

Cruise Weekly today
 Cruise Weekly today features five pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a photo page from **P&O Cruises**.

Celebrity goes *Beyond* the Edge

THE first piece of steel was cut earlier this morning for *Celebrity Beyond*, the third ship in Celebrity Cruises' Edge series.

The traditional ceremony, attended by a number of Royal Caribbean Cruises' (RCCL) top brass, was held at the shipyard Chantiers de l'Atlantique in Saint-Nazaire, France.

With the second-in-class *Celebrity Apex* set to arrive in Southampton in Apr 2020 (**CW** 20 Jan), the brand expects delivery of *Celebrity Beyond* in Autumn 2021.

"The Edge series is all about innovation and pushing beyond boundaries and convention, and *Celebrity Beyond* will continue this legacy," explained Royal Caribbean Cruises Chair and CEO Richard Fain.

"This is a new milestone in the long success story we have



with RCCL and Celebrity," said Chantiers de l'Atlantique General Manager Laurent Castaing.

"*Celebrity Beyond* will be the symbol of this cooperation based on mutual trust and our common innovation spirit."

Pictured hoisting the steel aloft are RCCL's Richard Fain, Celebrity Cruises President and CEO Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, RCCL EVP Maritime and Newbuilding Harri Kulovaara and Chantiers de l'Atlantique GM Laurent Castaing.

Scenic cancels CN

SCENIC has cancelled its two China departures originally scheduled for Mar, the cruise line has told **Cruise Weekly**.

The decision comes post the updated travel warnings regarding China, with the Australian Government now encouraging travellers to reconsider their need to travel.

"We will be contacting our impacted guests directly to manage this process," the cruise line said.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and liaise with DFAT and travel partners in the region."





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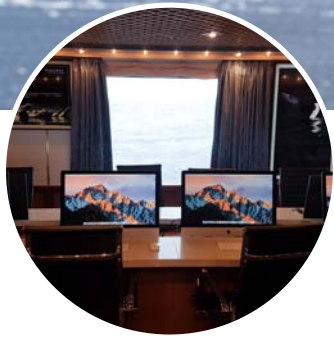
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Destination: The Photo Studio

Hone your photography skills while sailing on Silversea's *Silver Cloud*



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FANCY yourself as a bit of a Ken Duncan? Then perhaps a cruise on board *Silver Cloud* might be right up your alley.

Grab a camera, snap your shots, then head to the ship's Photo Studio, **inset**, where guests can edit and print images with assistance and training from the professional onboard studio manager.

Designed and implemented in collaboration with swiss tech company Galardi Media Network, the Photo Studio features state-of-the-art equipment for both Mac and PC users, as well as providing access to high quality printers for an additional fee.

Touch-screen printing options include postcards, take

home frame-ready pictures, panorama options as well as the chance to print in A2-size.

DON'T MISS: Put your name down for the ship's educational "My Photo Academy" sessions on sailings to Antarctica.

Guests have the chance to learn how to take and edit digital pictures like a professional, while sailing on itineraries specifically designed to capture the perfect shot.

Topics covered during Academy sessions include an introduction to photography and Adobe Lightroom.



SAIL Croatia is currently constructing a new "Elegance class" ship, set to join the fleet later this year (**pictured**).

Holding 36 guests in nine above-deck and nine below-deck cabins, all rooms contain en suites, indoor and outdoor lounge areas and a generous saloon.

Cabins are fitted with either double or twin-share, with public spaces including multiple sun deck areas, a jacuzzi, a shaded splash pool and even a dive platform to launch oneself into the sea.

Thus far unnamed, the new ship will journey exclusively on

Sail Croatia's Elegance Cruises, including the line's new Best of Croatia Cruise - the line's longest to date.

Sailing just twice in 2020 for 11- and 12-day iterations, the itinerary incorporates a traditional Elegance Cruise, as well as a range of additional destinations.

The new product comes with a range of inclusions, such as exploration of secluded bays and historic towns, freshly-prepared breakfasts and three-course lunches, airport transfers, wi-fi, and a Captain's and local village dinner - more available **HERE**.

