will discover the Antipodes Subantarctic Islands, among some of Earth's least visited locations.

Guests who book by 28 Feb can receive a 10% early booking bonus saving, which can be combined with Silversea's Wave Season promotion - for more, **CLICK HERE**.



IMAGINE thinking that you've hit the jackpot and caught a whopper of a fish, only to discover a creature known as a "bearded fireworm" on the end of your line.

That was the experience Alyssa Ramirez had recently while she was fishing off a pier in Port Isabel, Texas.

At first she thought a clump of seaweed had gotten tangled on her fishing rod, but was taken aback when it began to squirm.

"By the way it moved and the red colours it had, I knew not to touch it," Ramirez described.

"I took video and pictures of it...it wiggled around for a few minutes and then it then fell into the water by itself."

Texas Parks and Wildlife was able to identify the creature from Ramirez's pics and video, and as it turns out, touching it - although we're not sure why you'd want to - would have been pretty painful.

The appropriately-named fireworm can release a powerful neurotoxin from its bristles, causing a burning sensation to its victims that can last for hours...ouch!

