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Grandeur opening

RESERVATIONS open tomorrow for Regent Seven Seas Cruises' (RSSC) newest ship, *Seven Seas Grandeur*. With a reimagined Compass Rose restaurant - RSSC's signature eatery - *Grandeur* will become the sixth member of the cruise line's fleet when she is delivered in the fourth quarter of 2023.

A sister ship to *Seven Seas Explorer* and *Seven Seas Splendor*, *Grandeur* will host just 750 guests, providing one of the industry's highest staff-to-guest ratios - **cover page**.

Prima entertainment

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has debuted *Norwegian Prima's* entertainment and onboard experiences, including freefall drop dry slides, the largest racetrack at sea, and the world's first venue which transforms between a three-story theatre and a Las Vegas-style nightclub.

The auditorium, designed to seamlessly convert from a stage to a dance floor, will feature a customisable seating layout and a moving LED screen that lowers from the ceiling.

Tony Award-nominated musical *Summer: The Donna Summer*

Musical will take up residence at the theatre as *Prima's* Broadway-style headline act.

From the production team that brought *Jersey Boys* to *Norwegian Bliss*, the 75-minute immersive production will see the theatre transform into a full disco - a first at sea - allowing guests to become a part of the show, and dance to Summer's medleys.

Prima will also debut *The Drop*, the world's first freefall dry slide, where cruisers will experience a 10-storey plunge, believed to reach the highest g-force at sea.

NCL will up the ante on its go-karts, offering the largest and first ever three-level racetrack with the *Prima* Speedway, which will navigate around and through the funnel of the ship, and feature a longer straight than before.

Also making its first appearance on *Prima* as part of the ship's Aqua Park and Main Pool area, will be NCL's first Tidal Wave waterslide, featuring gushing surf which guests can ride in a lifesaver.

NCL's popular indoor virtual gaming complex, *The Galaxy Pavilion*, has levelled up to offer guests 14 attractions to choose from, including four new hyper-immersive simulator experiences only available on *Prima*, two different escape rooms, and the only Topgolf Swing Suite available at sea.

CLICK HERE to see renders of *Prima*.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover page from **Regent Seven Seas Cruises**.

APT Europe 2023

THE APT Travel Group has confirmed the early release of APT and Travelmarvel's Europe 2023 river cruises.

The holidays on offer include the most popular itineraries on Europe's waterways, such as cruises from Amsterdam to Budapest along the Rhine, Main & Danube rivers, popular city stay packages in destinations such as Paris & Prague, Douro River cruises, and Russia cruises from Moscow to St Petersburg.

Now on sale and available for travel advisors to book, all new reservations made by the end of the year will include APT Travel Group's Flexible International Booking Cover, which will allow guests to postpone their international holiday and transfer their deposit to another date or trip, up to 65 days prior to their departure date.

The early launch of 2023 dates is due to demand from advisors and customers, and the restricted availability for next year, due to guests moving their holiday plans from 2020 and 2021.

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TIME to apply!

SILVERSEA Cruises' scholarship application for the next Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) intake closes at the end of next week.

Open to qualified applicants from any background across the travel, tourism, hospitality and aviation industries, candidates can **CLICK HERE** to register for the 27 Oct intake.

"Our travel partners are extremely important to Silversea, playing a key role for us and our guests, both now and in the future," said Silversea Director of Sales Steve Richards.

"It is vital for Silversea to continue to invest in the future of our industry...we'd love to see a deserving tourism and travel individual be awarded this important scholarship".

Venezia program

COSTA Cruises has updated its programs for 2022-23, with new *Costa Venezia* cruises to Turkey now on offer.

From May, the ship will offer three different itineraries, all with embarkation and disembarkation in Istanbul, to discover Turkey and Greece.

In the northern winter, *Venezia* will visit Turkey, Egypt, Israel and Cyprus.

The ship's new program is designed to provide for longer stopovers in-port, which will allow guests to fully enjoy some of the most beautiful experiences of each destination, visiting cities rich in history, ancient ruins, UNESCO World Heritage sites and wonderful beaches.