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Unity on the net

EUROPEAN Ferry operator Unity Line will soon offer passengers high-speed internet on a number of its vessels, following a partnership with Nowhere Networks.

M/f Polonia and *m/f Skania*, which travel between Ystad in Sweden and Swinoujscie in Poland, will in the future provide broadband internet, replacing its limited bandwidth and speed satellite connections, which also failed to last during the entire 160-kilometre journey.

"The agreement provides us with a complete service which includes the communication solution as well as the management of it around the clock 365 days a year," said Unity Line Sweden Branch Deputy Managing Director P-O Forsberg.

"A supplier which comes highly recommended from other shipping companies, and which will handle everything."

ecruising package

ECRUISING is inviting guests to experience South America with its new Feb 2021 cruise package.

Cruise Tour: Hiram Bingham to Machu Picchu & the Charismatic Cape travels over one month, beginning with a seven-day tour of Peru, visiting Lima, Cusco and Machu Picchu, before embarking on a 20-night cruise down the continent's Pacific coast and around Cape Horn on board Oceania Cruises' *Marina*.

Beginning 11 Feb, the journey ends with two nights at Alvear Art Hotel in Buenos Aires, before flying home on 11 Mar.

Leading in at \$17,799ppts, the price includes all accommodation, return international Economy flights, tours and transfers as per the itinerary.



WINDSTAR has unveiled a new Officer's Suite (**pictured**) on board the newly-renovated flagship *Wind Surf*.

Believed to be the only suite of its kind at sea, the Officer's Suite is located behind the bridge in the officer's quarters, alongside the accommodation of the Captain, Chief Officer Hotel Manager and Chief Engineer.

The suite comes with a full bath with a jacuzzi a living room and a widescreen television.

Accommodation has also been expanded with 16 new guest rooms, bringing the total guest

Lindblad fly free

FLY free to the Galapagos Islands for a limited time with Lindblad Expeditions.

Originally offered as part of its Antarctica journeys only, the promotion has now been extended to the South American destination.

Available until 30 Jun, travellers can take advantage of free Economy flights from Sydney or Melbourne on select 2020 Galapagos itineraries between 28 Aug and 21 Mar aboard *National Geographic Endeavour II* and *National Geographic Islander*.



— New —

360° Virtual Tour Greg Mortimer



Take a look inside!

P&O celebrates with Top Achievers

P&O Cruises recently celebrated with 2019's Top Achiever agents by enjoying a group dinner at The Cut Bar & Grill in Sydney and partying on board *Pacific Explorer* during a three-night Australia Day cruise.

The top achieving agents hailed from Queensland and New South Wales, and for the first time ever, a Top Achiever was based in the Northern Territory.

P&O's Flagship Achievers travel agent incentive program runs from 01 Dec to 30 Nov each year with the top 20 achieving agents winning a prize package that consists of dinner and a luxury hotel stay pre-cruise, plus a balcony room on board the Australia Day cruise departing Sydney.

The Flagship Achievers 2020 prize package will offer agents the chance to win a balcony room on board *Pacific Adventure*, and is open to most agents across Australia and New Zealand.

Please go to www.flagship.pocruises.com.au for more information.



AGENTS Noora Hamze and Eti Agarwal taking in the Australia Day Deck Party.



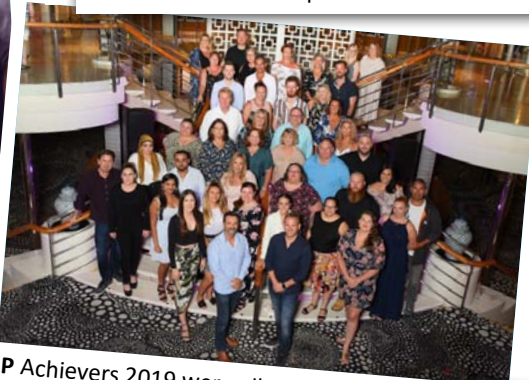
BRENDON Murphy & Cameron Hing from Helloworld Riverlink Ipswich.



