



Cruise Weekly today

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

Zurvas to Variety

ATHENS-BASED small ship line Variety Cruises has appointed Jarrod Zurvas as its new Director of Global Sales, with the move seeing him relocate from Australia to Greece.

Zurvas joins Variety from his former role with Quark Expeditions, where he was Director of Sales Asia Pacific for the last three years.

He has now started with Variety, telling *Cruise Weekly* he is very pleased to be taking up the opportunity with the company.

Founded in 1968, Variety resumed sailing in the Greek Islands in Jun.

More Aus canx for Carnival Cruise Line

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has announced its next phase of restart plans, which includes the cancellation of four additional sailings for both *Carnival Spirit* and *Carnival Splendor* (pictured) out of Australia.

Cruises on both ships are now cancelled up to and including 16 Dec - the day before the human biosecurity emergency period is set to expire (**CW** 03 Sep).

The cruise line's restart continues in the United States though, with *Carnival Valor* announced to be joining *Carnival Glory* in New Orleans with four- and five-night sailings starting from Nov.

Carnival Legend will restart from 14 Nov out of Baltimore, replacing *Carnival Pride*, which will homeport in Tampa from 14 Nov.

The maiden voyage of *Carnival Radiance* will take place 13 Dec



out of Long Beach, rescheduled from 05 Nov due to a revised dry dock transformation plan, while *Carnival Conquest's* restart from Miami, scheduled for 08 Oct, has been suspended until 13 Dec.

Carnival Sensation's 21 Oct restart from Mobile has also been moved to Jan.

Protocols for vaccinations, testing and masks are to remain

in place through to the end of the year, with Carnival to continue to meet the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's standard of vaccinated cruises.

Carnival is also working to set up pre-sailing rapid testing sites at all of its homeports, while guests will be asked to wear masks in most indoor venues of the ship where people congregate.

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Shooting for the Sky

HURTIGRUTEN will mark 125 years of operations by naming its battery-hybrid-powered *Fridtjof Nansen* on Svalbard.

The cruise line will host the ship's naming ceremony in Longyearbyen on 14 Sep in the northernmost naming ceremony ever to be held for a pax vessel.

Fridtjof Nansen is named after the Norwegian polymath and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who led the team which made the first crossing of the Greenland interior in 1888, traversing the island on cross-country skis.

The ship will be named by breaking a chunk of ice rather than the traditional bottle of champagne, just as sister ship *Roald Amundsen* was when she was the first ship ever to be named in Antarctica in 2019.

Hurtigruten Expeditions Chief Executive Officer Asta Lassenes said the cruise line could not think of a better place to name *Fridtjof Nansen*.



PRINCESS Cruises' *Sky Princess* (pictured) has set sail with guests on board for the first time in almost 18 months, departing from the Port of Southampton last Mon.

The sailing marks the first time *Sky* has sailed from the United Kingdom with guests onboard, commencing its Summer Seacations season.

Joining sister ship *Regal Princess* in the United Kingdom, *Sky* has become the third ship in the

Princess fleet to return to service since the cruise line voluntarily paused operations in Mar 2020.

Until 05 Oct, *Sky* will take British guests on short scenic voyages visiting port cities such as Liverpool, Greenock, Belfast, and Portland.

"It is fantastic to be welcoming guests back onboard another Princess ship, this time the beautiful *Sky Princess*, our second ship to join us here in the UK," said the cruise line's local Vice President Tony Roberts.

"Princess is one of only two cruise lines to have two ships operating out of the UK this summer, which bears testament to our commitment and devotion to UK guests."

"It also marked her first sailing from Southampton - her homeport for three consecutive years - with guests onboard."

Roberts said Princess is delighted to have one of its newest ships dedicated to the United Kingdom market.

Silversea package

CRUISE Traveller has released a range of bonuses as part of its new luxury Kimberley expedition package in 2023 with Silversea Cruises.

Those booking the all-inclusive voyage aboard *Silver Explorer* by 16 Nov can enjoy bonus onboard spending credit, in addition to flights & hotels, complimentary meals, beverages, wi-fi, gratuities, enrichment lectures, off-ship excursions and the service of a private butler.

The 19-night package is available on two departures with identical itineraries – Darwin to Perth on 08 Aug 2023, and Perth to Darwin on 25 Aug 2023.

The package is available from AUD\$17,900 per person, twin-share, in an Adventure suite, and a bonus onboard spending credit of USD\$200 per suite is also available.

Land ahoy for FCCA

THE Florida-Caribbean Cruise (FCCA) Association Cruise Conference is moving full steam ahead, taking place in Panama City from 18-21 Oct.

Plans are quickly taking shape with 40 cruise executives already confirmed, workshop topics announced, and a revamped format focused on networking opportunities, including one-on-one meetings between delegates and execs.

Panama will also pull out all the stops to showcase its products and cruise potential.



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