



Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus full pages from:

- Windstar Cruises
- Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection

ATG's new Douro ship



EXCLUSIVE

APT Travel Group (ATG) has announced a brand-new ship for the Douro, set to make her maiden voyage next year.

The bespoke ship, named *Estrela*, has been custom-designed for the Douro, and will host guests for both the APT and Travelmarvel brands.

With a maximum of 120 guests, *Estrela* will be grand in stature, featuring a sun deck with one of the largest pools on the Douro.

Estrela has been purpose-designed for guests from Australia, and will include an outdoor bar with couches, chairs, and tables, as well as a large swimming pool and a putting green.

The ship's main restaurant will serve a range of Portuguese and international flavours for

breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Each stateroom (render **pictured**) and suite feature an ensuite, personal climate control, flatscreen televisions, and complimentary wi-fi.

Highlights for *Estrela's* maiden season include APT's Douro Delights, a 14-day sailing from Lisbon to Madrid, and Travelmarvel's Douro Discovery, an eight-day cruise from Porto return, both running from Jun to Oct 2024.

APT Chief Executive Officer David Cox said the line is very excited to have *Estrela* join the fleet, having operated cruises in Portugal for many years.

"We are delighted and proud to have *Estrela*, meaning star in Portuguese, join our fleet of stars sailing in Europe," he said.

"We are committed to providing the highest quality for our guests and the introduction of the new *Estrela* delivers in spades.

"When she glides into Portugal next year, we will see a glorious ship designed with a nod to the landscapes of the Douro Valley and a contemporary Southern European ambience."

The key investment from ATG follows the recent launch of three Travelmarvel ships (*Polaris*, *Capella*, and *Vega*), which are currently cruising the Rhine, Main, and Danube - more information available **HERE**.

The Tahiti experts

WINDSTAR Cruises knows the way to Tahiti, with its 148-guest small ship *Wind Spirit* encapsulating the true wonder of the island.

Spirit's last voyage in Tahiti is scheduled for Feb, which is the perfect chance to experience Windstar's friendly, casual, and fun-loving spirit.

Return Economy fares ex Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Papeete with Air Tahiti Nui are included, as are all transfers, one-night per-cruise accommodation, two nights post-cruise accommodation, all beverages, water sports, all onboard dining options, local performances, the signature onboard barbecue, and more.

For more information, head to **page 3** of today's **Cruise Weekly**.

Traveltek + DCL

TRAVELTEK has launched with Disney Cruise Line (DCL), with the two setting afloat a global technology and distribution partnership.

Disney is now available for customers via Traveltek's cruise API, which can easily be packaged with hotel and air to provide unique experiences for travellers.

DCL is also available to book via iSell in their travel advisor cruise desktop application.

"We are delighted to partner with Disney Cruise Line," Traveltek Global Head of Revenue & Supply Tracy Sharp said.

"It's been a real pleasure to work with the team at Disney, to bring this iconic brand to our customers and we know from the existing demand from customers this will be an extremely popular product globally.

"We are continuing to invest in our cruise product and look forward to watching this partnership grow."

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TIKTOK has criticised an “entitled” passenger after her Carnival Cruise Line ship waited 45 minutes for her.

The passenger, who was sailing aboard *Carnival Vista*, went viral after a fellow cruiser posted a video of them “strolling” toward the ship, despite their lateness.

While many agreed with the Tiktoker, and pondered why *Vista* did not just leave her behind, others came to the tardy passenger’s defence, suggesting there may be more to the story which a short social media post could not document.

RWC builds out a LEGO partnership

RESORTS World Cruises (RWC) has collaborated with LEGO for the first-ever Summer Theme Cruise.

The line’s *Resorts World One* will welcome guests from 12 Jul-30 Aug for an immersive LEGO experience, including a wide array of activities and workshops, such a special box set.

Guests embarking from either of *One’s* double homeport deployments in Hong Kong and Kaohsiung can look forward to the LEGO collaboration across the next two months.

Grab a beer with Goodesy

CUNARD Line has revealed its once-in-a-lifetime sports experiences for its Sporting Greats & Wellness Voyage, with passengers able to have a yarn at the pub with Australian former cricket player Brett Lee, and learn how to golf with Hall of Famer Karrie Webb.

