



Cruise Weekly today

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

Time to ADVENTure

OCEANIA Cruises is hosting a three-week Christmas ADVENTure for its trade partners this month.

The festive challenge will see Oceania reveal two themed challenges each week during the Christmas ADVENTure, inviting travel advisors to compete for the chance to win one of three exciting prizes, including: a spa day for two; a six-month wine subscription; or a fine dining experience for their team.

The ADVENTure ranges from simple activities such as responding to questions, to more creative challenges inspired by the holiday season.

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Fiji sees “immense” cruise potential

TOURISM Fiji Chief Executive Brent Hill said he is very keen to grow the cruise sector in Fiji, as the country starts to capitalise on this week’s reopening to visitors under its Travel Partner country arrangements.

Quarantine-free flights are now operating from Australia and the United States to Nadi, with the nation celebrating the opportunity to safely reopen under strict COVID-safe protocols which are enabling thousands of staff in the hospitality sector to once again return to work.

Speaking to **Cruise Weekly** after the arrival of the first non-quarantine flight into Fiji since the start of the pandemic, the newly appointed CEO said while cruise had had a long layoff in Fiji due to the pandemic, it was already opening up - initially with local product, under the Captain Cook and South Sea Cruises small



ship operations.

“That’s where we will start, but from there I’m very keen to grow cruise for Fiji,” Hill said.

“I need to understand more about our infrastructure and opportunities, but I think there is immense potential in cruise with Fiji - especially as it is safe, clean, beautiful and has so many areas that would benefit,” he added.

The Tourism Fiji CEO (**pictured**) said the organisation was looking

to work with boutique luxury and ultra-luxury brands to start with, given that they are “easier to open back up to without the need for large port infrastructure”.

“Going forward, we will be keen to look into the business case to get larger vessels here safely,” Hill added.

“Fiji has so much to benefit and gain from cruise, and we know tourists are desperate to get here,” he said.

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Riviera Europe '23

RIVIERA Travel River Cruises has launched its 2023 European river cruise program. Published earlier than ever before, all prices have been matched with their 2022 price for the launch.

From Mar to Nov 2023, 299 cruises across 14 itineraries will be made available, including six sailings exclusively for solo travellers.

The itineraries cover countries such as France, Germany, Portugal, Hungary and the Netherlands.

Guests in Deluxe and Superior suites, and all upper-deck cabins, can take advantage of Riviera Plus, introduced earlier this year, which offers guests a wealth of complimentary new benefits including a smart handset with maps, translator, currency converter, unlimited calls, text messages and internet usage.

A bottle of chilled Prosecco is available on arrival, while L'Occitane en Provence toiletries are provided, as is a platter of fresh seasonal fruits during the sailing.

Murray cruise combo

A **MURRAY** River cruise and Indian Pacific trip combo package has been released by Cruise Traveller.

With departures from Jun to Nov 2022, the package is available to those who book by the end of the year.

The 10-night Australia by Paddlewheel and Locomotion package can be booked [HERE](#), or call 1800 507 777.

Norwegian '24 release



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has unveiled its 2024 deployment, which will see *Norwegian Spirit* return to Australia in Dec 2023.

She will offer eight 12-day sailings between Sydney and Auckland, following what will be the most extensive and expensive makeover in Norwegian history, at a cost of \$130 million.

The season features sailings from 35 cities in total including brand-new Norwegian homeports in Haifa (*Norwegian Epic*) and La Romana (*Norwegian Sky*).

Eleven- and 12-day Mediterranean open-jaw sailings between Haifa and Civitavecchia will start from 08 Nov 2023, and cruise through 12 Dec 2023.

Epic will also call to destinations such as Livorno, Naples, Kusadasi, Istanbul, Piraeus, Patmos, Rhodes, and Limassol.

This itinerary will also feature 17 hours in Ashdod, giving guests sufficient time to tour the cosmopolitan city of Tel Aviv as well as Jerusalem, one of the oldest towns in the world.

Other Eurasian highlights include a unique festive season sailing to Italy, Spain and Croatia departing Dec 2023 on *Norwegian Epic*; an 11-day Grand Mediterranean sailing on *Norwegian Escape* which includes a midnight departure from Ibiza; and a late-night departure from Santorini on *Norwegian Pearl's* seven-day roundtrip voyage from Trieste, allowing guests time to soak up the beauty of the island's famed sunsets first-hand.

Meanwhile, *Sky* will sail a series of port-rich seven-day round-trip Southern Caribbean cruises from La Romana, with a port of call each day from 08 Jan 2024 through 22 Apr 2024, making Norwegian the only major cruise line sailing such a voyage without a sea day.

Sailings within Northern Europe, the Mediterranean, Alaska (**pictured**) and the Caribbean are now open up to Oct 2024, while Hawai'i inter-island seven-day voyages are open to Dec 2025.

For more, call 1300 255 200.



AUSTRALIANS are probably aware of their star sign, their personality type, and maybe even their blood type, but Carnival Cruise Line is now inviting us to discover our "fun type".

Developed in association with leading Australian psychologist, Jaimie Bloch, Carnival has launched the new "fun type" questionnaire on its website.

The short survey form analyses users' travel habits, holiday schedules and dream getaway desires, identifying respondents as one of six key personalities, from the "Chill Seeker" to the "Action Packer".

After discovering their fun type, cruisers will then be matched to their perfect cruise itinerary, complete with shore excursions and personalised onboard activities.

To bring the new campaign to life, Carnival have also enlisted the help of Australian television personality Beau Ryan.

To find your fun type, [CLICK HERE](#).

MRPS vouchers

CHRISTMAS gift vouchers are now available with Murray River Paddlesteamers (MRPS).

Priced from \$50 to \$500, or for any individual cruise, the vouchers are valid for three years, and those who purchase a voucher of \$170 or more before next Fri can save \$10.

[CLICK HERE](#) to buy now.