



Cruise Weekly today

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



On location aboard Norwegian Prima

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of Norwegian Cruise Line aboard its newest flagship, Norwegian Prima in the North Atlantic Ocean.

A DAY at sea aboard Norwegian Prima has given guests the opportunity to make the most of the huge array of activities and entertainment options on board.

Special features, curated by Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Vice President of Guest Experiences Simon Murray, a Miami-based Aussie, include The Stadium on deck 18, which features a modern twist on old favourites, such as putt-putt golf, darts, ping pong and shuffleboard.

The Stadium is located underneath the three-storey go-kart track, with electric racers zooming around as guests compete for the fastest lap time high above the ocean.

A deck lower is the Galaxy Pavilion featuring compelling Virtual Reality games which have really gotten the hearts of the agents on board pumping.

Tradewind Voyages cancels all cruises

TRADEWIND Voyages, the fledgling cruise line whose *Golden Horizon* newbuild (pictured) had originally been set to visit Australia as part of her maiden season (CW 28 Sep 2020), has announced the suspension of all planned voyages through until Oct 2023.

The cruise line has been stymied by sanctions placed on its Russian-based financier, which have been imposed due to the invasion of Ukraine this year.

Tradewind issued a statement last week confirming the move, saying the cruise line "continues to realign its business and financing structure as a result of European sanctions on the major credit bank VTB Germany, which is a Russia-based bank".

"We have taken the decision to cancel all our remaining planned voyages and continue to refund guest deposits from the company trust account, so as not to impact any of our booked guests further, while we restructure the business," Tradewind said.

The world's biggest sailing yacht, the 272-guest *Golden Horizon* was originally commissioned for Star Clippers but ended up being sold to Tradewind, which has engaged Cruise Traveller locally as its general sales agent.

The extended border closures in Australia led to the cancellation of the 2021/22 summer season for *Golden Horizon* (CW 09 Aug 2021) and then the 2022/23 season as well (CW 18 Oct 2021).



Although there are now no scheduled voyages planned for the ship, *Golden Horizon* is believed to have been chartered to provide additional accommodation in Qatar during the upcoming FIFA World Cup, with the British startup's team working to restructure its finances so it can operate without being impacted by the sanctions.

Tradewind thanked guests

and trade partners for their "understanding, support and patience during this time".

Ponant savings

SAVINGS have been released for an ultra-luxury Kimberley expedition with Ponant next year.

The exclusive package features a complimentary hotel stay for those who book by the end of Oct.

Available through Cruise Traveller, the package offers savings of \$6,730 per couple, or \$14,725 for solos.

The 12-night 'Kimberley Dreams' package features a 10-night expedition cruise from Broome to Darwin aboard the 264-guest exploration ship, *Le Soleal*.

Three departures are available from Jun to Sep 2023 - to book, **CLICK HERE**.

Arvia floats out

THE United Kingdom's P&O Cruises' *Arvia* has floated out at Meyer Werft shipyard.

The newbuild will now moor at the outfitting pier in the shipyard harbour, where the masts and funnel will be lifted aboard by crane.

Arvia will then lie in the shipyard harbour for interior onboard work to be continued, and further technical tests to be carried out.



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NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings CEO Frank Del Rio's tailor is going to be pretty busy maintaining the chief's usual sartorial elegance next year. During the wild celebrations as part of the christening ceremony for the company's new *Norwegian Prima* (CW yesterday) he confided that he only buys a new suit when absolutely necessary - such as for a ship naming ceremony. Sporting a new outfit for the Katy Perry event on Sat, Del Rio said the rapid rollout of newbuilds across the group next year means his wardrobe is set to be bulging, with new suits required for the debut of *Oceania Vista*, *Prima's* sister ship *Norwegian Viva* and then *Regent Seven Seas Grandeur* in Dec.

Aussies hit the *Prima* target



IT WAS all about DARTS for these members of the Australian contingent aboard *Norwegian Prima* overnight, as the ship continued her Atlantic voyage from Iceland to Ireland. *Prima's* Stadium precinct on Deck 18 features a spectacular

array of activities for passengers of all ages, including three electronic dartboards which use special cameras to keep score. Various darts games can be played using the system, including the traditional "301" countdown as well as simplified options for younger players - and each attempt is greeted with a whimsical video assessing the individual player's prowess. The overall champion of the group above would have to be Edwin "Bullseye" Spencer from Spencer Travel Group, who's pictured centre at rear with Josh Gordon from Helloworld; Ciaran O'cearbhallain from Clean Cruising; Angela Middleton, Norwegian Cruise Line; Jen Pagett, Virtuoso; Lisa Borowick, Goldman Travel Group; Penny Spencer, Spencer Travel; Gareth Evison, Imagine Cruising; Rochelle Clark, E-Cruising; Lauren Wall from E-Cruising; and Dan Russell from Clean Cruising.

Endeavor reveal

SILVERSEA Cruises has unveiled the itineraries of its new *Silver Endeavour*, the luxury expedition vessel which formerly sailed with the defunct Genting Hong Kong offshoot Crystal Cruises as *Crystal Endeavor*. 12 voyages to Antarctica will operate from this Nov to Mar 2023, ranging from five to 20 days in length.



On Board: Norwegian Prima

The Wave, The Drop and The Rush - the fastest slides at sea
 For the adrenaline junkies these amazing slides will really appeal. The Wave is a "tidal wave" water slide taking riders down several storeys, while The Drop and the Rush are 10 storeys high - from deck 18 to deck eight - and they are not for the faint-hearted. The Rush features two dry slides, so you can race a friend. Or if you want a little more thrill to your experience try The Drop which is the first free-fall dry slide in the world. A section of the loop is clear, enabling riders to see the sea far below them as they plummet down.



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