Departing Sydney on 13 Feb 2024, this “event voyage” on board *Queen Elizabeth* will give guests the opportunity to interact with some of Australia’s biggest sports legends.

During candid live talks, guests will relive edge-of-your-seat career moments from the legends, find out what it takes to be a top-flight athlete at the peak of your game, and hear exceptional behind the scenes stories.

Off the stage, passengers will be able to challenge former AFL player Adam Goodes (pictured) to shuffleboard, paddle tennis, or croquet, and join sports journalist Mark Beretta behind the scenes of the Albert Park Circuit, and hear stories from his rich racing experience.

New on board wellness programming also allows cruisers to unwind and nurture their mind and body during the sailing.

The Mareel Wellness & Beauty sanctuary is the place to be for guests to switch off in the sauna or steam rooms, rejuvenate during a massage, and get pampered head-to-toe during a treatment.

Daily complimentary classes consist of yoga, spin classes, and boot camp, followed by a session in the thermal suite, stretching &



aerobics classes, and more.

“We are really excited about the variety of unique activities on board our Sporting Greats & Wellness Voyage,” Director Katrina McAlpine enthused.

“We’ve created exclusive once-in-a-lifetime experiences where guests will be able to interact with our sport icons on a personal and engaging level.

“On top of that, sailing on the ocean is the perfect opportunity to switch off, get pampered and treat oneself well away from all the daily distractions and stresses.”

A-ROSA extension

A-ROSA Cruises has extended its 2023 and 2024 seasons, with a 20% discount available on next year’s sailings until the end of the month.

The cruise line has extended the end of its current season and brought forward the start of the next season aboard various ships on both the Rhine and Danube.

This season has been extended from 11 Jan to 31 Jan, and in addition, 2024 cruises will begin earlier than ever before.

A-ROSA SENA’s first five-night cruise will now depart three weeks earlier on 29 Feb, sailing to Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Utrecht, with four extra departure dates now on sale.

Meanwhile, *A-ROSA SILVA* will now set sail two weeks earlier, on 02 Mar, with four extra departures now on sale.

To celebrate this extension, a special promo code “HELLO2024” will grant a 20% discount on all 2024 itineraries (from Feb) in the Premium All-Inclusive fare.

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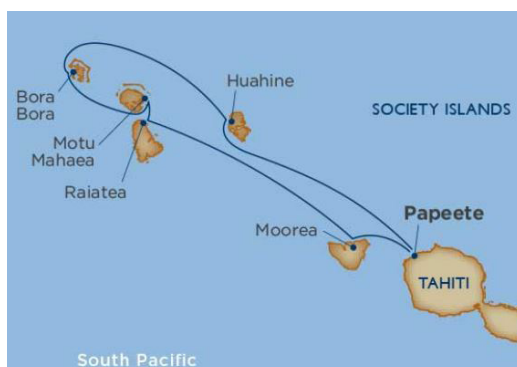
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WIND SPIRIT

Wind Spirit, the epitome of small ship cruising with no more than 148 guests. This sleek, 4-mastered sailing yacht is truly an experience to encapsulate the true wonder of Tahiti in ways that are personal, authentic, and unscripted. With her last voyage in Tahiti scheduled for February 2024, this is the perfect chance to experience Windstar's friendly, casual, and fun-loving spirit on what will feel like your own private yacht. So slow down, take your time and truly immerse yourselves in the natural beauty, amazing culture and romance of these fabulous islands.

INCLUSIONS

- Return economy airfares ex Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Papeete with Air Tahiti Nui
- All transfers - airport/hotel/ship & ship/hotel/airport
- One night pre-cruise accommodation at Pearl Beach Hotel including breakfast (or similar)
- Two nights' post-cruise accommodation at Pearl Beach Hotel including breakfast (or similar)
- 7 nights onboard *Wind Spirit*
- All beverages (including espresso coffee and speciality tea)
- Water sports platform (snorkelling, kayaking, sailing, etc.)
- All dining options onboard, including 24-hour in-room dining
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