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Cruise Weekly today

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

P&O Black Fri sale

P&O Cruises Australia has joined the Black Fri promotional frenzy, this morning launching a Cyber Week sale.

Australians can access hot deals on Short Breaks and longer getaways starting from \$64 per person, from today until Wed.

The initiative includes a 48-hour flash sale from today, with Short Break cruise fares beginning from as low as \$77 per person.

Black Fri offers include a *Pacific Explorer* five-night Short Break to Melbourne, departing Auckland on 27 Nov 2022; and a *Pacific Encounter* four-night Whitsunday Islands Short Break cruise departing Brisbane on 02 Jul 2022.

Then, from Sat, any purchase of two adult fares will see a third and fourth guest travel for free as part of P&O's Cyber Mon sale.

Deals include Explorer's 10-night Northern Explorer cruise departing Fremantle on 18, May 2023 and a Pacific Adventure's five-night Taste of Tasmania cruise departing Sydney on 12 Dec 2022.

This promotion also runs until 01 Dec.

Aranui announces 2023 cargo cruises



ARANUI Cruises is charting a new course in the post-pandemic world, releasing its 2023 program, aboard the line's Aranui 5 hybrid passenger/cargo vessel, following confirmation earlier this month its planned passenger-only vessel Aramana will be delayed (CW 18 Nov).

Including a dedicated Austral Islands explorer itinerary, featuring the 'Bora Bora of the South'; a bonus Pitcairn Islands sailing to make up for cancelled COVID cruises; and Aranui's first five-day cruise, the new program is on sale now.

The 2023 schedule is Aranui's most diverse, featuring 25 scheduled cruises ranging from five to 13 days, calling at 26 islands around the South Pacific.

Passengers will cruise aboard Aranui 5 (pictured), a 125-metre mixed freight & passenger vessel, which offers one of the few remaining cargo cruise experiences in the world.

An earlybird discount of 15% is currently available on select voyages when booked this year, while a low season discount is available on the first two voyages of the season.

Australians aged over 60 can also take 10% off the Discover the Marquesas 2023 itinerary, with discounted staterooms starting from \$6,843 per person twin share.

Aranui Regional Representative Australia New Zealand Laurent Wong said there was something for everyone in the diverse 2023 program.

"Our special cargo cruise to the Marquesas will always be popular but we also know that the world is going to be different after COVID-19, so we've made some changes to the usual program to cater to the post-pandemic traveller," Wong explained.

"In addition to enhanced health protocols onboard, we are offering shorter and cheaper options to give more travellers the chance to enjoy a postpandemic holiday in paradise.

"As a small ship that likes to head off-the-beaten-track, we are looking forward to welcoming adventurous Australians back on board *Aranui 5* in 2023 and taking our guests to every corner of the South Pacific, from Adamstown to Aitutaki, and across all five of French Polynesia's archipelagos."

Hurtigruten sale

HURTIGRUTEN'S Black Fri Sale offers up to 15% savings on six iconic Norwegian Coastal Express itineraries, and \$750 off the brand's bestselling tour.

Sailing since 1893 and visiting 34 coastal communities and spanning four seasons, these tried and tested itineraries highlight the very best of the Norwegian Coast, in the most authentic and sustainable way possible.

For peace of mind, Hurtigruten has relaxed its bookings conditions with its Book with Confidence offer -CLICK HERE for more.

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APT/TM Black Fri

APT and Travelmarvel (TM) are offering Black Fri Sales on a range of trips.

From Small Ship expedition cruises aboard APT's Caledonian Sky with a saving of up to \$8,400 per couple, to the popular 15-day Magnificent Europe River Cruise with Economy flights included and a discount of up to \$2,000 per couple, APT's Live the Dream Sale has a range of reopening deals to celebrate Australia's return to

Canada's Northern Lights, the Rockies and Alaska cruises are also up for grabs with savings up to \$3,000 per couple.

Savings on Tasmania and New Zealand tours are also available with up to \$1,600 per couple for Tasmania and up to \$2,000 per couple for New Zealand.

Meanwhile, Travelmarvel's Time to Go Sale includes tours in Australia, as well as Asia, North America, and New Zealand.

Europe and Russia river cruises are also available - call 1300 278 278.

Coast crazy for cruise



HELLOWORLD Travel Umina's Madri Bowmont and Meredith Hamson hosted a travel expo yesterday on the beachfront at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Umina Beach in NSW.

Central Coast locals turned out to meet the brands in attendance and get excited about getting back to travelling.

Representatives from the cruise industry included Evergreen Tours, Norwegian Cruise Line,

Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean International, Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, and Uniworld Boutique River Cruises.

Pictured are Norwegian's Vanessa Green; Royal Caribbean's Amy Fonti; Princess' Rachael Tyrell; APT's Sandy Allan; Meredith Hamson; The Travel Corporation's Jen Pagett; Andrea Massaro; Madri Bowmont; Adventure World Andrea Morgan; and Scenic's Amanda Todd.



A MAMMOTH tusk has been recovered from an unlikely place: the bottom of the ocean.

While it might not be as cool as a message in a bottle, Monterey Bay Aguarium Research Institute scientists were shocked to discover the tusk, belonging to a Columbian mammoth, 24 kilometres off-shore and more than 3,000 metres deep.

The find was first made in 2019, but back then, the researchers were only able to collect a small sample.

However, this past Jul, they returned, when the full weight of the stunning find was revealed to the world.

"Mammoths have been retrieved from the ocean, but generally not from depths of more than a few tens of metres," a researcher said.

The cold, high pressure environment helped to preserve the tusk, so it can be studied in greater detail, which will no doubt be a mammoth task.





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