



### Cruise Weekly today

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

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**AN EXTENSION** has been granted to Norwegian Cruise Line's Class of 2023 to ensure no-one lands in detention!

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### Costa 2024 open

**COSTA** Cruises has opened sales for its northern winter 2024/25 season, featuring the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, and more.

The cruise line's flagship *Costa Toscana* will set sail on week-long cruises exploring Italy, France, and Spain, with calls at the Balearic Islands and Sicily, visiting four destinations for more than 10 hours to make the most of the experiences ashore.

The itinerary includes Savona, Marseille, Barcelona, Palma, Palermo, and Civitavecchia.

Meanwhile, *Costa Fortuna* and *Costa Fascinosa* will each offer two different alternating one-week Caribbean itineraries which can be combined into a single two-week long vacation.

## Scenic launches 24-25



**SCENIC** Luxury Cruises & Tours has launched the 2024-25 Worldwide Discoveries Collection, featuring new destinations, ultra-luxury experiences, and cruise combinations.

The new voyages collection invites guests to discover more than 350 ports in 49 countries, across all seven continents.

In a significant opportunity for local travellers, *Scenic Eclipse II* will become the first of the cruise line's ships ever to cruise in Australian waters, where the company was founded almost four decades ago.

Australian guests will be given the option to depart from ports closer to home, like Hobart, Sydney, and Darwin for the first time in 2024 and 2025.

Guests can venture into the Southern Hemisphere to explore East Antarctica, New Zealand, and the South Pacific, as well as Japan and Indonesia, on board *Eclipse II*.

The Collection will also journey through the Americas, the Antarctic Peninsula, Europe, and the Mediterranean, on board *Scenic Eclipse*.

General Manager Sales & Marketing Anthony Laver said Scenic is seeing significant local demand for these ultra-luxury voyages, with less than 12

months until *Eclipse II* arrives into Sydney Harbour in Apr 2024.

"The expansion of our Scenic fleet to two Discovery Yachts, as well as the release of our new Worldwide Discoveries Brochure marks a major milestone in Scenic's 37-year history," he said.

"Our fleet of Discovery Yachts will journey to all seven continents giving guests even more unforgettable destinations and unrivalled discovery of remote destinations like the Kimberley, the West Coast of Australia, and East Antarctica regions, delivered with our signature world-class crew and Discovery Team, ultra-luxury experiences and state-of-the-art technology."

### Lindblad CEO switch

**SVEN-OLOF** Lindblad is returning as the Chief Executive of his namesake cruise line, Lindblad Expeditions, following the departure of Dolf Berle.

He will leave effective 30 Jun, and until then, will work closely with the returning Chief Executive to ensure a smooth transition.

Since joining Lindblad in 2021, Berle oversaw the successful return to service of the cruise line's expeditions voyages and adventure travel experience operations across the globe.

Under his leadership, the cruise line also welcomed three new ships to its fleet: the fully stabilised ice class vessel *National Geographic Resolution*, the 48-guest *National Geographic Islander II*, and the three-mast modern sailing yacht *Sea Cloud II*, which the brand will charter beginning May 2024.

"I am thankful for the progress Dolf has ushered in," Lindblad said.

"I look forward to building upon our momentum and for what's next in Lindblad Expeditions' rich, decades-long pioneering heritage."

Prior to his departure from the role, Lindblad served as Chief Exec of the cruise line he founded from 1979 to 2021.

## AI in travel: threat or superpower?



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**OCEANIA** Cruises is now the first major cruise line to have two Master Chefs of France on its roster, with Senior Culinary Director Alexis Quaretti recently inducted into the prestigious program.

He joins his colleague and fellow inductee, Vice President of Culinary Eric Barale, who has also been inducted into the 'Maitres Cuisiniers de France'.

Quaretti has designed, made, and tested every dish served on board Oceania's ships.

He and his team create approximately 300 new recipes each year to constantly revitalise and reinvigorate the onboard menus.



## MSC inherits the World

**MSC Cruises' MSC World America** has celebrated a key construction milestone with a traditional coin ceremony event (pictured).

The milestone took place at Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard, alongside the delivery of *MSC Euribia* (CW 26 May).

The time-honoured maritime ceremony saw commemorative coins placed within the keel of *World America* by two godmothers, MSC's Silvia Turbia, and Chantiers de l'Atlantique's Severine Blandin.

*World America* is MSC's second ship in its new World-class, and when she begins sailing from the cruise line's new, state-of-the-art terminal at PortMiami in Apr 2025, she will be the brand's largest in the United States.

She is also slated to join MSC's growing homeport expansion in the US, which saw the recent addition of Port Canaveral and New York City (CW 24 Apr), and plans for Galveston are on the horizon.



"Our commitment to bringing our largest, most innovative and environmentally advanced ships to the North American market is stronger than ever, and all of us at MSC Cruises are looking forward to welcoming guests on board *MSC World America*," President United States Ruben Rodriguez said.

"The ship's long list of new spaces and experiences will set a new standard for Caribbean cruising when she arrives in the US in 2025.

"All of *MSC World America's* itineraries include Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve, our beautiful island destination that highlights the natural beauty of The Bahamas and our focus on marine conservation."

## Wine not try this?

**COSTA** Cruises is taking its guests to discover La Scolca Estate, starting this month.

The cruise line's *Costa Toscana's* call in Genoa will see cruise guests able to enjoy a unique experience among the vineyards of the historic estate, which is famous for its white wines.

The tour program, limited in number, includes a guided tour of the winery's beautiful Cortese vineyards.

Guests will be able to taste three of La Scolca's iconic Gavi wines, and savour typical local products.

"The partnership with La Scolca is very important for us," VP Guest Experience & Onboard Revenues Giuseppe Carino declared.

"In addition to being the union of two historic Italian companies that share the same vision, this partnership is the perfect example of the value of tourism and the discovery of local excellence that we want to promote with our ships in Italy and in all the countries around the world".



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