



Cruise Weekly today

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

Cyclone monitored

APT said it is monitoring the situation with Cyclone Ilsa closely, and has made alternative arrangements for its *Caledonian Sky* to ensure guests are kept away from the cyclone's impact.

"The safety of our guests and crew on board is our number one priority," APT told **TD**.

"We are keeping in close contact with our team on the ground in Broome, the ship's captain, and authorities.

"As the situation evolves we will have more details".

Coral Expeditions told **TD** its *Coral Discoverer* would likely experience a four-hour delay arriving into Broome today as the port reopens at noon.

Explora I completes her sea trials

EXPLORA Journeys' *Explora I* (pictured) has completed her successful sea trials, and will now undergo final preparations before embarking on her maiden journey in Jul.

The vessel will be the first of a fleet of up to six luxury ships to be built for Explora by Fincantieri.

The naming ceremony for the ship will take place in Civitavecchia on 08 Jul, followed by her maiden journey, departing on 17 Jul from Southampton.

The 15-night sailing will visit the Norwegian fjords and the Arctic Circle to Copenhagen.

"Our vision and purpose from day one has been to create an ocean travel experience like no other and we are thrilled that the first of our ground-breaking new class of ships, *Explora I* will start sailing in Jul," Chief Executive Officer Michael Ungerer said.

"The sea trials are a critical part



of the process, and we're pleased that *Explora I* passed.

"Our team has worked tirelessly to design and build a ship that offers the perfect combination of luxury, adventure, and sustainability, and we can't wait to share it with our guests."

Explora I features a total of 14 decks with 461 oceanfront

"homes at sea", a choice of 11 culinary experiences, wellness facilities, unique entertainment concepts, and four pools.

The cruise line recently announced marine biologist Sylvia Earle will be the godmother of *Explora I*, and will name the ship ahead of her inaugural departure (**CW** 11 Apr).

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New f&b for Princess Alaska season

ALASKA season is here for Princess Cruises, with the line sailing seven ships in the state this year with a range of new onboard highlights.

Expanded sustainable Alaska seafood menus will be available on Princess' cruises this year, as well as an extensive beverage program, and Garden-to-Table offerings.

Beginning on 29 Apr, Princess will sail 14 cruise itineraries and 25 land-sea vacations, which will include the line's newest ship *Discovery Princess*, as well as *Royal Princess*, *Ruby Princess*, *Majestic Princess* (pictured), *Grand Princess*, *Crown Princess* and *Sapphire Princess*.

The cruise line's expanded Wild for Alaska Seafood menu, first introduced last year, will now see guests enjoy new seafood bowls offered in World Fresh Marketplace daily, featuring the



freshest salmon available.

Other new offerings include Steelhead Salmon Carpaccio, King Salmon with Razor Clams and an authentic Alaskan Crab Cake.

Princess' extensive beverage program will include decadent coffee and hot chocolate-based creations, themed frozen drinks, Alaska wines and flights of Alaska beer, Alaska cocktails, and more, with Bloody Marys and Mimosas also being introduced this season.

For cruisetour guests, the line's new Garden-to-Table menu can be enjoyed by those staying at the Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge.

"Welcoming guests at the start of the Alaska season is always one of the most highly anticipated events of the year because we know they are going to have one of the most memorable travel experiences," President John Padgett said.

New Rewards prog

OCEANIA Cruises has automated its Oceania Rewards program for travel advisors.

The new automated system gives trade partners an opportunity to earn and easily claim generous rewards points when making verified Oceania bookings.

One Rewards point is equivalent to \$1.

Points can be accumulated and redeemed for Amazon and Coles Group gift codes.

There will also be new trade partner incentives for accommodation categories and sailings, with 5 points for a C-G Grade Stateroom, through to 30 points for OS Grade bookings.

Oceania is also offering a special Rewards launch promotion for selected sailings - register **HERE**.

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Beaching out in Brisbane



ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) is unveiling The Royal Caribbean Beach Club this Sat at Streets Beach in Brisbane.

The free, one-day community event will take over the man-made shore for a "one-of-a-kind, land-based cruise experience".

The event will bring the best shipboard adventures from *Quantum of the Seas* (pictured) to land, and there will even be four family cruise packages up for grabs for those who attend.

There will be an interactive photo wall, a DJ, giveaways

throughout the day, and an appearance from radio host and "cruise convert" Emily Jade O'Keeffe and her family.

Guests will be able to strike a pose with the largest cruise ship sand sculpture ever created in Australia, which will of course be a replica of *Quantum*.

There will also be a Flight Centre on site to offer an exclusive 15% off deal for attendees to book their next holiday on *Quantum*.

The Royal Caribbean Beach Club will be open from 9-5, and can be found at Stanley Street Plaza.

Give them the world

MSC Cruises' *MSC World Europa* has started sailing in the Mediterranean after having spent her maiden season in the Persian Gulf.

The line's first vessel to be powered by liquefied natural gas will offer seven-night cruises calling on the European ports of Genoa, Naples, Messina, Malta, Barcelona, and Marseille.

World Europa will be powered by LNG throughout the season, with her first bunkering tomorrow.

"It is with great pride that we welcome *MSC World Europa* in Europe as she starts her first season in the Mediterranean," local Commercial Director Lisa Teiotu said.

"This groundbreaking vessel is a testimony of our commitment to sustainable cruising, with a range of unprecedented innovations in terms of environmental and marine technologies.

"*World Europa* represents a major step forward on our journey towards meeting our target of net-zero emissions".



CARNIVAL Cruise Line's *Carnival Luminosa* is saying "see you soon" to Brisbane, as her successful first season closes, with around 110,000 ice creams devoured.

Luminosa's sensational first season in Brisbane saw Carnival achieve a number of incredible milestones, including more than 61,000 guests sailing, and more than \$50,000 raised for the Children's Hospital Foundation.

Also popular on board was the chocolate melting cake, with more than 100,000 demolished, and more than 70,000 pizzas golloped.

Queenslanders also celebrated some incredible milestones on board *Luminosa* this season, including a very special 100th birthday, one marriage proposal, and an amazing guest who sailed 15 times for a total of 88 days - over half of the ship's season.



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