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Carnival releases 2022 ESG report

CARNIVAL Corporation CEO Josh Weinstein overnight released the company's 2022 Sustainability Report, highlighting progress across the organisation towards its environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals.

Weinstein, who was also last year designated as Carnival's Chief Climate Officer, noted the massive achievements of the 2022 cruise restart, which was accomplished "while continuing to honour our values and commitments to sustainable performance from ship to shore".

He highlighted Carnival's commitment to decarbonisation, with the strategy including ongoing deliveries of LNG powered ships, with four more expected for delivery by 2025.

In addition, "we continue working aggressively toward our carbon reduction goals and ambitions through innovative decarbonisation projects, including rolling out fleetwide technology upgrades to save energy and fuel, investing in key port and destination



projects, focusing on itinerary efficiencies across the portfolio, and successfully piloting biofuels while realising the benefit of our fleet optimisation measures," Weinstein said.

Overall Carnival Corporation expects to drive a 15% reduction in fuel consumption per available lower berth day (ALBD) in 2023, along with a 15% reduction in carbon emissions.

Other successes in 2022 saw the surpassing of a 30% goal in reduction of food waste per person, and the establishment of a 40% reduction target by 2025.

On the social front Carnival continues to work closely with in-destination partners, including last year's start of construction on a new port on Grand Bahama Island which will provide new local jobs, business opportunities and guest experiences.

Carnival also supported Ukraine humanitarian relief efforts with financial contributions, brand specific projects and direct support for Ukrainian crew members and their families.

To view the report **CLICK HERE**.

SH sale extended

SWAN Hellenic is continuing to offer \$320 bonus commission and client savings of up to \$3,000 per person on any 2023 departure, as part of an extension of its popular Adventure Sale.

Destinations on offer include the Mediterranean. Africa and the Arctic, with Swan Hellenic offering an allinclusive experience featuring pre-cruise accommodation & transfers, charter flights for polar regions, beverages, wifi, port taxes, gratuities & more call 1300 722 499 for details.

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Happy 25th Paul!

PAUL Gauguin Cruises is celebrating its quarter century milestone of operations.

Having been bought by Ponant almost four years ago (f), Paul Gauguin is now celebrating 25 years of sailing the lagoons of French Polynesia and the South Pacific.

Guests now have the opportunity to experience the cruise line's flagship Le Paul Gauguin with an exclusive anniversary offer to discover the Society Islands, the Tuamotus, the Marquesas Islands, and more.

The new special offer extends \$1,500 flight credit per person - CLICK HERE.







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Viking marks float-out of Egypt ship

VIKING Cruises last week celebrated the float out of its newest Egypt ship Viking Aton.

Set to debut in Aug, the vessel continues to build on Viking's commitment to Egypt and the Nile, according to Viking Chair, Torstein Hagen.

The 82-guest Aton touched water for the first time at Cairo's Massara shipyard, with plans for her to sail Viking's popular 12-day Pharaohs & Pyramids itinerary.

Aton will now be moved to a nearby outfitting dock for final construction and interior buildout prior to her formal launch.

The cruise line is seeing very strong demand in Egypt, with this season now sold out, and many of next year's dates also already showing very limited availability.

The surge in demand has led Viking to open 2025 sailing dates sooner than originally expected. "We are pleased with the



continued strong interest for our Nile River voyages," Hagen declared, as he pressed the button to operate the shipyard's lift and lower Aton to the water.

"Our guests are curious explorers, and Egypt remains a destination of great interest for its many cultural treasures.

"We are proud to be the only western company to build, own and operate ships on the Nile, and with the float out of the Viking Aton, we look forward to welcoming more guests to experience this fantastic region."

Pictured: Hagen admires Viking's new ship.

Biggest Princess yet

PRINCESS Cruises is inviting travellers to go big on a global adventure, offering its longest voyage ever: a 116-day World Cruise in 2025.

Island Princess will traverse more than 50 destinations, 26 countries, and six continents across more than 33,500 nautical miles.

Now on sale, this world adventure includes visits to Australia, as well as Africa, Asia, Central America, the Mediterranean, New Zealand & the South Pacific, and more.

The World Cruise offers two round-trip options, with departures from both Fort Lauderdale on 05 Jan 2025, and Los Angeles on 20 Jan

New ports for Princess on the voyage will include Bar in Montenegro and Taranto in Italy - find out more HERE.











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WHILE an increasing number of expedition cruise lines now operate submersibles, it is unlikely you are about to break this record on your next cruise.

Scientists in Japan have broken the record for the deepest fish ever caught on camera.

The video was of a juvenile snailfish swimming along the bottom of a Japanese ocean trench at an extraordinary depth of 8,300 metres.

The snailfish was lured out of the pitch-black depths of the Izu-Ogasawara Trench by a mackerel tied to an autonomous camera as bait.

The tape was allowed to roll for six hours before the specimen was captured.

The fish is also a new species, which lives 1,000 metres below the next deepest fish.

It is thought it could be the species living at the most extreme depth on the planet.

P&O flat out for flat whites



P&O Cruises Australia's annual coffee championship at sea returned recently after an involuntary three-year hiatus.

The barista at sea competition, a staple in the 20-year-plus partnership between Nestle Professional and P&O Australia, was held on board the line's three locally deployed ships: Pacific Adventure, Pacific Encounter, and Pacific Explorer.

Six talented baristas were selected to compete from the 92 bar staff who service the ships, with their challenge to create an espresso, a flat white, and a cappuccino for each of the judges using BUONDI Dark Spark roasted coffee beans - the blend used onboard P&O's cruise ships.

The panel of judges observed the competitors' technical ability, cleanliness, and self-conduct.

"We were looking for a goldenbrown crema on the espresso, a full-bodied mouthfeel, and a well-balanced taste," Nestle Professional Master Barista Jo Yuen said.

The java guru commented that all six competitors delivered to a very high standard, showing exceptional latte art skills and superior attention-to-detail behind the machine.

One winner per ship was named: Adventure's victor was Gilbert Mapa, Encounter's champion was Glenn Kurt, and Explorer's gold medallist was Michelle Carandang.

Quark 2024/25 out

QUARK Expeditions has released its Antarctica 2024/25 program, highlighting the fact that it offers "more helicopter adventures than any other operator in the Polar regions".

President Andrew White said the itineraries featured increased opportunities to experience the continent from the air in Ultramarine's two twin-engine H145 choppers.

"This has been part of our long-term strategy for the game-changing Ultramarine, which will offer heli-landing and flightseeing on multiple Antarctic voyages," he said.

Quark will offer a total of 30 departures, also including cruises aboard World Explorer and Ocean Adventurer, which will feature land- and seabased adventures such as kayaking, Zodiac cruising, hiking and wildlife watching. Incentives on offer for the

2024/25 season include 25% off select departures, an extra 10% for full payment at time of booking, a US\$1,000 flight credit on all cruises and a US\$250 shipboard credit.

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