

Voting closes today



VOTING CLOSES TODAY!

Travel Daily has seen a massive number of nominations for the awards from across the industry for agents and suppliers who have gone above and beyond during this extremely challenging time.

Nominations have now closed and we have whittled it down to the finalists.

Voting is now open for the supplier categories. Vote now for those who you believe have best supported the industry and deserve to be recognised specially for their hard work. Voting closes today 14 September at 5pm.

Click here to vote for the finalists!

**More information at
awards.traveldaily.com.au**



Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover from the *Travel Daily Awards*.

Voting is closing

TODAY is the last day for the industry to cast votes in the 2020 *Travel Daily Awards*.

The honours recognise people and companies who have gone above and beyond to support one another through the crisis of COVID-19.

Thousands of individual votes have already been cast in the supplier categories of the awards, while the finalists in the agent categories were also announced last week and are currently being judged.

For more information see the cover page of today's *CW*, and to vote [CLICK HERE](#).

Magnificent return and grand news

MSC Cruises' has enhanced *MSC Magnifica's* itineraries ahead of her return to sea, which was initially postponed thanks to new coronavirus testing measures for Italians who have visited Greece (*CW* 26 Aug).

MSC Magnifica will perform 10-night voyages across the Mediterranean from 19 Oct, and an eight-night Christmas cruise departing on 18 Dec from Genoa, with a range of new embarkation ports available.

She will visit ports such as Livorno, Messina, Valetta, Piraeus, Katakolon and Civitavecchia.

As a result of the ship's new schedule, *MSC Magnifica's* four seven-night cruises from Bari between 26 Sep and 24 Oct have been cancelled, with guests affected to either be rebooked onto another cruise or given a future cruise credit.

The cruise line has also



extended *MSC Grandiosa's* (pictured) sailings through to the end of the year, which will also include a Christmas cruise, departing on 20 Dec from Genoa.

Grandiosa is offering seven-night cruises to Valetta, embarking from Genoa,

Civitavecchia, Naples and Palermo.

MSC Magnifica is still set to depart on her World Cruise in 2021 (*CW* 30 Jun), which is scheduled to visit several Australian ports, including a stay in Sydney on 26 and 27 Feb.

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Paul Gauguin joins CLIA

THE ocean cruise ranks of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia have been bolstered with the addition of Tahiti-based Paul Gauguin Cruises as a Regional Cruise Line Australasia member.

The partnership sees Paul Gauguin join its parent company Ponant, which acquired the South Pacific cruise line just over a year ago (*CW* 09 Aug 2019).

CLIA Australasia Managing Director Joel Katz said the addition of Paul Gauguin was a sign of long-term confidence in the cruise sector.

"Across the globe, cruise lines are united around the task of implementing extensive new measures to uphold health and safety in response to COVID-19,"

Katz said.

"Paul Gauguin Cruises joins CLIA at a time when our role has never been more important, and we are delighted to have their expertise and support as we lay new foundations for cruising's future."

Ponant's Deb Corbett, who is also Paul Gauguin Cruises' GM Sales & Marketing Asia Pacific, said the company was delighted to be joining CLIA.

"We look forward to building awareness of our unique brand with the highly engaged CLIA community...working together to provide insight through training and education, we see great opportunities to grow our businesses together," she said.

Paul Gauguin resumed sailing in French Polynesia last month.

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With the findings of the special commission of enquiry into *Ruby Princess* released, Bruce Piper traces how it all went down in the September issue of *travelBulletin*.

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RCG tech push

ROYAL Caribbean Group (RCG) says technology will be at the forefront of its post-COVID-19 return to service, including a range of ongoing enhancements to its onboard smartphone app for guests.

The mobile app was first introduced in 2017 and is now available on many of the 63-strong Royal Caribbean International, Azamara and Celebrity Cruises fleet, with RCG saying it is building on its capabilities for current times, including options which allow for social distancing.

Primary functionalities include the recently announced Muster 2.0 facility (*CW* 27 Jul), staggered arrival times for embarkation, expedited boarding processes and digital keys which are available for select ships.

Daily planning of onboard activities, shows, dining and shore excursions are also on offer, with RCG flagging more upgrades, "some of which will make the greatest impact from behind the scenes".

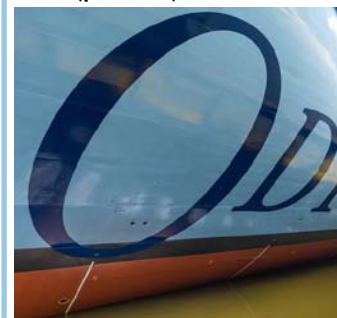


"O" my goodness - huge news!

That's likely to be the reaction to anyone who gets up close and personal with Royal Caribbean's new Quantum Ultra-class *Odyssey of the Seas*, which had its hull unveiled in the Meyer Werft shipyard in Germany last week.

The vessel, set to debut in Apr 2021, will sport a new style livery including having the name run almost 90 metres down each side of the ship.

The shipmaker said the first letter (**pictured**) is 11.2m tall.



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