New Alaska cruise bill



A BILL proposed by Alaskan Senator Lisa Murkowski aimed at allowing cruise ships bound for the state to bypass Canadian ports would have a "devastating" effect on British Columbia, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Chief Executive Officer Ian Robertson said.

Under the proposed legislation, large foreign cruise ships carrying more than 1,000 passengers would be able to bypass Canadian ports indefinitely, having been temporarily granted the privilege during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"[The *Passenger Vessel Services Act*] had the unintended consequence of putting Alaskan businesses at the mercy of the Canadian government," Murkowski said during an address to Alaska's Southeast Conference Annual Meeting.

"It nearly wiped out southeast Alaskan economies as we saw business after business ready to welcome visitors, but unable to because Canadians would not respond to our requests to allow foreign stops at their ports to meet the requirement of *PVSA*... we cannot let that happen again." Robertson said cruises bring in

roughly CAD\$143 million a year to the city of Victoria's economy, and create hundreds of jobs, meaning the newly elected Government of Canada needed to take the issue seriously.

"I'm both surprised and disappointed...it would be devastating," Robertson told *The Canadian Press*.

"It's a file that requires all hands on deck...there needs to be advocacy at the highest level."

Cruise ships were banned from Canada during the early stages of the pandemic over concerns about spreading coronavirus, but the ban is set to be lifted by Nov.

Minister of Transportation of British Columbia Rob Fleming said in a statement he is working with industry leaders and his federal counterparts to raise awareness of the issue.

He said Premier of British Columbia John Horgan had raised the issue with recently returned Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Canadian ambassador to the United States Kirsten Hillman.

"The cruise ship industry is vital to BC tourism, and to thousands of people whose livelihoods rely on the regular arrival of ships," he said.

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Dream and Glory fit well



HALF of Carnival's American fleet is back in service, following the return of *Carnival Dream* and *Carnival Glory* last weekend.

The cruise line is now operating 11 ships from seven ports in the United States, including Miami, Galveston, Seattle, Port Canaveral, Long Beach, Baltimore and now New Orleans, from where Carnival has become the first to resume cruising on Sat.

Glory (pictured) set sail from the Port of New Orleans, operating a seven-day voyage to the Bahamas, while *Dream* became the third Carnival ship to operate year-round from Galveston when she departed on a six-day Caribbean cruise.

Additional vessels, including Carnival's newest ship *Mardi Gras*, will resume service throughout the northern fall and into early next year.

"Having half of our US fleet back in operations provides positive economic impact in our homeports and port of call destinations, along with giving our guests their much-needed vacations and helping our crew support their families," said Carnival President Christine Duffy.



A GROUP of Canberrans have taken an early morning dip to pull a shivering kangaroo from Lake Burley Griffin.

The kangaroo was stuck in the shallows near Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, looking rather sad and sorry for itself.

The group made a call to wildlife experts for assistance, but eventually decided to just deal with it themselves.

The rescuers tried to calm the kangaroo, which stayed with its heroes for a while after it was extracted from the lake.

It is not the first time a roo has become stuck in the lake.

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Travel & Cruise Weekly's fortnightly consumer magazine called *Keep Dreaming* is specially designed for agents to send their clients - giving you a reason to reach out to your database.

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CLIA UPDATE



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Campaigning for cruise

IN RECENT weeks we've been hearing positive feedback from travel advisors and other supporters who have joined our lobbying efforts in support of a cruise resumption.

They include supporters who have been successful in meeting with their local Members of Parliament as part of our Ready, Set, Sail campaign, giving them an opportunity to highlight the personal impact of the current cruise suspension and reinforce our calls for action.

It's clear a growing number of MPs agree a detailed plan for cruising is needed urgently and our industry's new health protocols provide an opportunity for a careful, phased resumption in Australia as vaccination rates rise.

Several have offered to raise the issue with senior parliamentary colleagues and others have provided valuable feedback that will help us in our advocacy efforts.

All this helps support the ongoing work that CLIA and our cruise line members are doing, targeting key ministers and government agencies as we lobby for a path forward.

Our Ready, Set, Sail campaign has now generated close to 50,000 emails from travel advisors and other supporters.

