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#### Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover page from Norwegian Cruise Line.

#### Back to school!

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's 'Class of 2023' is inviting travel advisors to learn, earn, and win prizes.

The new program for Australian agents begins next month, and focuses on three unique destinations over three semesters

Agents will be invited to upskill with quizzes, webinars, and modules at NCL University, and there will be prizes up for grabs, including a \$5,000 Visa gift card, one of three cruise cabins, and a coveted invitation to an exclusive 'NCL Class of 2023' party - more information on the cover page.

## P&O introduces "upgrade auction"

P&O Cruises Australia has launched an 'Upgrade Me' Program, which will allow guests to bid for an upgrade.

Passengers will have the opportunity to access Oceanview Rooms, Balcony Rooms, Mini-Suites, Suites, and Penthouse Rooms through Upgrade Me.

When bidding on an upgrade, guests will also be bidding for any complimentary perks which may come with the new room, such as access to the exclusive Byron Beach Club for selected suites.

Guests with eligible bookings will receive an invitation to submit bids on any room type above what they have booked, up to three days before the departure date.

Bids are priced per person and based on two people per room, with only the first two guests in the room being charged, even if more are sailing.

A future cruise credit may also



be used as payment.

President Marguerite Fitzgerald said P&O Australia is continually working hard to provide its guests with ways to personalise their cruise experience and make it a truly memorable holiday.

"There's so much anticipation that comes with counting down the days to your holiday...the closer that day comes, we know that people start looking for those extras that will make their experience even more special, and this is a great value way of doing just that," she enthused.

"The added benefits that come with certain room upgrades are guaranteed to make any trip unforgettable."

For more information about Upgrade Me, CLICK HERE.





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#### Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY Coral Princess Carnival Splendor Pacific Adventure	30 Apr 02 May 05 May
BRISBANE Coral Princess	28 Apr
FREMANTLE <b>Pacific Explorer</b>	o5 May
BROOME Coral Adventurer Pacific Explorer	28 Apr 02 May
DARWIN Coral Geographer Le Laperouse Coral Discoverer	28 Apr 04 May 04 May
AUCKLAND <i>Coral Princess</i>	31 May

#### Viking weekly deal

VIKING'S deal of the week is the Portugal's River of Gold cruise, which sails from Lisbon to Porto or vice versa.

Cruisers can enjoy the Douro's beauty and history with Viking's 10-day cruise, which is on sale now from \$5,995 per person, with a saving of up to \$2,000 per couple.

Passengers will experience the renaissance of Lisbon, explore two of Iberia's oldest university towns in Coimbra and Salamanca, roam the port warehouses of Porto, and enjoy traditional cuisine, wine and fado singing.

Call 138 747 for more.

## Sakara floats out



**EMERALD** Cruises on Tue celebrated the float-out of its new luxury yacht *Emerald Sakara* (**pictured**), which is following in the wake of sister ship *Emerald Azzurra*.

Sakara is now undergoing her final fit out in preparation for her upcoming sea trials.

Work is on schedule to

complete *Sakara's* interior before she welcomes guests on board for her eight-day Ionian Sea Adventure from Athens to Rome, departing 05 Aug.

Scenic Group founder and Chair Glen Moroney was present for the float out with his wife Karen, and believes the yacht exceeds his expectations.

"Sakara opens up a whole world of new destinations that are sure to spark even greater demand," he said.

"Being able to add to the Emerald Cruises fleet so swiftly is a sign of the positive reception our new yachts have received from guests and our travel partners."

After debuting in Aug, Sakara

will embark on her European summer season exploring Italy, Greece, Turkey, and the Adriatic, before spending the European winter in the Caribbean and Central America.

Like her sister yacht, *Sakara* features just 50 staterooms, the majority with their own private balcony or terrace.

On board, *Sakara's* Wellness Centre comes complete with a spa, a gym, and a state-of-the-art infrared sauna.

*Sakara* also features a Sky Bar, an infinity pool and comfortable public areas.

#### Person overboard

A GUEST on board Royal Caribbean International's *Quantum of the Seas,* which is currently cruising from Brisbane to Honolulu, went overboard during the sailing.

Quantum's crew immediately launched a search and rescue operation, and is "working closely with local authorities", Royal Caribbean said.

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**ORIGINAL** artefacts from the *Titanic* have gone on display in Belfast.

The relics are being exhibited at the reimagined Titanic Belfast, which first reopened last month.

Four new galleries and a model replica of *Titanic* are on display, including 15 personal effects from those who lost their lives in the tragic shipwreck.

The items include the worldfamous violin belonging to *Titanic's* bandleader Wallace Hartley, which has been described as one of the rarest objects of the 20th century.



#### Mekong charters

**CF MEKONG** River Cruises by CroisiEurope has a special charter promotion on one of the cruise line's Mekong ships, *Toum Tiou II*.

With 14 staterooms, the vessel can accommodate 28 passengers.

CF Mekong River Cruises is offering a 20% discount on its net charter rates on a number of departures - for more info, visit cfmekong.com.

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