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## WEEKLY

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### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover wrap from **Regent Seven Seas Cruises** and a full page from **Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection**.

### Juneau cruise cap

**JUNEAU** and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) have agreed on port capacity guidelines to help manage visitor volume.

The recently signed memorandum of agreement establishes a threshold of no more than five "large" ships in port per day.

The agreement is based on recommendations established by the Visitor Industry Task Force in 2020.

Juneau's schedule for next year will meet the five large ships per day threshold.

## RCI 2024-25 Aus season

**ROYAL Caribbean International's** official 2024-2025 Australia seasonal sailings will be on sale from 04 May, with two of the cruise line's ships set to return Down Under.

Guests can look forward to a total of 45 sailings on *Quantum of the Seas* (pictured) and *Ovation of the Seas* between Oct 2024 and Apr 2025.

*Quantum* will cruise from Brisbane for her third season in Australia, as she returns to the South Pacific with 12 seven- to eight-night sailings to Mystery Island, Port Vila, and Noumea.

For an experience closer to home, adventurers can journey up north with five four- to six-night Queensland getaways to the Great Barrier Reef, and savour the renowned fresh seafood of Airlie Beach and Cairns.

*Quantum* will also offer one 14-night sailing to New Zealand



to Auckland, Milford Sound, the Bay of Islands, Tauranga, Napier, and Wellington.

Meanwhile, *Ovation* will cruise from Sydney on six 10- to 11-night cruises to New Zealand to the Bay of Islands, Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound, Dunedin, Wellington, Picton and more, including the 'New Zealand Christmas' cruise and the 'New Year's in New Zealand' sailing.

There's also more two- to three-night weekender cruises than ever before, with seven samplers to choose from across both *Quantum* and *Ovation*.

### RSSC pre-reg open

**REGENT Seven Seas Cruises'** (RSSC) 2025 and 2026 Legendary Journeys and Grand Voyages open for sale on 04 May.

Pre-registration is now open, allowing travellers to request their preferred suite today.

Find out more and download the toolkit on the **cover page**.

### Uniworld savings

**UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruise Collection** is doubling the savings next year, for those who book by the end of next month.

Book and pay now to save up to 20%, and get ready to embark on an all-inclusive luxury river cruise with Uniworld next year.

Cruises are on sale now from \$3,759 per person twin share - head to **page 4** for more info.

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## Uniworld culinary

**UNIWORLD** Boutique River Cruise Collection is expanding its sustainable onboard culinary efforts for Earth Day.

The cruise line is adding new vegan and vegetarian options and is implementing a food waste elimination system across its entire fleet.

The efforts will be introduced across Uniworld's vessels by the end of the month.

Sustainability Officer Julie Higgins said great strides are being made as Uniworld works to have a positive impact on the planet.

"We're proud to expand our sustainable food choices and best practices across the fleet," she said.

## Scenic 2024 river season



**SCENIC** Luxury Cruises & Tours has announced its new program for its 2024 River Cruising collection.

Featuring two new in-depth itineraries, the all-inclusive ultra-luxury collection includes more than 270 departures.

Highlights include two new river cruises on the Danube - the 'Danube in Depth' - a 10-day sailing from Nuremberg to Budapest; and the 'Iconic Danube' - an eight-day voyage from Passau to Budapest.

There is also more than 50 new Scenic Freechoice excursions on the cruise line's Rhine, Main, Danube, France, and Portugal sailings, and four new exclusive Scenic Enrich experiences.

As part of the new release, Scenic also has special Super Earlybird airfare offers for bookings made by the end of Oct, when payment is made in full 10 months prior to travel.

Economy flights are included up to \$2,200 per person for river cruises 11 days or longer, and passengers can fly Business from \$5,495 per person with river sailings 11 days or longer.

These deals can be combined with special earlybird savings of up to an additional \$800 per person when booking by the end of Oct.

"Scenic have introduced new



River Cruise Collections to help travel specialists find the ideal Europe river cruise itineraries and destinations for their clients," Group General Manager Sales & Marketing APAC Anthony Laver explained.

"These collections include Epicurean Delights, Nature's Wonders and Seasonal Delights".

For more information on Scenic's 2024 River Cruise Collection, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Seattle underway

**THE** 2023 cruise season is underway in Seattle, with community leaders coming together late last week at Pier 66 to welcome Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Bliss* for the first call of the year.

