

Cruise Weekly today

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

RCI Ovation canx

WITH no clear pathway for the return of foreign-flagged ships and cruising in general, Royal Caribbean International has made the decision to cancel all sailings on *Ovation of the Seas* from Sydney this season.

Cancellations span from 13 Dec through to the end of Mar.

"As Australia opens up, we are committed to progressing the proactive conversations with federal and state governments on recommencing cruising in Australia and hope to provide an update soon," Royal Caribbean said, noting it regrets the inconvenience caused to guests.

Viking Saturn to make debut in 2023

VIKING has announced its newest ocean ship *Viking Saturn* (render pictured) will debut in 2023, sailing three new cruises.

The 930-guest *Saturn* will spend her maiden season sailing three new itineraries in the Scandinavian and Nordic countries, including two 15-day journeys, Iconic Iceland, Greenland & Canada, and Iceland & Norway's Arctic Explorer, and a 29-day Greenland, Iceland, Norway & Beyond voyage.

Saturn's inaugural season will also see the return of the popular eight-day Iceland's Natural Beauty itinerary, starting in Aug 2023.

"The thousands of guests who sailed our Welcome Back voyage in Iceland this past summer enjoyed the experience so much they provided record-level ratings," said, Chair Torstein Hagen.

"These new itineraries are



ideal for curious travellers and trace routes of the early Viking explorers to Iceland and other North Atlantic destinations known for their natural beauty.

"We look forward to welcoming *Viking Saturn* to our fleet and to offering guests even more ways

to explore this unique part of the world in comfort."

Saturn will feature all veranda staterooms, Explorer suites, two pool choices, a LivNordic Spa, Explorers' Lounge cocktail bar, Mamsaen's deli, eight dining options and more.

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Windstar Star Plus initiative complete

WINDSTAR Cruises has taken delivery of *Star Pride* in Palermo, marking the completion of the USD\$250 million Star Plus initiative renovation project.

The third and final all-suite Star Plus Class yacht to emerge from her multi-year, modernisation, *Pride* will remain in Italy until she resumes guest operations in Apr in the Mediterranean.

"We are thrilled to have all three of our yachts completely reimagined, from the new, more environmentally-friendly engines to the gorgeous new restaurant spaces, spacious suites, and romantic spas," said President Christopher Prelog.

"Our passengers who are already sailing with us on these transformed yachts are raving, giving us higher customer experience scores than we've ever received.

"We couldn't be happier with



the results."

The renovation saw *Pride* stretched, and increased in maximum capacity from 212 passengers to 312.

Pride will provide additional dining, including an outdoor barbecue concept with grilling guru Steven Raichlen, and a Spanish small plates restaurant from Anthony Sasso.

The ship will also supply a true spa and fitness centre, an elegant infinity pool, and more outdoor deck areas.

In addition, all of Windstar's yachts' HVAC systems have been updated, adding new hospital grade high-efficiency particulate filters along with a UV-C air-zapping process to clean the air on board.

New Ponant offers

PONANT has released a half-price deposit offer on next year's European cruises.

The deal is exclusive for Australian guests, and is valid on all new bookings until the end of next month.

It allows guests a half-priced deposit of 12.5% as opposed to the standard 25%.

The special offer applies on all Northern Europe and Mediterranean luxury yacht cruising departures for next year, including the Greek Islands, Croatia, Italy, Corsica, Spain, France, Malta, Turkey, the Black Sea, Sweden, Russia, and Denmark.

In addition, guests looking at making up for the past two missed European summers are invited to combine two itineraries back-to-back and save 10% on the second voyage they choose.

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BOATING has taken off as a hobby for the rich during the pandemic - possibly because they have been unable to board a cruise.

However, if you're looking to get in on the pastime on the cheap, a "free" boat has recently been abandoned on a Wisconsin highway (pictured).

The state's highway patrol said in a Facebook post troopers responded to a call for service in Washington County and discovered someone had abandoned a boat on Highway 33.

"Disclaimer - this is not the proper method for disposing a boat," the post said, adding troopers are frequently confronted with baffling sights while patrolling highways.



Celestyal returns



CELESTYAL Cruises has announced its return to year-round cruising will take place on 14 Mar.

The cruise line will offer three- and four-night sailings, followed by seven-night voyages from 30 Apr.

Celestyal will also add Thessaloniki to its popular seven-night Idyllic Aegean itinerary, where it will become the only cruise line calling on the port city on a regular basis.

In Thessaloniki, guests can take in stunning early Christian art, Byzantine monuments, memorials to Alexander the Great, and the chance to explore the city's rich Roman and Sephardic Jewish

heritage.

Celestyal will also return to the less-discovered island of Milos, traditionally not visited by most other lines sailing larger ships.

The company will extend its time in port in Milos from a half day to an entire day.

"We are optimistic that our destination-centric itineraries to undiscovered and exciting destinations will continue to be well received by our core audience, which are travellers by nature," said Chief Commercial Officer, Leslie Peden.

All 2022 and 2023 sailings with all-inclusive pricing start from \$699, per person, and are bookable now.



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It's time to embrace your inner artist with NCL's mindful adult colouring book, "**Colour Your World**". Because wellness means different things to different people, during NCL's Walk for Wellness challenge this October, the line has partnered with *Cruise Weekly* to encourage readers to take a moment for mindfulness.

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