



Cruise Weekly today

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

CDC issues test guidance



THE Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has recommended all port personnel and cruise travellers, including passengers and crews, get a coronavirus vaccine when available, as part of Phases 2B and 3 of the Conditional Sailing Order (CSO).

Covering simulated passenger voyages and the Conditional Sailing Certification, the CDC released the latest two phases of the CSO yesterday, meaning cruise lines now have all the necessary requirements and recommendations they need to start simulated voyages before resuming restricted passenger voyages.

The guidance says a cruise line should notify the CDC and request its approval to conduct a simulated voyage at least 30 calendar days prior to the simulation.

At least one simulation of two-to-seven days (with at least one overnight stay) and 10% capacity must be conducted for each ship the cruise line intends to reactivate.

Self-guided or independent exploration by passengers during port stops will be prohibited, and cruise lines must also submit

laboratory test results for every crew member on board ships operating in American waters "as required by CDC".

All volunteer passengers must submit to post-disembarkation specimen collection for coronavirus testing three-to-five days after completion of the simulated voyage.

"CDC acknowledges it is not possible for cruising to be a zero-risk activity for spread of COVID-19," the guidance said.

"While cruising will always pose some risk of COVID-19 transmission, CDC is committed to ensuring that cruise ship passenger operations are conducted in a way that protects crew members, passengers, and port personnel, particularly with emerging COVID-19 variants."

For cruise lines not wishing to conduct simulated voyages, the CDC said in a letter to the cruise industry earlier this week, operators may proceed to passenger sailings if they attest 98% of crew members and 95% of passengers are fully vaccinated (**CW** 03 May).

The industry has reviewed the guidance, and will meet with the CDC tomorrow to clarify certain aspects of what is required.

HAL Greece return

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) will restart cruising from Greece in Aug.

Working in close coordination with the Government of Greece, HAL has received approval to restart cruising from Piraeus with four departures aboard *Eurodam*.

Bookings for these cruises will open 06 May, with the Idyllic Greek Isles itineraries departing 15 and 29 Aug.

HAL cruises from Greece are available for guests who have received their final dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine (and have proof of vaccination) at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the cruise.

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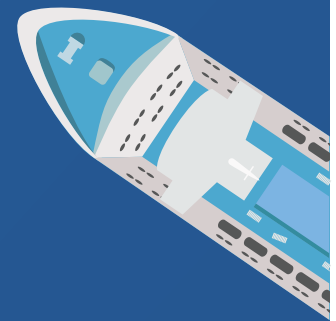
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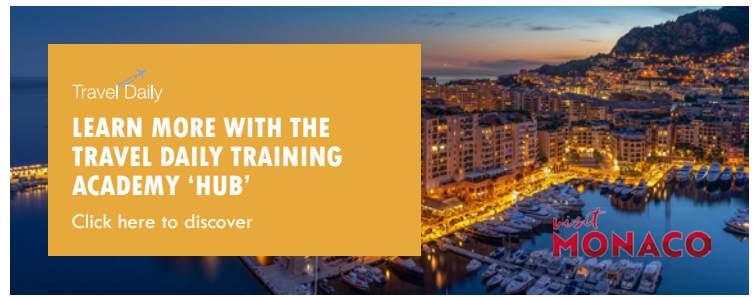


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NO-ONE ever wants to miss their embarkation, but this is ridiculous!

A Queensland police officer has leaped into a runaway boat on the Calliope River, after its captain fell overboard.

The officer was assisted by three kayakers, who dragged the elderly skipper to safety, while the cop went after the unmanned vessel, which had been left circling uncontrollably.

The copper bravely leapt from his boat into the fisherman's, where he was able to stop the out-of-control craft.

Bravo to the four men, especially the police officer, who risked potentially serious injury at the business end of the tinny's motor to keep the community safe.

TTW Ponant offer

TRAVEL The World (TTW) is offering an exclusive 30% off savings and €100 on board credit on Ponant's Kimberley itineraries (**CW 02 Mar**).

Travel advisors booking through TTW can secure prices starting from \$10,060 per person twin share for the Deluxe Stateroom.

These exclusive offers are valid for multiple sailings and dates between Mar and Sep next year.

Select departure dates will also benefit from no single supplement.

Extraordinary Journeys



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is offering guests the opportunity to explore some of the world's most unique destinations with its 2022 and 2023 'Extraordinary Journeys' itineraries, a series of immersive voyages to some of the world's most unique destinations.

Guests can sail to bucket-list destinations including Antarctica, where they can get up close to colonies of elephant seals and penguins; Greenland, where they can go whale-watching, and Iceland, where they can discover the country's striking cities and landscapes.

All voyages are on board *Norwegian Star* (pictured), with Australian cruisers increasingly seeking one-of-a-kind travel memories, according to Vice President & Managing Director APAC Ben Angell.

"Our exceptional Extraordinary Journeys itineraries give guests the opportunity to visit hand-picked ports in some of the world's most fascinating destinations," he said.

"These sailings are designed

for those seeking diverse and captivating experiences."

For more information and trade marketing collateral for the voyages contact 1300 255 200.

Viking Malta return

VIKING is expanding its Welcome Back collection with new Mediterranean voyages for Jul.

Available to vaccinated American guests only, *Viking Sea* and *Viking Venus* will homeport in the Maltese capital city of Valletta, and sail two different 11-day roundtrip itineraries in the Mediterranean.

Guests on the new Malta & Adriatic Jewels itinerary will overnight in Valletta and then sail to Montenegro and Croatia before returning to Malta, while the Malta & Greek Isles Discovery itinerary will also overnight in Valetta, before sailing to Greece and returning to Malta.

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