



Cruise Weekly today

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

Hurtigruten pivots

PASSENGERS currently on board Hurtigruten's *Roald Amundsen* may soon be flying home after the line successfully negotiated an agreement with the Falkland Islands to disembark.

The ship is due to arrive in Stanley "in the coming days" after previously being prevented from docking in Chile following the country's lockout of all foreign nationals.

Hurtigruten stressed there is no suggestion of any COVID-19 cases on board, with the cruise having sailed to Antarctica at the end of Feb, "probably as far away from any possible source of infection".

Final NCL vessel drops anchor in Hawaii

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's (NCL) *Norwegian Jewel* carrying 280 Australians on board has arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii, with disembarkation to follow today once enhanced screening protocols have been completed.

The cruise line said the health screening will go ahead despite no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 on board the ship.

Once passengers have been cleared of the disease, they will be flown home by charter flight to their respective countries.

Norwegian Jewel departed Sydney in late Feb on a 23-day cruise to Fiji, but was left stranded at sea after multiple ports in the Pacific refused to let the vessel dock.

In negotiating the agreement with Hawaiian Government to allow the disembarkation to happen, NCL President and Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer



said he was very grateful to the US state with which the line already enjoyed a rich history.

"We are so very thankful to our Hawaiian partners and friends, especially Governor David Ige, Attorney General Clare Connors and Hawaii Department of Transportation Director Jade Butay and Deputy Director Derek Chow for their assistance in developing a coordinated disembarkation plan which keeps both guests and Hawaii residents

safe and secure," he said.

"We have been sailing the Hawaiian Islands for over 15 years, drawing well over 100,000 travellers to the state each year and we look forward to returning and to continuing to celebrate the culture, history and people of Hawaii," Sommer added.

Norwegian Jewel was the last vessel in the line's fleet with guests aboard at sea, with all ships to be soon berthed around the world until the crisis is over.

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Silversea appoints

SILVERSEA Cruises has appointed Liz Glover to the role of Marketing Director, jumping ship from previous roles with Scenic & Brand USA.

Glover, a 12-year veteran of the travel sector, will report directly to the Chief Marketing Officer Barbara Muckermann, and the outgoing Managing Director Australia and New Zealand Adam Armstrong.

Simply splendid dining



THE architectural firm responsible for conceiving *Seven Seas Splendor's* La Veranda restaurant on the ship's 11th deck has lifted the lid on why the design makes the dining space unique for cruise passengers.

The area on the newly launched vessel boasts enclosed balconies to offer both starboard & portside views that don't "compromise the ship's sleek lines".

"The unrestricted views create a feeling of openness in a relatively narrow space," said YSA Design Chief Executive Officer Anne Mari Gullikstad.

"The bays were constructed in such a way that they do not detract from the ship's side aspect, cast shadows over cabin balconies below or obscure views from the bridge," she added.

The design is also intended to capture "the essence of al-fresco dining in a new way", presenting diners with bright and colourful decor that breaks up



the longitudinal view through the restaurant and diverts the view towards the outside world.

The space also boasts open-air seating with balconies, as well as garden pavilions.

Royal cashes up

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises has announced it has entered into a US\$2.2 billion, 364-day secured term loan facility through several banking institutions in a bid to further boost the company's liquidity.

The company now has US\$3.6b of liquidity which will keep operations going and retain new ship orders.

Ovation adds eight

CRUISE Weekly understands that another eight passengers who disembarked from *Ovation of the Seas* in Sydney last week have since tested positive for COVID-19.

A letter obtained from the NSW Ministry of Health confirms the additional number of cases, and also advises all passengers to self-isolate until 01 Apr.

"You must remain in your current location and must not onward travel," the letter said.

When contacted for comment, a spokesperson for the line said "We are working with public health authorities in Australia and New Zealand, we appreciate their efforts and are cooperating with their requests".

For further info regarding COVID-19, [CLICK HERE](#).

Magnifica refutes

MSC Cruises has hit back at assertions made by the WA Premier Mark McGowan that its *Magnifica* vessel is carrying pax infected with COVID-19.

"Reports that more than 250 passengers on board are suffering from COVID-19 are untrue...nobody on board - passengers or crew - have fever, signs of respiratory insufficiency or gastroenteric diseases and nobody is in isolation," the cruise line said.

The ship plans to dock at Fremantle for a "technical call", with no plans for pax or crew to disembark before she continues to Dubai.



THE resilience of the cruise industry has been on display in all corners of the country during this unprecedented health crisis, and this week we can bring you some cheer and excitable panting from the sunny state of Queensland.

World's Leading Cruise Lines BDMs recently got together at a dog park (at a safe social distance) to have a walk with their cute little puppies.

Thanks for sharing David Craven, Helen Mezzan and Christine Oliver, and an extra special thanks to the adorable Paddie and Bowie.

