



P&O Cruises to offer F45 Training at sea

P&O Cruises Australia has announced an expansion of its fitness program to include F45 exercise programs for guests at sea, as part of an exclusive partnership with OneSpaWorld.

The new program, offered daily to all guests, will include the company's "iconic 45-minute functional training classes" in a dedicated studio aboard P&O's newest ship, *Pacific Encounter*.

"We're proud to be the first home-grown cruise brand to partner with such an iconic and popular fitness brand," said Carnival Australia President, Marguerite Fitzgerald.

"We know our guests will get so much enjoyment and benefit from being able to do daily F45 fitness classes - and still have plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the facilities onboard," she said.



OneSpaWorld President Leonard Fluxman said "we are elated to bring an Australian fitness leader and innovator to the *Pacific Encounter*, enabling us to provide cutting-edge programming to the P&O guests".

He noted that OneSpaWorld

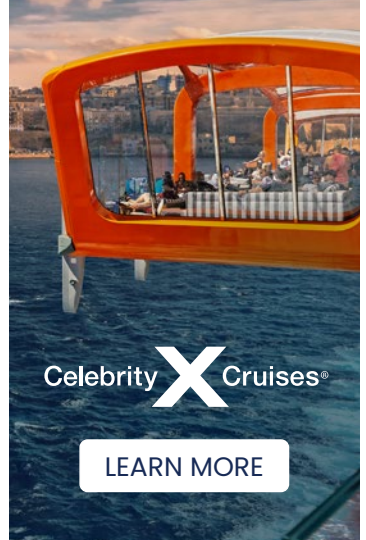
had been bringing its spa, fitness and wellness offerings to P&O Australia cruises' passengers for more than two decades, adding that "this new elevated fitness experience will add to the incredible offerings P&O has onboard".

Vietnam restart

A PORT call at Ha Long by Ponant's *Le Laperouse* this week has marked the long-awaited restart of cruising in Vietnam after the pandemic, with the ship making a three-day extended stay there.

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Belmond to debut French luxury barge

BELMOND has announced the launch of *Coquelicot*, A Belmond Boat which from May 2023 will take guests on a "cinematic and highly personalised journey of Champagne".

The barge can accommodate up to six in supreme luxury, with bookings including a private chef, excursions, beverages and exclusive experiences.

Part of the Les Bateaux Belmond collection, the vessel will explore the region's canals and partner with iconic local

Champagne house Maison Ruinart for a private tasting lunch on board.

Three staterooms feature marble ensuite bathrooms, and the top deck features two seating lounges, an open kitchen and a shaded dining area, while the interiors and exteriors of *Coquelicot* will "capture the essence of Champagne".

Prices to charter the new luxury barge start from €82,000, with helicopter transfers from Paris available on request.

Kiwi int'l arrival

PRINCESS Cruises' *Majestic Princess* will be the first cruise ship carrying international passengers to visit NZ since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic when she docks in Tauranga tomorrow.

Majestic will also call in Auckland & the Bay of Islands before heading to Sydney.

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Another *Charcot* triumph



PONANT'S *Le Commandant Charcot* luxury icebreaker has become the first French cruise ship to cross the notorious McClure Strait on the eastern end of the Beaufort Sea in Canada's Northwest Territories.

The Strait is renowned for difficult ice conditions similar to those of the Northwest Passage, which *Charcot* also successfully traversed.

Captain Etienne Garcia said, "we crossed the Northwest Passage in difficult conditions...thick ice regularly makes the McClure

Strait impassable, and weather conditions are always difficult to predict in this region."

"*Le Commandant Charcot* is designed for this kind of challenge, which for me as a sailor are highlights never to be forgotten...it's another milestone for the list of records of *Le Commandant Charcot*," he said.

Other key achievements include taking guests to the Geographic North Pole for the first time last Jul, as well as reaching the southernmost navigable latitude in Antarctica's Ross Sea in Feb.

Oceania preview

OCEANIA Cruises is hosting a trade webinar to preview its 2024-25 Tropics & Exotics collection, with all attendees given the opportunity to win a fabulous bottle of Dom Perignon Champagne worth more than \$350.

The online event is hosted by Oceania VP Australia and NZ, Jason Worth, giving a sneak peek at the new collection which debuts 03 Nov.

Taking place at 12 noon AEDT on Thu 20 Oct, the Exclusive Oceania Insider Event is open to trade partners in Australia and New Zealand.

