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Atlas insurance

ATLAS Ocean Voyages has introduced emergency medical evacuation and return-tohome insurance for all guests.

The cover includes emergency medical transportation from World Navigator, set to launch Jul 2021, to a local treatment centre, as well as return transportation home or to a medical facility close to home, as required.

Atlas President Alberto Aliberti said the insurance will be included in every booking.

"Because safety and the health of our guests is our top priority, we are proud to be the first cruise brand to include emergency medical evacuation and return-tohome insurance as part of every booking...(the) first-ever included insurance coverage," he said.

Murray cruising resumes

CRUISES on the Murray River are resuming today, with NSW making an amendment to the COVID-19 border control public health order.

A clause now allows those operating a vessel on the Murray River to do so, provided they do not dock on the northern side of the waterway.

The clause also stipulates cruises may not travel with a person who, in the previous 14 days, has been in an area that is of COVID-19 concern, or has been in a "restricted area".

Commercial operators on the Murray River have delighted at the amendment, which was communicated in a personal phone call from New South Wales Minister for Health Brad Hazzard to Murray River Paddlesteamers Director Craig Burgess, who thanked the Minister for taking

the time to understand the industry's quandary.

The Murray River Paddlesteamers boss said his cruise line will open in a COVIDsafe manner, with all passengers having to show proof of address to board vessels to ensure they are not from a current hotspot.

"The news comes as a great relief for all commercial operators along the river that can now welcome regional Victorians and all New South Wales residents for the remainder of the school holidays and spring/summer trading period," Burgess said.

"I want to thank everyone for your support in raising awareness of our situation in order to get this change made.

"We should not underestimate what this change means to our border communities who heavily rely on the tourism economy."

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page from Cruiseco.

Lindblad to Japan

LINDBLAD Expeditions is venturing to Japan for the first time ever next Sep.

The cruise line will debut two new itineraries - the 15-day Sailing the East China Sea journey and the 16-day Coastal Japan voyage.

Also visiting South Korea and Taiwan, trips will lead in at \$24,150, travelling aboard National Geographic Orion. which carries 102 guests and is equipped with kayaks, Zodiacs and a remotely operated underwater vehicle.

CLICK HERE for more information on the season.





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OF ALL the ways this man's marriage proposal could've gone wrong, he probably wouldn't have expected it to go this way.

The water-based romantic gesture saw him standing on a boat, approaching another vessel driven by his fiance-to-be.

As the two boats come together, the man takes to the edge of his vessel, pulls out the ring and pops the question.

The woman appears to say yes, and the two embrace, but unfortunately, the excited bride-to-be apparently hits the throttle of her craft, sending her to the deck and her fiance to the water.

To add insult to injury, the lady's foot flies up and kicks her hubby-to-be in the face.

CLICK HERE to view.



Sun sets on P&O's Dawn

P&O Cruises Australia will wave goodbye to Pacific Dawn in the coming weeks (CW breaking news yesterday), after having previously been announced as leaving the fleet in Feb next year.

The initial sale of Pacific Dawn to Cruise & Maritime Voyages was announced in Nov (CW 29 Nov 2019), with the ship to sail under the new name Amy Johnson (CW 10 Feb), but with the buyer entering administration (CW 21 Jul), the sale was scuppered.

However, Pacific Dawn's departure has now been brought forward, after an agreement to sell the ship was recently reached with an undisclosed buyer.

P&O Australia will assist affected guests who were booked on Pacific Dawn from 17 Dec, the date to which the cruise line has paused operations (CW 27 Aug).

Guests can choose alternative arrangements including a full refund, with those choosing a future cruise credit also receiving bonus onboard credit.

Pax on select cruises can also opt to move their booking to the same time next year and receive

bonus onboard credit.

P&O will pay refunds to travel agents, with the cruise line to protect all commissions on bookings for cancelled cruises that were paid in full as of 27 Sep, as well as for the total amount of the future cruise credits.

The cruise line will make contact with guests whose cruises have been affected, either directly or via their agent.

Pacific Dawn first sailed from Sydney in Nov 2007, and has since carried 1.2 million guests, homeporting from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Auckland over the past 13 years.

P&O Australia President Sture Myrmell lauded Pacific Dawn for having launched the careers of many of the cruise line's staff.

Aurora pre-regs

AURORA Expeditions has announced its Arctic & Global 2022 program.

With new trips to Raja Ampat & West Papua Islands, the new season also visits the Arctic & Northwest Passage, the Russian Far East, Alaska and Central & South America.

Highlights include new Greenland and Svalbard Odysseys, a Spitsbergen, Greenland & Iceland cruise, a Jewels of the Arctic itinerary, an Iceland Circumnavigation, a Kamchatka & Chukotka trip, a Wrangel Island voyage and a Kuril Islands visit.

Pre-registration for the season is now open ahead of the on-sale date of 27 Oct -**CLICK HERE** for more.







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