The season will stretch from 15 Apr to 30 Oct, with almost 200 sailings carrying 700,000 travellers to and from Alaska, worth almost USD\$1 billion.

## Hurtigruten appoints new CFO

**HURTIGRUTEN** Group has announced Torleif Ernsten will transition from his position as Chief Financial Officer on 30 Jun, with James McArthur to succeed him.

The new CFO brings over 13 years of corporate finance, accounting, business planning, and investor relations experience within a private equity environment.

"I look forward to joining the executive management team at Hurtigruten Group and to be a part of an organisation that is operating from a position of strength with such a clear vision and growth strategy," McArthur said.



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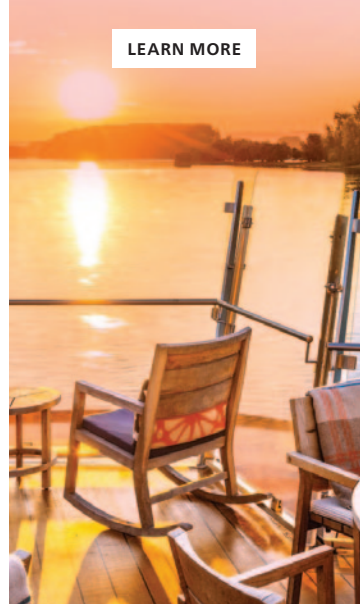
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**THE** Great Pacific garbage patch is now so huge a coastal ecosystem is thriving on it, scientist have found.

Creatures including tiny crabs and anemones are living thousands of kilometres from their original home on the garbage patch, which is a gyre of marine debris in the North Pacific Ocean.

In a new study published in the *Nature Ecology & Evolution* journal on Mon, a team of researchers revealed the organisms have been able to survive and reproduce on the garbage patch, which has now been floating in the ocean for years.

Almost 500 marine invertebrate were identified on more than 100 items of plastic fished out of the garbage patch between Nov 2018 and Jan 2019, with 80% of the species found normally occurring in coastal habitats.

## CLIA heads to the top

**CRUISE** Lines International Association (CLIA) joined the NT Cruise Forum in Darwin this week, offering the capital city a vote of confidence as a key cruise gateway.

CLIA joined gathered industry leaders and stakeholders for the Forum, which was held at Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront.

The Forum brought together key supporters from across the Top End, including Tourism NT, Darwin Port, the Darwin Cruise Working Group, group operators, and suppliers.

It focused on the positive long-term outlook for cruise in the NT, with discussions including what is needed to develop the guest experience ashore, opportunities for shore excursion suppliers to grow their business during the summer, and long-term infrastructure planning to attract more lines and passengers to Darwin.

CLIA local Managing Director Joel Katz (**pictured**) said the NT will play an important role as a gateway to the Kimberley, and from Asia to Australia.

"The cruise community in



Darwin is incredibly passionate and working together to support the industry's development in a positive way," Katz said.

"There's a clear vision to capitalise on the opportunities cruise can deliver for the local community, and to enhance the experience that visitors have."

The NT is also seeing an increase in desire from travellers to board expedition cruise ships, driven by a growing appetite to stay longer and visit more rural, less-explored ports, Tourism NT Executive Director Tony Quarmby told **CW** (**CW** 04 Apr).

## Corwin on Princess

**AMERICAN** biologist Jeff Corwin will host an Alaska nature and adventure voyage with Princess Cruises.

The seven-day 'Voyages of the Glaciers' cruise aboard *Sapphire Princess* departs Vancouver on 06 Sep, with guests invited to hear Corwin's inspiring stories and experience his passion for wildlife, conservation, and exploration.

Corwin will serve as onboard guide and host for the cruise, during which guests will have the opportunity to interact with him through special events and activities.

"My most favourite place to explore is Alaska because it's unmatched when it comes to adventure, animals and incredible exploration," Corwin said.

"I'm beyond excited to be hosting this special cruise so I can personally share my experiences, offer insights on watching out for bald eagles, whales and bears, and meet adventure seekers like me who love new discoveries".



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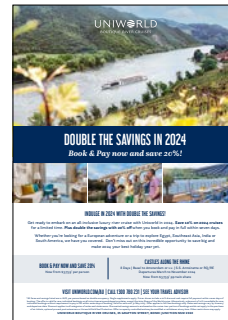
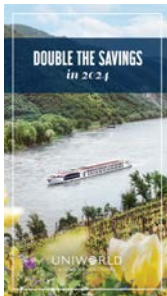
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