The new program features more than 150 destination-rich itineraries, while attendees will also get the scoop on recent fleet enhancements under the OceaniaNEXT initiative and the upcoming return of *Regatta* to local shores - **REGISTER HERE**.

Hurtigruten to zero

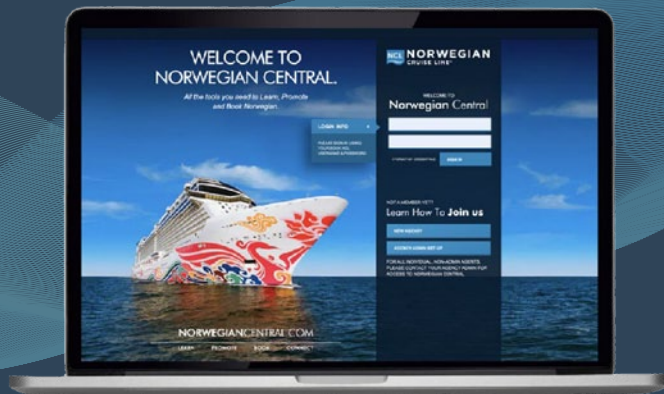
HURTIGRUTEN Norway is progressing with its planned "Sea Zero" zero-emission ship project for its coastal fleet (**CW** 01 Apr), lodging the first funding application for the next stage of the project aiming to create fully sustainable vessels.

A feasibility study exploring potential technology and fuel options for the new ships was completed in Aug, alongside an investigation of the applicability of modern batteries for more environmentally friendly ships.

"Successfully securing support from industry-leading partners and appropriate resources was always a vital next step towards fulfilling this ground-breaking endeavour," the company said.

Hurtigruten MD Asia Pacific, Damian Perry, said the Sea Zero initiative elevates Hurtigruten's sustainability focus to a whole new level, that is "years ahead of the market".

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FORGET cruise fare increases - prices to smuggle people into the UK illegally are soaring, with the issue apparently due to a shortage of suitable boats.

A BBC investigation of gangs in France who promised to get migrants across the English Channel found many hopeful travellers were being transported on free French public transport to the beaches of Dunkirk, where they were told to hide until the boats were ready.

A reporter posing undercover as a refugee was told by a smuggler that the current price to reach the UK was £2,800 per person, "otherwise I won't make any profit".

The report also quoted another smuggler warning that prices would increase, telling the BBC staffer "there are not enough boats...some problem in Germany".

"We get them from Turkey and bring them via Germany," the smuggler said.

The report has provoked reactions of outrage in the UK after being broadcast, with the matter raised in Parliament by Dover MP Natalie Elphicke who said "it beggars belief there's a bus service from the migrant camps to the departure places...it clearly needs addressing urgently".

About 35,000 people have made the crossing this year.

New "zero-energy" Royal terminal

ROYAL Caribbean Group (RCG) will next month open a new cruise terminal in Galveston, Texas, with the company claiming it's the first in the world to generate 100% of its energy requirements via on-site solar panels.

The new US\$125 million terminal (pictured) will facilitate the arrival of Royal Caribbean International's Oasis Class ships at Galveston, including the first visit by *Allure of the Seas* shortly.

CEO Jason Liberty said "we are focused on innovating across all aspects of our company, especially in our work to advance sustainability in the communities we visit".

"We deeply value both the oceans we sail and the communities we visit and operate in, and the modern design and development features at our terminal in Galveston will work in



service of both," Liberty added.

The terminal is expected to achieve LEED Gold Certification, a top level in the "green building" ratings system which guides developers in meeting sustainability goals with the construction of new buildings. Other LEED-certified RCG

facilities include Terminal A at PortMiami, its Springfield, Oregon campus and the Innovation Lab at its group HQ in Miami.

The newly opened terminal expands Royal Caribbean's presence at Galveston, giving it the capability of accommodating up to 630,000 guests annually.

Carnival promos Australia in US

CARNIVAL Cruise Line is actively showcasing its Sydney and Brisbane voyages to American travel advisors, with the brand's SVP of Global Sales & Trade Marketing, Adolfo M. Perez, inviting US agents to a webinar where they can "learn why you should think Carnival when you think Australia".

The sessions will highlight *Carnival Splendor* and the new *Carnival Luminosa*, inviting consultants to "deliver a cruise vacation to the Land Down Under that your clients will remember forever".

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