



Cruise Weekly today

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

NZ cruise savings

AN EXTENSIVE luxury cruise in NZ is available with savings from Cruise Traveller.

Couples can save \$1,620, and receive a complimentary stay before or after their cruise, which will sail with Azamara in 2024.

Those booking by the end of next month can take advantage of the offer, with the cruise sailing from Auckland on 21 Jan 2024.

The 16-night, destination-immersive voyage features 13 ports, including Auckland, Bay of Islands, Tauranga, Napier, Wellington, Picton, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin and Milford Sound - [CLICK HERE](#).

Traveltek partners with Virgin Voyages

TRAVELTEK customers using its iSell system will now be able to access and book Virgin Voyage's 'Elegant Design + A Touch of Luxury' product, thanks to a new global partnership between the two companies.

The product, which offers a "superyacht" aesthetic, features dynamic packaging solutions, including both cruise and tours itineraries; iBos back-office systems, offering CRM, booking reports and documentation; connections to hundreds of leading travel suppliers; and data insights.

"We are really excited to have partnered with Virgin Voyages which has expanded our ever growing portfolio of cruise suppliers allowing our partners globally who utilise our booking technology to access live and bookable content all in one spot," said Traveltek Head of APAC



Rebecca Esterhuizen.

"We are seeing a significant bounceback in cruise bookings and having a cruise line such as Virgin Voyages integrated into our technology assists our partners tremendously in expanding their own portfolio and streamlining the booking process."

Over the last five years,

Traveltek has worked with a large number of consortia and retail brands who are moving into selling cruise to new-to-cruise and those looking for a boutique hotel at sea.

This latest development will also help customers in all of its global markets, Traveltek said.

Pictured: Scarlet Lady.



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Pitcairns are back

REGULAR passenger service to the Pitcairn Islands is resuming today after a two-year hiatus.

The Pitcairns, which remained COVID free, will resume the regular passenger link with French Polynesia.

The island group's supply ship *Silver Supporter* will recommence the regular 32-hour passenger service from Mangareva, which is scheduled to operate 11 round-trips through to Feb.

Voyages are timed to directly connect with the weekly Tue flight from French Polynesia's gateway island of Tahiti.

"All current community residents are fully vaccinated and we're very much looking forward to safely welcoming visitors back to our shores," said Pitcairn Islands Tourism Coordinator Heather Menzies.

Creative Cruising + HAL famil to AK

CREATIVE Cruising recently hosted a famil to Alaska with Holland America Line (HAL).

The famil was anchored by Creative Cruising National Business Development Manager Lara Anderson and Head of Product Carina Mullen, alongside Holland America Business Development Manager Key Accounts Jennifer Compton.

Sailing from Vancouver return, guests spent seven nights on board Holland America's *Koningsdam*.

Cruisers sailed via the Inside Passage to Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, and Ketchikan.

Some of the highlights included whale watching in Juneau, a visit to the White Pass and the Yukon Railway, and more.

"Alaska is such a stunning destination, photos simply do not do it justice, but you will still find yourself taking as many photos as



you can," Anderson said.

Creative Cruising also recently announced a new partnership with Globus's Avalon Waterways river cruise brand.

Pictured are Mullen, Barrow

& Bear Travel + Coffee - Wavell Heights' Callum Whitehead, RAA West Lakes' Clare Dos Santos, RAA Elizabeth's Candice Page, and Callum and Lara's travelling companions, Sue and Erin.

DISCOVER ASIA WITH NCL

To celebrate the launch of our all-new Asia 2023 & 2024 season on board Norwegian Jewel we're rewarding Travel Partners with Double Points!

70
POINTS

Earn up to 70 Points for every Asia deposited booking on board Norwegian Jewel made between 1 - 31 July 2022*.

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POINTS

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GENERATION Z gets blamed for a lot these days, but it's usually fair enough!

A TikTok challenge is being held responsible for deep holes left on Florida beaches recently.

Holes of up to five feet deep and four feet wide (1.5m x 1.2m) have been found on Florida beaches during the past week, with a viral challenge thought to be behind them.

"There was some TikTok challenges saying, 'How deep can you dig?'" Sanibel Mayor Holly Smith said, after many of the holes popped up on her town's beaches.

Smith urged those digging the holes to fill them in once they'd had their fun.

Viking weekly deal

VIKING'S deal of the week is a Christmas on the Danube river cruise from Budapest.

Sailing over eight days, the cruise is priced from \$3,995 per person, including savings of \$1,000 per couple, plus a \$1,000 per couple flight credit.

Guests will discover grand cities, medieval towns and quaint villages; stroll among the stalls at Budapest's Christmas market; and immerse themselves in the cheerful atmosphere of Vienna while shopping for handmade decorations.

For additional information, phone Viking on 138 747.

Another NCL TIME scholar



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has announced House of Travel's Paula Watson as its latest 'Partners First' scholarship recipient.

Watson has won a grant for the Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME).

The product manager will enjoy a six-month mentoring experience to help achieve her individual career goals and objectives.

Watson said a recent induction evening to learn more about the TIME program had her thrilled about joining.

"I am so excited to have this opportunity from NCL to be in the TIME mentor experience program," she said.

"I cannot wait to start my journey and lean on my seasoned industry mentor for their wisdom and experience to help me achieve my goals.

"I would like to thank NCL for this fantastic opportunity to advance my career."

Norwegian said its partnership with TIME demonstrates its commitment to its 'Partners First' Promise by giving back to the travel community and accelerating the careers of the industry's future leaders.

TIME's professionally matched six-month mentor-mentee career development program invites each mentee to identify their career objectives before undertaking fortnightly one-on-one meetings with their mentor.

In return, mentors provide guidance, advice and constructive feedback to help build the mentee's skills, knowledge and self-confidence.

Mentees learn leadership competencies and new ways of thinking while gaining invaluable professional experience and a deeper understanding of the importance of culture, vision and values to their careers.

Pictured: Watson with Norwegian Business Development Manager Megan Porter.

No more MTD

THOSE arriving in Australia by sea will no longer need to complete a Maritime Travel Declaration, following changes to the *Biosecurity Act*, as of Wed night.

However, cruise lines may still have specific requirements travellers need to comply with, the Australian Government is reminding passengers.

Arrivals in Australia will also no longer have to complete a Digital Passenger Declaration to declare their COVID-19 vaccination status before they enter the country via an aircraft.

"I know anyone who has travelled internationally since the borders have opened will find this as one less thing to worry about – especially as more Australians get back to travelling overseas," Minister for Home Affairs Clare O'Neil said.

"As more and more of us travel internationally and we get more confident in managing our risk of COVID... and for Australian citizens, with the removal of these requirements, returning home will be much easier."

Reduced deposits

OCEANIA Cruises has announced reduced 50% deposits on its cruises.

The line's OLife Ultimate package has also been extended, representing an additional 15% savings and generous package of onboard amenities.

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