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Cruise Weekly today

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

More vax policies

AURORA Expeditions and Tauck are the latest cruise lines to require vaccinations on all their itineraries.

Both policies are effective immediately, with Tauck's applying to all guests aged 12

Aurora's policy will also apply to all crew and expedition team members.

Antarctic season to depart from Chile

SILVERSEA Cruises has confirmed its 2021-22 Antarctic season will see three ships departing from Chilean ports.

The line collaborated closely with Chile's authorities, industry bodies and other stakeholders to lead the return of Antarctic travel, departing from two different ports for the season.

Silver Cloud (pictured) and Silver Wind will now set sail from Punta Arenas, while Silver Explorer will continue with its scheduled plan to depart from Puerto Williams from Nov

Guests of Cloud and Wind will





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now fly into Santiago, where they will enjoy an overnight hotel stay before flying into Punta Arenas the next day.

Guests embarking aboard Explorer will do so in Puerto Williams, except those utilising Silversea's Antarctica Bridge, the first fly-cruise service to the continent, which will see travellers fly directly from Punta Arenas to King George Island.

Silversea's Antarctica cruise collection includes a series of mostly 10-day explorations of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands, as well as shorter sailings of just five, six or nine days as part of the Antarctica Bridge fly-cruise program.

Longer journeys encompass the Antarctic Peninsula, the South Shetland Islands, the Falkland Islands, Elephant Island and South Georgia.

Two Deep Antarctica itineraries will spend 20 days tracing a path beyond the Antarctic Circle, and there will also be two sailings offering guests the chance to witness the solar eclipse on 04 Dec from Antarctica – the only place on earth where it can be viewed in totality.





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FACE-2-FACE: Vanessa Green

BDM - NSW/ACT, Norwegian Cruise Line

1. What is your favourite part of your job?

I love talking about incredible experiences, wonderful destinations and having the opportunity to play a small part in helping people create lifelong memories!

2. What attracted you to a career in the cruise industry?

The clients! I love how passionate and loval cruisers are - they are always so excited about the experiences to be had on board.

3. What is key to success in the cruise industry?

We know that guests are booking their cruise itinerary early and before any other component of their holiday, which is what we need to be looking at now.

4. How has COVID-19 changed the way you do your job?

Looking to the future and how we will regenerate has us all thinking a little outside the box. I love that no idea is off the table.

5. What is the best thing to say to people who are hesitant to cruise?

NCL has spent the past year



further developing and refining our already robust health and safety protocols, ensuring that we are delivering an exceptional experience!

6. What are you most looking forward to?

I'm just feeling lucky to be NCL's NSW BDM. I'm looking forward to welcoming our valued travel partners and guests aboard when Norwegian Spirit joins us for her upcoming Australian summer sailing season!

7. How do you wind down after a busy week?

I love meeting friends for a glass of wine!

8. The celebrity you would most like to cruise with?

Well it couldn't be a singer, because I wouldn't want them to show me up during karaoke...!

9. What should the cruise ship of the future look like?

NCL already has some awesome innovations onboard - from incredible experiential attractions like go kart tracks to The Haven by Norwegian - an exclusive and luxurious ship-inship experience.



A Spirited ceremony



SEA Cloud Cruises' Sea Cloud Spirit is christened and ready for service.

The formalities took place at the cruise terminal in Palma de Mallorca, with Gabriela Toran, the wife of the ship's designer Inigo Echenique, serving as godmother.

The champagne bottle used for the christening was blessed on a pilgrimage of almost 120 kilometres, with Sea Cloud legal representative Javier Arias-Camison keeping the promise he made at the beginning of Sea Cloud Spirit's construction to personally deliver the bottle on foot to Santiago de Compostela.

Sea Cloud Spirit is the modern interpretation of the cruise line's flagship, Sea Cloud.

The hand-sailed newbuild combines the comfort of a luxury ship with the traditional seamanship of the windjammers

which pioneered modern world trade around the 1900s.

The 138-metre-long, threemasted ship can accommodate up to 136 guests, and is equipped with balcony cabins, a wellness area and a fitness centre.

Sea Cloud Spirit will set off on her maiden voyage from Rome on Tue on sailings along the Italian coast between Tuscany and Sicily, after which she will cruise the waters around the Canary Islands from Nov to Apr.

For the northern winter season 2022/2023, the new ship is scheduled to be deployed in the Caribbean and Central America, and will also offer voyages from Florida to the Bahamas.

Pictured are Captain Gerald Schober, Hermann Ebel, Gabriela Toran, Mileva Ebel, Klaus Gerken, Ulrike Bellmann, Adam Pazdzioch, and Inigo Echenique.



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The September issue of travelBulletin is out now. Read about CATO's reforms, vax the way forward for travel, Hurtigruten heading to Africa and more!







HURTIGRUTEN has revealed the two godmothers for batteryhybrid-powered *Fridtjof Nansen* will be seasoned exploration and environmental pioneers Sunniva Sorby and Hilde Falun Strom (pictured).

The pair made history as the first female team to overwinter in remote Arctic Svalbard.

They are dedicating their lives to inspiring action and engaging a global dialogue on climate change.



Cruise gets some sun



NATALIE Cherry, owner of Noosa Cruise & Travel and Helloworld Travel Cooroy, and Paul Rickard, Helloworld Travel Caloundra owner, recently put on showcases for some of their supplier partners.

Cruise lines were well

represented, reminding the good folks of the Sunshine Coast why their industry offers the best kind of holiday, and will continue to do so once the government go-slow sorts itself out.

Pictured talking cruise up are, back row: Julia and Donna. Helloworld Caloundra, Oceania Cruises Business Development Manager James Sitters, Viking Commercial Manager Queensland & NT Leon Hill, Royal Caribbean **Group Business Development** Manager Christine Oliver, Cruise Traveller Key Partnerships Manager Queensland Western Australia & NT Karen Revell, and Adventure World Industry Account Manager New South Wales & Queensland Jerry Pilgrim; front row: Ponant National Business Development Manager Australia New Zealand India Southeast Asia Julie Rodgers, Azamara Director of Sales Belle Osmic, Paul Rickard, and Aurora Expeditions Business **Development Manager Anna** Powell

Hurtigruten offer

HURTIGRUTEN Norwegian Coastal Express is offering its largest onboard credit offer to date, with up to \$1,500 per

Those booking by the end of next month for travel between Jun 2022 and May 2023 can secure up to \$1,500 in onboard credit per cabin twin

The credit offer is available on The Classic Roundtrip Voyage, The Classic Voyage North, The Classic Voyage South, Voyage of Discovery, Follow the Lights Tours, and Complete Norway Tours.

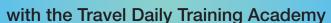
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HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has announced northern spring 2022 return-to-service dates for its final three ships in its fleet, which will see Oosterdam's Australian voyages next year cancelled.

Guests on the ship's cancelled cruises will be moved to the same itinerary in 2023 aboard Noordam, which will join *Oosterdam* and Westerdam in resuming cruising in Japan, the Mediterranean and Alaska, meaning Holland America's full fleet will be back to cruising by the northern spring.

"We've been working intensely to get all of our ships back into service, and to have final restart dates that will complete the fleet is rewarding for everyone who has put their all into making this happen," said President Gus Antorcha.

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