



### Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

<b>SYDNEY</b>	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	22 Feb
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	23 Feb
<b>MELBOURNE</b>	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	23 Feb
<b>PENNESHAW</b>	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	23 Feb
<b>BRISBANE</b>	
<i>Arcadia</i>	22 Feb
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	23 Feb
<b>AIRLIE BEACH</b>	
<i>Island Princess</i>	22 Feb
<b>CAIRNS</b>	
<i>Viking Neptune</i>	22 Feb
<i>Island Princess</i>	23 Feb
<i>Coral Princess</i>	23 Feb
<b>AUCKLAND</b>	
<i>MSC Poesia</i>	23 Feb
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	23 Feb
<b>WELLINGTON</b>	
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	22 Feb
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	23 Feb
<b>DUNEDIN</b>	
<i>Viking Orion</i>	22 Feb
<b>GISBORNE</b>	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	23 Feb
<b>NAPIER</b>	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	22 Feb
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	22 Feb
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	23 Feb
<i>Nat Geo Orion</i>	23 Feb
<b>TAURANGA</b>	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	22 Feb
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	23 Feb

## Princess' Japanese Royal-ty

**SPRING** flowers, summer festivals, and *Royal Princess'* debut in Japan highlight Princess Cruises' 2024 season in the country.

*Royal* will make her debut in the nation on a new Japan & Northern Pacific Crossing, as she joins *Diamond Princess*, which will return to the market for 36 departures between Mar and Aug.

The Royal-class ship will call on the northern Tohoku and Hokkaido regions during the cherry blossom season, making her the first vessel of her build to sail in the region.

*Royal* passengers will also have the option of a popular 'Voyage of the Glaciers' cruise in Alaska.

Departing Tokyo, guests can opt to disembark in Anchorage on a 15-day voyage, or continue to Vancouver for a 22-day cruise.

Meanwhile, *Diamond's* Japanese season will see her sail round trip from Tokyo, calling to 35 destinations in three countries on 31 unique itineraries and 36 departures, ranging from seven to 23 days.

*Diamond* kicks off the season with a series of four, 10-day Spring Flowers voyages, calling at all four of Japan's main islands and following the predicted blooming season as it moves from south to north.

The Japan festival season reaches its peak in the northern summer months, with *Diamond*

to offer guests the opportunity to experience the festivals with late-night stays in each port, including the Aomori Nebuta Festival (02 and 07 Aug), Kochi Yosakoi Dance Festival (12 Aug), Tokushima Awa Odori Dance Festival (13 Aug), and the Kumano Fireworks Festival (17 Aug).

*Diamond* will also sail on nine-day Southern Islands voyages that call on two Okinawa ports and two Taiwan destinations.

The nine-day and 10-day Sea of Japan voyages will feature ports along the historic Kitamaebune trading route; the 10-day Hokkaido voyages will visit Otaru, Hakodate, and Kushiro; and the popular 10-day Japan Explorer voyages will call on some of Japan's most iconic destinations like Shimizu, Osaka, Kobe, Hiroshima, and more.

The season is on sale now - call Princess on 1300 587 473 or **CLICK HERE.**

### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features two pages of all the latest cruise news, plus a full page from **Silversea Cruises.**

### FCTG loves cruise

**A CONTINUED** recovery in cruise bookings is one of the highlights of Flight Centre Travel Group's (FCTG) first half results, announced today.

Strengthening sales volume and improved margins in cruise was one of the key drivers of FCTG's supply margin, as was improved profits in the sector.

Ocean cruise is recovering faster than river cruise, according to FCTG, but both remain on a positive trend.

The company also cited the cruise sector as having come to the rescue as airline commission reductions bite the agency sector hard.

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**AN AUSTRALIAN** crew has been rescued after a 70 kilogram black marlin punched a hole in the engine of its fishing boat.

The seven-metre vessel hooked the marlin on Sun afternoon, and was fighting it, before it decided it didn't like what was happening, and made a U-turn and slammed into the engine.

