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Cruise Weekly today

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

Free Antarctic trip

ANTARCTICA21 is offering a free fly-and-sail expedition to The White Continent, with those interested invited to apply to be the company's 'Chief Flying Penguin Officer'.

The competition is open from 24 Jan to 17 Mar, to celebrate Antarctica21's 20th anniversary.

Travel will be from 07-14 Dec aboard *Ocean Nova* on the Classic Antarctica Air-Cruise, in a Single Cabin, which is valued at USD\$17,795.

The prize includes the round-trip flight between Punta Arenas and Antarctica, five nights of accommodations on the ship, all guided zodiac and shore excursions in Antarctica, two nights of lodging in Punta Arenas pre- and post-expedition, and more.

The winner will be announced on 17 Mar - find out how to win [HERE](#).

Cunard's big wave

CUNARD Line has witnessed its strongest start to wave season in the last decade, reporting more guests booked in the first week of the year than any equivalent period in the last decade.

The cruise line has seen strong booking momentum across 2023 and 2024 sailings with summer itineraries proving particularly popular.

Oceania to give free cruises



OCEANIA Cruises has launched a new free cruise incentive for the line's top-performing travel partners to mark the brand's 20th anniversary.

The top three performers on bookings made between 17 Jan and 01 Mar, and deposited by 09 Mar, will enjoy a 14-night voyage to any destination.

Winners can choose from any itinerary sailing before 30 Jun 2024 across seven ships sailing to the Mediterranean, the South Pacific, Alaska, Asia, the Caribbean, and more.

This includes aboard Oceania's newest ship *Vista* (pictured), which launches in May (CW 09 Dec 2022).

"Our valued travel partners have been integral to Oceania Cruises' success across our 20-year history, so we are delighted to be able to reward top sellers," Oceania Vice President Sales & General Manager Asia Pacific Jason Worth said.

The free cruise reward for travel advisors is in addition to a limited-time 20th Anniversary Sale celebrating Oceania Cruises'

milestone (CW 16 Jan).

The cruise line will be offering a special gift of up to USD\$800 Shipboard Credit per accommodation on 110 voyages - [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

My Cruises launches new brox

MY CRUISES has launched its first fully interactive digital brochure detailing the agency's 2024 packages.

Launched during My Cruises' Unmissable Sale, the brochure consists of 40 pages packed with bespoke holidays exploring the world's most popular cruising destinations.

Within the brochure, readers will discover the magical Mediterranean, learn of new trends within the sector from the My Cruises experts, and enhance their European experience by combining two cruises with a scenic rail journey linking both.

To view or download the digital brochure, [CLICK HERE](#).

NZ Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in New Zealand.

AUCKLAND	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	27 Jan
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	27 Jan
<i>Silver Muse</i>	28 Jan
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	29 Jan
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	30 Jan

CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	28 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	29 Jan
<i>Europaz</i>	30 Jan

WELLINGTON	
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	27 Jan
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	30 Jan
<i>Norwegian Eclipse</i>	30 Jan

AKAROA	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	27 Jan

BAY OF ISLANDS	
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	29 Jan
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	30 Jan
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	30 Jan
<i>Silver Muse</i>	30 Jan

DUNEDIN	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	28 Jan
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	28 Jan
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	29 Jan
<i>Nat Geo Endurance</i>	30 Jan

FIORDLAND	
<i>Nat Geo Orion</i>	27 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	27 Jan
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	29 Jan
<i>Grand Princess</i>	30 Jan
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	30 Jan

GISBORNE	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	28 Jan
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	28 Jan

NAPIER	
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	27 Jan
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	27 Jan
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	28 Jan
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	29 Jan
<i>ms Noordam</i>	30 Jan

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Solomons season underway

THE Solomon Islands' 2023 cruise season is well underway, with seven ships already confirmed to sail over the next four months.

First off the rank is Paul Gauguin Cruises' *Paul Gauguin*, which arrived in the Solomons' waters on Wed with a full complement of 330 passengers, with local ports of call including the capital Honiara.

Paul Gauguin will be followed by Seabourn Cruise Line's *Seabourn Sojourn* which arrives on 24 Feb at Tavanipupu Island Resort in Marau Sound before heading to Honiara.

Expedition line Heritage Expeditions' *Heritage Adventurer* is listed to arrive in Mar along with Lindblad Expedition's *National Geographic Orion*.

The following month will see three Hapag-Lloyd Cruises vessels, *Hanseatic Inspiration*, *Hanseatic Nature*, and *Hanseatic Spirit*, ply Solomon waters, visiting some of the remotest villages and settlements across the country, including Owaraha, Tinakula, Nendo Island, and Tulagi.

Tourism Solomons Head of Sales and Marketing Fiona Teama said the country's geography, coupled with its unique culture offered huge potential for the international cruise market, particularly shallow draft expedition-style vessels.

The destination is very well prepared for the international cruising market, with a multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art cruise terminal in Honiara ready to receive ships.

"We are fully reopen to international tourism, the time is right to rekindle the relationships we made with major cruise lines in the pre-COVID environment, and we are eager to get on with things," she said.

"Many of our neighbours benefit from international cruise traffic and the positive impact they have on the local economy, from hotels, transportation providers and food and beverage suppliers to local cultural groups."

Local tourism authorities and cruise lines are also identifying "destinations within a destination" which have the ability to manage ships.

IN A blow to parents everywhere, a man lost at sea has survived for 24 days by eating ketchup.

Elvis Francois from the Caribbean island of Dominica found himself adrift when the weather turned foul while he was repairing a sailing boat.

"I had no food, there was only a bottle of ketchup, garlic powder and some stock cubes", he said.

"It was very rough. I don't know how I am alive today but I am alive, and I am grateful for that," he added.

He was eventually rescued by the Colombian Navy.

Francois can't wait to "ketchup" with his relieved family - after all, as the Heinz ad says, "the best things come to those who wait".

Francois is also likely to be the only person to consume as much ketchup as he did and end up losing weight.

AU Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia.

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	27 Jan
<i>Star Breeze</i>	27 Jan
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	28 Jan
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	29 Jan
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	30 Jan

NEWCASTLE	
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	27 Jan

MELBOURNE	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	27 Jan
<i>Viking Mars</i>	27 Jan
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	28 Jan
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	30 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	30 Jan

BRISBANE	
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	29 Jan
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	30 Jan

HOBART	
<i>Coral Discover</i>	27 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	28 Jan
<i>Viking Mars</i>	29 Jan

DARWIN	
<i>ms Amera</i>	29 Jan
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	30 Jan

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Norwegian Coastal Express

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