



Carnival extends Australian pause

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has extended its rolling pause in operations in Australia through to and including 15 Nov.

Those who have clients booked on a *Carnival Splendor* cruise impacted by this change will be communicated with shortly, Carnival said.

The cruise line is protecting travel advisor commission on all bookings paid in full.

Agent commissions are protected on the original fully paid booking cancelled by Carnival and on the final fully paid rebooking when a future cruise credit is redeemed on an active sailing.

Full details of the changes and specific offers available to your clients' are also available **HERE**.

For more information, call 13 31 94.

Silversea Kimberley canx

SILVERSEA Cruises has cancelled its heavily booked Kimberley 2021 season.

"While there are many things outside of our control, Silversea remains committed to our guests and travel partners," Director of Sales AUNZ Steve Richards told **Cruise Weekly**.

"With the Kimberley season, Silversea offers impacted guests extraordinary flexibility and generous terms with the option of a 110% future cruise credit, a voyage-to-voyage transfer which includes a 15% discount or refund, as well as a refund.

"Of course Silversea has not forgotten our most valued travel partners and we are protecting commission on these voyages...all up, protected commission on the Kimberley season will total close to \$500,000."

Silversea joins Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours in pulling

itineraries in the region for this season, with Cunard Line, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Seabourn Cruise Line, and most recently, Holland America Line (see **right**) also cancelling local sailings.

Silversea started voyaging in Greece and the Galapagos Islands over the weekend.

Silversea Cruises' next local departure is not scheduled until Dec, with the line expressing confidence a "workable pathway forward" will be delivered by then.

Ponant still hopes to be let into Australian waters to cruise in the Kimberley, despite having recently cancelled three sold-out departures for this month and early Jul (**CW** 13 May).

The Australian Government's COVID-19 emergency measures were most recently extended for a further three months, until 17 Sep (**CW** 11 Jun).

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HAL cancels Aus

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has cancelled *Oosterdam* departures in Australia through to and including 22 Dec.

The latest batch of cancellations also includes *Westerdam* departures in South America through to and including 14 Dec, and *Noordam* departures in Asia through to and including 20 Dec.

The decision comes following an update to HAL's northern summer 2021 Europe cruise schedule, which has also seen *Nieuw Statendam* and *Volendam* voyages cancelled, and new flagship *Rotterdam's* season shifted (**CW** 15 Jun).



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G'd-AIDA, mate

AIDA Cruises will sail to 20 countries, including Australia, and four continents on *AIDA Sol's* new world cruise.

New Year's Eve in Sydney and the ship's first visit to Geraldton in Western Australia are among many of the highlights for the cruise, which will begin in the northern winter of 2022-2023.

The 117-day adventure also includes rounding Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope, and visiting destinations such as the Alley Glacier, Tierra del Fuego, Mauritius, and Cape Town.

Other first-time port calls for *AIDA Sol* include Suva, Nuku'alofa, Mystery Island, and Ile des Pins.

MSC-Tunisia tie-up



MSC Cruises will enrich its northern summer program for the Mediterranean next year with

the addition of Tunisia.

The port of La Goulette will play host to 27 stops from *MSC Opera* from Apr to Oct next year - a move welcomed by Tunisian Minister of Tourism Habib Ammar and *MSC* Cruises Executive Chairman Pierfrancesco Vago (pictured).

MSC also agreed to work jointly with the Ministry of Tourism on dedicated future communications programs, particularly in France, Germany, and Italy, to promote the attractiveness of Tunisia as a destination, and cruises as a preferred option to explore and enjoy its tourist attractions.

"Tunisia is a beautiful and hospitable country that holds a special place in the heart of *MSC*," Vago said.

"I have no doubt that having La Goulette on our Western Mediterranean itinerary for *MSC Opera* next summer will be again a great attraction for many of our guests who wish to visit this incredible country".



AS THE world of transport changes with the adoption of electric vehicles, Brittany Ferries has said it envisages introducing all-electric "seaglider" passenger-only ferries (pictured) by the end of the decade.

The French shipping company signed a letter of intent with American startup *REGENT* for the development of the seagliders, which will combine hydrofoil with airplane technology, in an attempt at a more sustainable and efficient form of ferry travel.



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Apex makes debut

CELEBRITY Cruises' *Celebrity Apex* has enjoyed her world debut in the Aegean Sea.

Apex set sail out of the Port of Athens on Sat, beginning her maiden voyage, with guests travelling on the Greek Islands and Cyprus itinerary having the chance to visit the ancient city of Rhodes, the beauty of Mykonos, the island destination of Santorini, as well as the Cypriot destination of Limassol.

Celebrity originally planned to introduce its newest flagship in late Mar 2020 before the pandemic.