The vessel was forced to be towed to safety from its position more than 30 kilometres off the New South Wales coast.

Marine Rescue Merimbula said it was the first time it has ever heard of such a thing happening, which may serve as a warning - the fish may be starting to fight back.

## Ponant savings

**SAVINGS** for couples and solos on a luxury Kimberley voyage with Ponant are available through Cruise Traveller.

The 2024 voyage includes free flights, plus a saving of \$13,370 per couple and \$20,025 for solos, making the cruise less than half-price.

Book by the end of next month to access the savings on the 12-night 'Kimberley Kaleidoscope' fly, cruise and stay package, which features the 10-night luxury expedition.

## Coral Kimberley 2023



**CORAL** Expeditions has launched its "Kimberley 2023 is Open" campaign, supporting the region's recovery after the big wet.

This year will be the 30th season of operations in the Kimberley for Coral, with more than 50 sailings scheduled across the three-vessel fleet between Apr and Oct.

The classic 10-night Kimberley Cruise traverses the vast landscape between Broome and Darwin with expert guidance and navigation led by an all-Australian crew delivering an unsurpassed level of local knowledge and experience.

Highlights of the season include the Horizontal Falls and Montgomery Reef, the pristine natural sanctuaries of the Lacepede Islands and Porosus Creek, the majestic waterfalls at King George River and Mitchell River, ancient rock art galleries of Gwion Gwion & Wanjina dating back more than 40,000 years, and the historic *HMAS Mermaid* carved boab tree at Careening Bay.

Coral has availability across a number of dates throughout the

year and is offering travel specials to encourage short lead travel to the Kimberley, including a bonus travel saving of \$500 per person for bookings on dates open this year, along with complimentary onboard wi-fi and deposit protection.

Also available are a "No Sole Supplement" offer on selected May and Jun sailings, and an incentive for agent partners to book, including a \$100 reward voucher on every reservation.

The promotion is applicable to new bookings across the 2023 season while availability remains.

"We strongly encourage Australians with a bucket list Kimberley expedition in mind to consider travelling this year".

"Exploring the Kimberley is a classic Australian adventure, and 2023 is set to have optimum conditions.

"Local industry have confirmed that Broome is open and ready to welcome visitors, however they have been impacted by early season cancellations due to flood impact perceptions in the market."

**Pictured:** Verandah Beach.



## CLIA UPDATE

with Joel Katz  
MD, CLIA Australasia

### Moving to green ports

**CRUISE** industry advances in sustainability were in the spotlight in Newcastle last week as maritime leaders gathered for the GreenPort Oceania Congress.

The event was the first of its type held in Australia, bringing together ports, cruise lines, shipping companies and maritime service providers to share insights into environmental initiatives in the global maritime sector.

Importantly, it included a strong focus on cruising as our industry heads towards net zero carbon sailing by 2050.

The event gave us an opportunity to outline the multi-billion-dollar investments cruise lines are making in new ships and new technologies in pursuit of carbon-free cruising.

The congress also highlighted work underway to supply sustainable shoreside electricity for cruise ships at Sydney's White Bay Cruise Terminal, a project led by the Port Authority of NSW and the first of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Events like this reinforce the importance of collaboration across our industry as we confront the sustainability challenges of the future.

For our travel agent partners, sustainability will continue to be an important issue and CLIA is preparing new resources to help equip our members.





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*Silver Explorer* embarks on her final season with Silversea in the Kimberley this year. As we prepare to bid her farewell, we are pleased to offer you, our valued travel partners, **AU\$500 bonus commission** for each new booking you make on *Silver Explorer's* final season in the Kimberley. This season offers incredible opportunities to uncover complex landscapes, uncharted rivers, and ancient indigenous art in ultra-luxury. What's more, our expert team includes renowned marine biologists, academics, and historians who are ready to enrich our guest's experience, both onshore and on board. **Book and deposit by 28 February 2023.**

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