



Coral flags ambitious restart plans

CORAL Expeditions will restart cruises on the Great Barrier Reef next month.

Coral Discoverer will depart from Cairns on 14 Oct for seven nights, carrying under 72 guests and an all-Australian crew.

The itinerary is part of a staged restart planned for the next six months, which includes advanced preparations for a domestic summer season in Tasmania, and new expeditions for the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia in early 2021.

A range of enhanced health protocols will be observed on *Coral Discoverer*, with Coral Expeditions to deliver its SailSAFE plan, developed by Australian medical specialists for the current environment.

SailSAFE has been approved by all state and territory govts, with the jurisdictions to assist the staged restart.

The plan is based on rigorous safety principles, which create a safe travel bubble for guests and crew through pre-screening steps, onboard mitigation processes and authorised response control.

Highlights of the cruise include access to remote locations and a glimpse into Reef conservation efforts.

Guests will enjoy remote diving and snorkelling at Osprey Reef, Escape Reef, and the Ribbon Reefs; spot the Great Eight marine creatures, learn about Australian culture and heritage in Cooktown and the conservation of endangered marine reptiles at the Turtle Rehabilitation Centre on Fitzroy Island, enjoy sunset drinks on isolated Sudbury Cay and Hope Island and visit the Great Barrier Reef Research Station & snorkel over giant clam gardens at Lizard Island.

Departures are planned

through to mid-Dec, with Coral Commercial Director Jeff Gillies noting the cruise line was pleased with the strong guest response to the restart.

“We are confident and excited to be able to restart after the challenges of the last six months and encourage those Australians who are able to explore their home shores to join us on board,” he said.

“Being an Australian-flagged tourism operator, the company is not affected by Border Force closures, and carries Australian guests and employs Aus crew.”

To celebrate the restart, Coral is offering special deals for travellers, including a flexible booking policy of no deposit payable for 30 days, complimentary down payment protection, one night’s accommodation pre-cruise with breakfast included, and more.

CLIA luxury focus

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has made luxury the focus with its latest online events series held this week.

Luxury cruise lines outlined their visions for the future and priorities for the Australasian market in the four-day virtual event, which attracted more than 1,300 registrations from travel agents.

Members heard from global leaders such as Regent Seven Seas President & CEO Jason Montague, Seabourn President Josh Leibowitz, Silversea President & CEO Roberto Martinoli, and Crystal President & CEO Tom Wolber.

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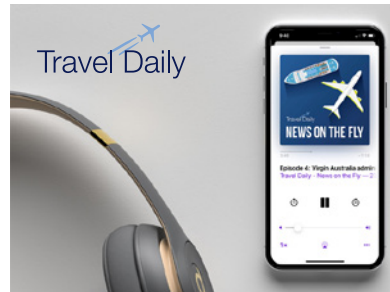
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Hats off in Sylvania!



SYLVANIA Travel & Cruise held a mad hatter COVID lunch party on Tue to give its members a break from the daily slog of

issuing refunds.

Pictured getting mad in their hats are, back row: Vivien Davies, Joanne Davis, Natalie Schembri, Sonia Antilla, Kim Adcock and Sally Burton, and front row: Dianne Cook and Helen Kiloh.

Azamara 2022-23

AZAMARA has announced new itineraries for 2022 and 2023.

Aiming to be more "country-intensive" than ever before, the new itineraries feature maiden ports for Azamara, such as Syros and Tinos.

More than 80 new itineraries are now on offer, which include over 170 overnights and 300 late night stays.

In total, the new itineraries offer more than 275 ports of call in more than 70 countries.

Highlights include country-intensive Greek voyages, trips to the Black Sea, Egypt-Israel deep dives and South Africa intensive voyages.

For more on the new season, [CLICK HERE](#).

Bonner to the spa

FORMER Celebrity Cruises regional chief Susan Bonner has taken a new role as OneSpaWorld Holdings Chief Commercial Officer.

Bonner, whose departure from her local role was announced just over a week ago (**CW** 10 Sep), takes up the position in the USA on 12 Oct.

OneSpaWorld currently operates spas, salons and fitness centres for a range of cruise lines including Celebrity, Azamara, Carnival Cruise Line, Crystal Cruises, Holland America, Norwegian, P&O, Regent, Princess and more.

Not good enough

MURRAY River

Paddlesteamers Director Craig Burgess has savaged New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian over her handling of the state's border with Victoria.

Burgess said the Premier had killed off any chance of a tourism recovery in their region, with the border now only open to those who live within 50 kilometres of it.

"This is totally unacceptable and will cost hundreds of jobs and businesses along the river...who are already on their knees having not trading now for six months," Burgess said.

"Victorians, who represent 40% of our business will not choose to visit the Murray River if it is not open, they will simply choose to holiday elsewhere in Victoria.

"There can be no border tourism recovery unless the river is open...we need it changed urgently to survive."

Burgess is urging the border closure to be moved to the NSW side of the river.

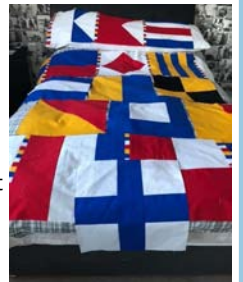


SOME cruise people just can't help themselves - as has been evidenced this week by P&O Cruises Australia Hotel Director Louisa Lane.

P&O has highlighted her lockdown activities, which include learning to sew, and joining a UK-based initiative to sew clothing in support of National Health Service workers.

The scraps from the scrubs then prompted her to create other items - including, you guessed it, homemade nautical flags - which then somehow got stitched together into a gorgeous quilt (**pictured**).

Surely this new bed linen idea would be perfect to roll out across the P&O fleet?




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