NICOLE Schloss, Simone Raddatz & Melinda Ianchello at the Australia Day Deck Party.



AGENTS and the P&O Cruises team at The Cut Bar & Grill in Sydney.



TOP Achievers 2019 were all smiles with P&O BDMs.

AGENTS kick back and have a drink at the Australia Day party.



P&O BDMs Angus Mackay (second from left) and Jess O'Brien (third from right) enjoy some dinner with the agents.



AGENTS and the P&O Cruises team at The Cut Bar & Grill in Sydney.



AUSSIE Top Achievers enjoying the Australia Day Deck Party.



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FOR many years, the world has been coming to the Northern Territory to gaze upon such majestic sights as Uluru and Kakadu National Park, but next week, *MS The World* will pay the region a visit.

Known by many as the “world’s most exclusive cruise ship”, it is the largest privately owned residential yacht on the planet, with the vessel’s residents living where the ship hangs her hat.

Arriving in Darwin on 03 Feb, the city was chosen as a port of call by the ship’s residents, who elect passengers from among the populous to decide where she sails next.

With 165 residences, the ship sails with just 200 passengers.

The World will begin a circumnavigation of Australia after departing Darwin, visiting a handful of her 120 ports a year.

After leaving Australian shores, *The World* will sail to Antarctica, south Asia, the Middle-East, the Mediterranean, northern Europe, the United Kingdom, North America and South America - so basically everywhere.

Carnival death

CARNIVAL Cruise Line is mourning the death of 32-year-old *Carnival Ecstasy* crew member Michael Bryan Agadier Abinsay, who recently died in his sleep aboard the ship.

A talented chef, Abinsay joined Carnival in 2018.

Geraldton vols award



CRUISE Geraldton’s Meet & Greet Volunteers (pictured) were presented the Active Citizenship Award at the town’s Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards.

Long considered a bastion of “cruise welcoming”, Geraldton’s volunteer group has been running for 15 years, since Geraldton’s first cruise ship, *Maxim Gorkiy*, arrived in 2005.

The city has since boomed as a cruise town, with work undertaken by the Mid West Port Authority allowing 100% of all cruise ships to now berth

safely in the port.

Turning out rain, hail or shine, the volunteers pride themselves on “creating a great first and last impression” of Geraldton.

“The Cruise Geraldton Meet & Greet volunteers play an integral role in the passenger experience, which in turn determines a cruise ships rating of the destination,” explained Mid West Port Authority CEO Rochelle MacDonald.

“If we don’t get it right, these ships won’t return to Geraldton, and with the economic benefit that is derived from cruise.”

Aurora’s virtual tour inside *Greg Mortimer*

AURORA Expeditions has today launched a 360-degree virtual tour of the *Greg Mortimer*.

The feature allows users to familiarise themselves with the ship, with Aurora Expeditions also supplying an iframe code to allow travel agents to embed the functionality on their website - **CLICK HERE** to take the tour.

The cruise line recently revealed it was investigating the option of bringing either the *Greg Mortimer* or upcoming newbuild, the *Sylvia Earle*, to Australia in-between polar seasons (**CW** 23 Jan).



Auckland’s challenge

AS THE cruise industry increases in size in New Zealand we are seeing more conflict on space in ports.

This came to a head recently in Auckland with commuters complaining of arriving late to work or missing connections.

The local ferry company replied to their passengers’ criticisms saying that cruise ships berthing in the port were impeding early morning ferry movements.

However, cruise ship movements are controlled by Harbourmaster directions, but ferry timetables had not allowed for cruise ship movements, despite them being listed on the port’s website well ahead of the season.

The Mayor asked that the various parties (Council, Harbourmaster, NZCA, port agent and the ferry company) meet to look at options to improve marine traffic flow at peak times.

This is already happening, with the group aiming to examine changes in the short, medium and long term.

This issue is again a reflection of the infrastructure challenges in Auckland, and future planning must ensure that there is room for all water users.