



Cruise Weekly today

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

Camping for good

HURTIGRUTEN Foundation's new Camping in Antarctica fundraiser has driven a record annual grant donation.

With an exclusive capacity of 30 spaces per voyage, the chance to camp like a traveller from the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration is the most coveted excursion across Hurtigruten's collection of Expedition itineraries.

Hurtigruten pledged to donate 100% of the proceeds from this year's experience to the Foundation, which totalled €371,482.

A total of 14 projects will receive Hurtigruten Foundation's grants this year.

MSC to plug in at 15 more ports

MSC Cruises has expanded its shorepower plan, with at least 15 new ports earmarked to receive shoreside electricity between 2024 and 2026.

The next phase of MSC's shorepower plan will see vessels plug into a shoreside electricity grid in at least five Italian ports, as well as Barcelona, Copenhagen, Marseille, Miami, Norfjordied, Rotterdam, Stavanger, Stockholm, Valencia, and Valletta.

Both MSC and its sister brand Explora Journeys will utilise the shorepower facilities.

MSC's ships have since Feb successfully used shorepower at Southampton and Kristiansand, and later in the northern summer, the cruise line will test the facilities at Haugesund.

Other European trials this year are planned for a range of MSC ships at Bergen, Alesundand, and



Warnemunde.

This will be followed by Hamburg in the northern winter and Kiel in next year's summer.

MSC also signed a memorandum of understanding last year with Cruise Baltic for shorepower at a number of ports in the region.

Shorepower capability has been

fitted on all of MSC's new ships as standard since 2017, and with retrofits completed on other vessels, 67% of the cruise line's total capacity is equipped with the technology.

All Explora ships will also feature shorepower capabilities.

Pictured: MSC's new flagship *MSC Euribia*.

ONE AGENT WILL WIN \$10,000

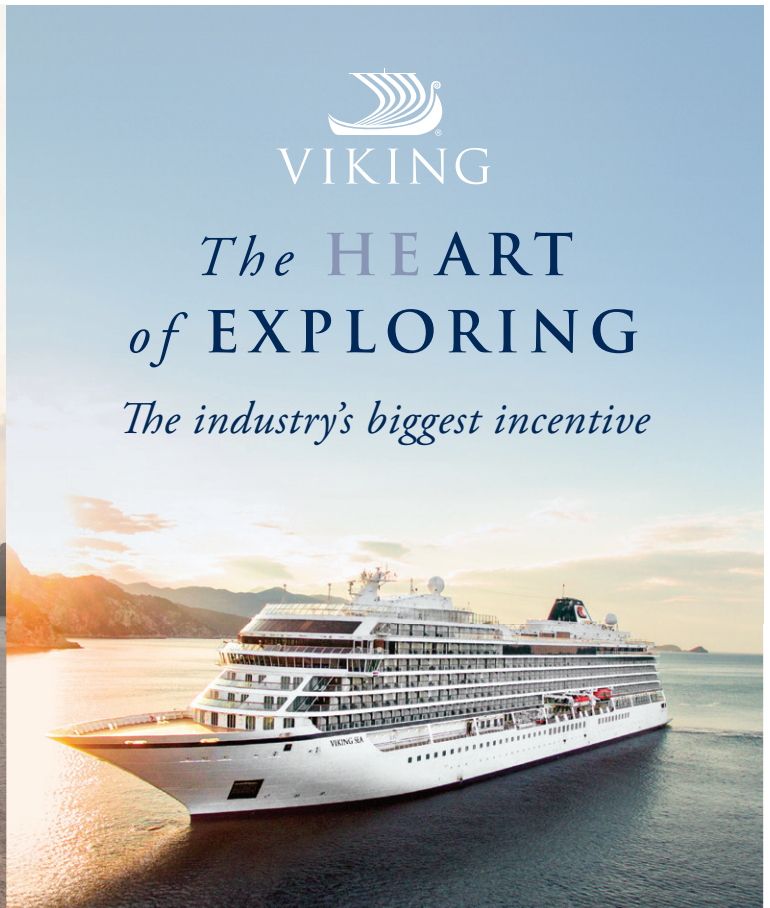
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AN AUSTRALIAN snorkeller has found a rare Rolex at the bottom of the ocean.

The Rolex Submariner, branded as "the diver's watch", was found at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean - in terrible condition, but still worth a lot of money.

The watch, which was found off the coast of Noosa, still works, but unfortunately, the crown is jammed, meaning it only tells the time in another time zone.

It also smells terrible, according to the snorkeller.

The watch needs a lot of work, and all of it will have to be done by a Rolex-approved watchmaker, but it is still quite valuable.

The timepiece will also have to be authenticated, but according to internet speculators, a model of this watch in good condition is worth around \$10,000.

Aurora cleans up for Sarah



THE Aurora Expeditions team donned some gloves and picked up some buckets and bags to "Clean Up for Sarah" yesterday.

The team gave up its lunch hour to collect trash around Aurora's Sydney neighbourhood, gathering more than 11 kilograms of trash in 40 minutes, in just a three-block radius of its Surry Hills office.

The Clean Up for Sarah initiative is now in its fifth year, and honours "global eco-warrior" Sarah Auffret each 14 Jun, which

would have been her birthday.

Auffret died aboard Ethiopian Airlines flight 302, which crashed six minutes after takeoff on 10 Mar 2019.

She was a polar guide, expedition leader, and Antarctic Base leader, who was on her way to a Clean Seas project with the UN Environment Assembly.

Pictured is the Aurora team: Hannah Charlton, Suzette Yu, Sasha Buch, Danyl Seledkov, Alex Fayon, Mark Go, Julie Robert, and Katie Wills.

Aqua Indo deal

AQUA Expeditions is offering 20% off select summer Indonesia departures, with rates starting at USD\$12,740.

The deal for the seven-night cruise with the Indonesian Summer Special includes all meals onboard, selected house wines, beer, non-alcoholic beverages, excursions, activity equipment, national park entry fee, and laundry.

The cruise departs on *Aqua Blu*, the line's 15-suite explorer yacht.

Departing from Bali and Flores, the seven-night Komodo voyages will circle the three main islands and 26 islets that comprise the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Komodo National Park, home to the famous Komodo dragon.

The region is also a diver's and snorkeller's paradise, with around 1,000 species of marine life, such as manta rays, sea turtles, and nearly 300 species of coral.

The offer ends 26 Aug 2023 - for more information on the itinerary and the deal, **CLICK HERE**.



Disney Magic at Sea

A SPECIAL NEW SEASON IS COMING TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN 2024