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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a **cover page** for the Still Still Standing Celebration.

Save the date!

AFTER the success of last year's pre-Christmas *Travel Daily/Cruise Weekly* "Still Standing Celebration," we're doing it again.

An industry-wide cocktail party will take place on Wed 07 Dec 2022 at the Sydney Four Seasons Hotel from 6pm, with hundreds of tickets to go on sale in early Nov.

A year on, the travel and cruise sectors are going strong, so we're calling it the "STILL Still Standing Celebration".

Sponsorship opportunities are also available via jenny@traveldaily.com.au - more details on the **cover page**.

Let the Carnival (Splendor) begin!

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's *Carnival Splendor* this morning conducted a triumphant entry through the Sydney Heads, fulfilling a "WE WILL BE BACK" promise spelt out on the ship's lights as it cruised out of Australian waters in the darkest early days of the pandemic in Mar 2020.

Described by the line as "maritime pageantry on a grand scale," *Splendor* was escorted by *Pacific Adventure* from sister Carnival Corporation brand P&O Cruises Australia.

The ships met off the coast before entering the harbour in "majestic single file", pausing in front of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge to signify that both vessels are now homeported in the NSW capital.

Splendor was welcomed by Carnival Cruise Line President Christine Duffy, who noted that the ship's arrival was close



to 1,000 days since her last Australian sailing.

"Her arrival marks the first cruise ship to enter Australian waters with international passengers in nearly three years," she said, with Carnival also set to shortly welcome a second ship, the freshly renamed *Carnival Luminosa*, into Brisbane in Nov.

NSW Minister for Tourism, Ben Franklin, hailed the return of the sector, saying "the NSW Government is so excited that the

cruise industry is now opening its doors to an increased number of bookings in a safe manner as it roars back to life this summer".

"Cruising is very important to NSW, delivering thousands of visitors to our ports and injecting billions of dollars into the state and regional economies," he said.

State Minister for Transport, Veterans and Western Sydney, David Elliott, also backed the resumption, noting that "NSW is Australia's capital of cruise".



WELCOME HOME CARNIVAL SPLENDOR!





Norwegian team Takes 3 for the Sea



THE Norwegian Cruise Line team in Sydney is already ramping up the activity in the lead-up to tomorrow's start of the 2022 Walk for Wellness industry challenge, kicking things off with a beach clean-up led by partner organisation Take 3 for the Sea.

NCL is leading four weeks of wellbeing-focused activities coinciding with National Mental Health Month from 01-31 Oct and WHO World Mental Health Day.

The company said the Walk for Wellness initiative recognises that wellness means different things to different people, and that for many people the wellness of the environment is intrinsically linked to a personal sense of wellbeing.

"That's why this year, agents will have the opportunity to help tackle plastic pollution

through NCL's newly announced partnership with Take 3 for the Sea, with hands-on clean-up challenges that offer a practical way for trade partners to look after themselves while taking action for the environment," said trash-talking NCL SVP Asia-Pacific, Ben Angell.

Registrations are still open for the free event, which also offers participants the opportunity to share in a whopping \$16,000 worth of prizes as they get active and track their collective steps towards a combined goal of 140,000km as they follow the journey of the all-new *Norwegian Spirit* en route from Hawaii to Australia and New Zealand.

Register to take part in the challenge by **CLICKING HERE**.

Walk for Wellness has been

recognised as a finalist in this year's National Travel Industry Awards in the "Most Outstanding Marketing Campaign - Supplier" category, with the winners to be announced in just over two weeks time at the NTIA Gala Dinner on 15 Oct.

Hurtigruten earlybirds

HURTIGRUTEN Cruises is offering savings of up to \$1,500 per cabin on bookings for 2023 Greenland, Alaska, British Isles, Iceland or Svalbard expeditions.

The offers will help cruisers make the most of airline earlybird deals - for more info call 1300 322 062 or see hurtigruten.com.au.

Disney's hurricane hiccup

THE hotly anticipated opening of bookings for Disney Cruise Line's "Disney Magic at Sea" itineraries in Australia and New Zealand hit a bit of a speed bump yesterday, with the onset of Hurricane Ian forcing the closure of the Disney Cruise Line Contact Centre, just as bookings were scheduled to open at 8am AEST/11am NZDT.

Many local travel agencies were advised of the issue by Disney ahead of time, meaning they were able to secure cabins for their clients if they got up at 2am/5am when the inventory was loaded early.

Scenic success

SCENIC Eclipse recently conducted its first ever combined helicopter operations and submarine dives in the Canadian Arctic, during her inaugural Northwest Passage expedition.

Only accessible for three weeks a year, the legendary passage linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans is "a highlight of the *Scenic Eclipse* ultra-luxury Arctic expedition program," the company said.

Guests sighted a wide range of wildlife including narwhals, snowy owls and 62 polar bears, with next year's trip now on sale - scenic.com.au.

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PORTHOLE

LAST night Regent Seven Seas Cruises hosted a gala 30th birthday celebration at Sydney's upmarket Catalina Restaurant at Rose Bay, hosting hundreds of industry partners including travel agents, hoteliers, suppliers and media.

The glittering event included an impromptu opera "battle" between three of the waiters, one of whom (**pictured**) initially burst into song supposedly to fulfil a \$50 bet by Virtuoso VP Michael Londregan.

Things rapidly degenerated as two of the other hospitality staff joined in, competing over whether French or Italian singers have greater passion.

Of course the spectacle wound up with a confession by the trio that they were not in fact actually Catalina employees, but rather an entertainment troupe called "The Three Waiters".



School's in for summer!



ROYAL Caribbean International is supporting the students of Amaro Primary School (**pictured**) on Lelepa Island, as part of its Blue Green Promise.

The cruise line will provide educational resources to local students, who attend the only school on Lelepa.

Royal Caribbean also worked with Amaro and the local community to provide renovation & repair support to the school, new desks & chairs for the students, equipment such as computers & printers, and teaching resources such as books & stationary supplies suitable for students of all ages.

Amaro has more than 70 students aged five to 14, and

provides vital education to the Lelepa community of 500.

The school's Vice Chair Keton Meto said the support from Royal Caribbean will not only benefit current students, but also those to come.

"Amaro Primary School serves to inspire children of all ages and provides a platform for the youth of Lelepa to thrive in the local community," he said.

"Resources like those provided by Royal Caribbean can be hard to come by on our island and are beneficial for our students.

"We are grateful for our partnership with Royal Caribbean and thank them for their continued and meaningful support of our school."

Gifford godmother

ACTRESS Cassidy Gifford has been named as godmother of the upcoming *Carnival Celebration* which will be christened during a ceremony in Miami on 20 Nov this year.

The move continues a family tradition, with her mother Kathie Lee Gifford being godmother to namesake vessel *M/S Celebration* which was christened in 1987.

Kathie Lee was also Carnival's spokesperson in the company's TV campaigns back in the 1980s, which were the first network broadcast ads for the cruise industry.

Viking specials

VIKING Cruises is offering savings of \$2,000 per couple on its eight-day Lyon and Provence cruise from Lyon to Avignon now priced from \$2,995 per person twin share.

In addition, a 36-day Grand Fjords & Iconic Viking Shores ocean cruise from Amsterdam to New York City or VV is now priced from \$22,295ppts, including savings of \$2,800 per couple on the Arctic Circle journey exploring Norway, Iceland, Greenland & Canada.

For more details call 138 747 (AU) or 0800 447 913 (NZ).



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