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AURORA Expeditions has been certified 100% carbon neutral as part of its ongoing active sustainability plan.

This key milestone has been achieved in partnership with leading emissions reduction project developer South Pole.

The "Climate Neutral Company" certification has been achieved by a combination of key sustainability initiatives across the company's business operations.

In a three-step plan, Aurora calculates all its greenhouse gas emissions across its business operations annually, then compensates for these emissions by purchasing carbon credits from climate action projects that meet the highest international standards.

Aurora then sets goals, targets and timelines to ensure its emission reduction and sustainability programs are best-in-class.

In addition to supporting an emissions reduction project, Aurora also supports a biodiversity conservation project in Australia.

Mount Sandy Conservation on South Australia's Limestone Coast promotes conservation partnerships with the traditional Ngarrindjeri landowners through vital conservation work.

Uniworld's *Sphinx* purring



UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruises' new super ship *Sphinx* (pictured) has debuted in Egypt.

Designed with local artisans and Egyptian craftsmanship, the Nile-going ship set sail late last month.

Sphinx offers 42 suites with French balconies (inset); two gourmet dining venues, including a private dining room and an al fresco dining experience on the upper deck; a swimming pool; a massage room and more.

The "floating boutique hotel" also features other signature touches Uniworld's ships are known for, including a high crew-to-guest ratio.

Onboard menus reflect the destination guests sail through, with options including Egyptian beef liver, veel fatteh, sweet corn soup, molokhia Egyptian bread, hawawshi, and more.

Guests can also pair their meals on board with locally sourced



Egyptian wines, including Omar Khayyam and Shahrazade.

Sphinx will operate the Splendors of Egypt & The Nile itinerary, a 12-day adventure-filled sailing in which guests experience Egypt and the Nile's top sites.

Starting and ending in Cairo, guests will explore Karnak; visit temples dedicated to Hathor, Horus, and other mythological figures; pay homage to Egypt's first female ruler at the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut; step inside the famous Egyptian Museum to view ancient artefacts and more.

Rates start at \$5,999 per person, with sailings inclusive of all meals on board; premium spirits & wine; offshore excursions; airport transfers; onboard gratuities and wi-fi.

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A DIVER has pulled a perfectly preserved goo-year-old sword from the Israeli seabed.

Encrusted with marine organisms, the one-metre-long blade dates back to the Crusades, and was found off a beach in northern Israel.

The finder turned the weapon over to the country's Antiques Authority (IAI), and was awarded a certificate of good citizenship.

They found the sword during a weekend dive in an area off the coast where waves and undercurrents had apparently shifted sand, revealing the item, the IAI said in a statement.

"The sword, which has been preserved in perfect condition, is a beautiful and rare find and evidently belonged to a Crusader knight," said IAI's Nir Distelfeld, who assessed it as being made of iron.

Once the sword has been cleaned and researched, the IAI said it will ensure it is displayed.

Port of Seattle virtual fam



THE Port of Seattle is welcoming travel advisors to explore Washington (**pictured**) on a virtual famil ahead of travel to the United States resuming.

This month marks the completion of a successful shortened 2021 Alaska cruise season from Seattle, and in the 'Cruise from Seattle and Taste Washington State' famil, advisors will get an advanced peek at the pleasures in store when Australians can travel and cruise once more.

Taking place on 03 Nov, advisors

can learn how Seattle navigated through opening during the pandemic to sail cruise ships to Alaska, and what travellers who are planning a cruise to The Last Frontier next year and beyond can expect.

The fam will take advisors from the Port to explore the nearby attractions, before sampling some of the trends, tastes and diverse scenery of Washington's Whidbey & Camano Islands.

Advisors will also visit the premier wine region Walla Walla, ideal for pre- and post-cruise stays; will have the opportunity to ask questions about the destination and cruise port; and will be invited to enter a quiz for the chance to win a \$200 MasterCard gift voucher.

The fam will be hosted by Port of Seattle's Ron Peck, Whidbey & Camano Islands' Sherrye Wyatt, and InquisiTours' Guy Glaeser, as well as a local chef, who will offer the opportunity to learn how to cook fresh mussels Whidbey Island-style.

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CLIA UPDATE

with Joel Katz
 MD, CLIA Australasia

The mood is changing

AFTER months of persistence, it's clear there's a positive change in the discussions we're having with governments around cruising in Australia.

The new Premier of New South Wales Dominic Perrottet last week confirmed he is in discussions with the Australian Government around a resumption of cruising, having already expressed public support for a restart as travel restrictions ease.

Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has also confirmed cruising is on the agenda, having suggested smaller cruises within Queensland would be raised at National Cabinet.

Behind the scenes, in discussions CLIA has been having with governments at multiple levels, there is now a clear will to make progress and work towards a responsible resumption of cruising as other countries have done overseas.

One of our key messages – that it would be ridiculous for Aussies to be able to fly overseas to cruise while they still can't sail at home – is clearly resonating.

We're also gaining greater acknowledgement that cruising supports thousands of local jobs – including travel advisors – and that it will be an essential part of Australia's tourism revival as we emerge from the pandemic.



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