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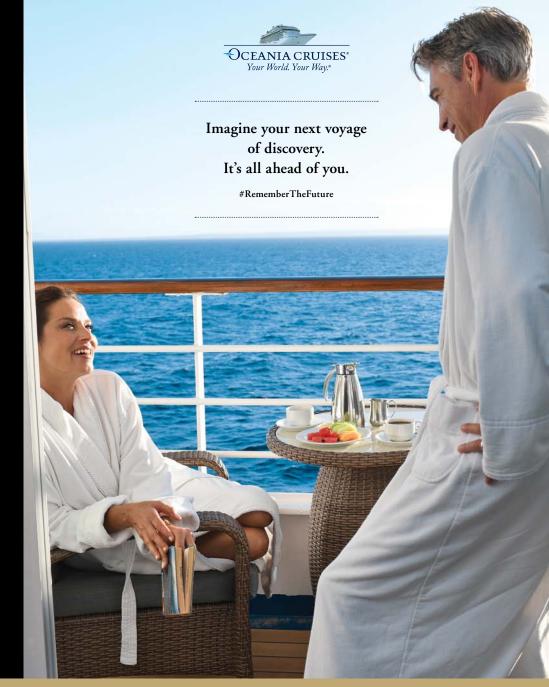
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CDC raises alert level for cruising

THE Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its advice regarding cruising to Level 4, meaning it believes going on a cruise risks a "very high level of COVID-19".

The move comes despite the CDC's recently issued Framework for Conditional Sailing (CW 01 Nov), a range of recommendations that would allow cruising to gradually resume under carefully controlled health and safety conditions.

The Level 4 advice states "CDC recommends that all people avoid travel on cruise ships, including river cruises, worldwide, because the risk of COVID-19 on cruise ships is very high".

According to the statement on the CDC website, "it is especially important that people with an increased risk of severe illness avoid travel on cruise ships, including river cruises".



The CDC says cruise passengers are "at increased risk of personto-person spread of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, and outbreaks of COVID-19 have been reported on cruise ships".

Passengers who do decide to go on a cruise should have a COVID-19 test three to five days after their trip and stay home for seven days after travel, even if they test negative.

If they don't have a test, it's safest to stay home for 14 days after travel, the public health

institute suggested.

"CDC recommends that travellers avoid cruise travel worldwide...for most travellers, cruise ship travel is voluntary and should be rescheduled for a future date."

Those who do choose to cruise during the COVID-19 pandemic are advised to maintain social distancing, wear a mask in shared spaces including on public transportation, use hand sanitiser or wash hands often, and avoid contact with anyone who is sick.

Oceania upgrades

OCEANIA Cruises has launched a special offer including fare discounts and cabin category upgrades.

The exclusive upgrade sale, which is valid for bookings confirmed by 03 Dec, includes a range of voyages including a 14-day cruise from Sydney to Auckland aboard Regatta now priced from \$7,200 per person including the free upgrade.

Pricing includes free pre-paid gratuities, wi-fi, free specialty restaurants, soft drinks and specialty coffees.

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A CHILLING find on an American beach has sparked an emergency call, after what appeared to be a decapitated corpse was found lying on the sand (pictured).

An Ocean Hour volunteer had been helping clean up a Florida beach at Perdido Key when she made the discovery.

911 was called, but after the volunteer was brave enough to investigate the find herself, the figure was revealed to be a mannequin, which, in CW's opinion, raises a different set of slightly less-disturbing but stilltroubling questions.



Coral returns to NZ



CORAL Expeditions is returning to New Zealand & the South Pacific in 2021/22.

In four new itineraries on Coral Geographer visiting Fiordland, the New Zealand Subantarctic Islands and the Solomon Islands. guests will explore remote natural landscapes showcasing a range of cultural experiences, such as hiking through the Waimangu Volcanic Valley and encountering Maori culture in Gisborne.

The highlight of the new voyages is an exploration of the New Zealand Subantarctic Islands of Auckland, Campbell and

Itineraries include a 13-night Battlefields & Beaches of the Solomon Islands sojourn, departing Honiara 30 Nov 2021; a 12-night New Zealand's East Coast voyage, departing Auckland 27 Dec 2021; a 14-night Expedition to the Albatross Latitudes itinerary, departing Milford 08 Jan 2022; and an eight-night South Coast to Fiordland trip departing Wellington 23 Jan 2022.

"Our new itineraries celebrate the distinct facets that makes New Zealand one of the most aspirational global destinations for natural and cultural adventure," said Commercial Director Jeff Gillies.

"From its vast landscapes and geological formations, an abundance of birds and endemic wildlife, a powerful Maori and Polynesian cultural influence and a fascinating maritime history, this is a rewarding and educational expedition series".

Azamara says thx

AZAMARA has launched a Black Fri-Cyber Mon Thank You Sale.

For bookings until 05 Dec, guests can enjoy up to \$1,000 of onboard credit plus a twocategory stateroom upgrade on select sailings.

Providing the flexibility of cancelling up to 48 hours before embarkation, pax will also be able to book "worryfree" with Azamara's Cruise with Confidence program.

The Thank You Sale is available on sailings taking place between 07 Dec 2021 and 22 Feb 2022 - CLICK HERE to book.

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EXODUS Travels is offering additional discounts with a Buy One Get One Free deal on Polar Expedition Cruises.

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