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#### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Disney on sale now

**DISNEY** Cruise Line's 'Disney Magic at Sea' cruises are on sale now.

Castaway Club bookings opened yesterday, while the general on-sale day has been set for Mon.

The new season of two- to seven-night cruises will sail from Oct 2024 to Feb 2025.

Cruisers can immerse themselves in the magic of Disney storytelling with their favourite characters.

There will also be imaginative dining, Broadway-style shows, and themed parties.

For more information, head to page 4.

# Four Seasons orders second yacht

**FOUR** Seasons Yachts has signed a contract with Italian shipbuilding company Fincantieri for the construction of a second ship.

The order is worth more than €400 million, and the vessel will be delivered in 2026, in the year following the conveyance of the first ship (render pictured) (CW 29 Sep 2022).

"The signing of our second vessel contract with Fincantieri is another milestone in the development of Four Seasons Yachts," said Larry Pimentel, President & Chief Executive Officer of Four Seasons Yachts' owner/operator Marc-Henry Cruise Holdings.

"Our partnership with Fincantieri and Four Seasons creates a powerful triumvirate of expertise that is committed to delivering a 'category of one' luxury lifestyle yacht experience.



"I am proud of the talented team and collaboration behind this stunning enterprise project."

The yacht is the second of a possible three within last year's initial order, which included an option for two further ships.

"Four Seasons Yachts represents the next chapter of our long history of industry leading innovation, and a milestone moment for our company as we continue to capitalise on new opportunities to extend the world of Four Seasons," Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts Chair Christian Clerc said.

"True vision rests in the ability to imagine the possibilities while always remaining loyal to one's values...our vision for this new venture does exactly that."

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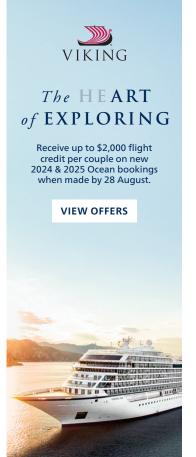


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## Aurora air credit

**AURORA** Expeditions is offering an air credit of USD\$1,000 per person on the Antarctic Explorer Express fly/ sail voyage.

For more information, visit auroraexpeditions.com.au.



## Spirit out, Sun in for NCL



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) is redeploying Norwegian Sun (pictured) to Australia in 2024-2025, the brand confirmed to Cruise Weekly (CW breaking news yesterday).

The ship change is due to the cancellation of Spirit's Down Under season, with her to relocate to Asia to accommodate increased demand for NCL's charter business.

The Leo-class ship was set to sail her third Australian season in 24-25 (CW 08 Mar), having made her debut in the country in Dec (CW 21 Dec 2022).

Spirit's May 2024-Nov 2025 sailings in Alaska, Hawaii, and the South Pacific have also been cancelled, with all changes being communicated to guests accordingly.

"Due to increased demand for charter business in Asia, we have cancelled Norwegian Spirit's

Alaska, Hawaii, South Pacific and Australia & New Zealand sailings from May 2024 - Nov 2025 and redeployed the ship to accommodate this strong demand," NCL said.

"Spirit will remain in Asia between scheduled charters to offer our guests the opportunity to explore some of the most sought-after destinations in the region."

"We understand the inconvenience this may cause to affected guests, and we appreciate the understanding of our loyal guests and travel partners as we navigate this fleet redeployment and optimisation."

Sun is smaller than Spirit, carrying around 100 fewer pax, but is three years newer.

Both vessels have also been refurbished recently, with Sun renovated in 2021, and Spirit the year after.

#### MSC LNG deal

MSC Cruises and Finnish state-owned energy company Gasum have partnered on LNG to achieve the line's 2050 net zero GHG emissions goal.

Gasum will supply the line's flagship MSC Euribia with LNG.



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**FREESTYLE** soccer champion Liv Cooke has broken a world record aboard Royal Caribbean International's Symphony of the Seas (pictured).

Cooke landed 76 "alternating crossovers", smashing the female "Most Sit-down **Alternating Soccer Crossovers** in 30 seconds" record.

Against the backdrop of Symphony's signature AquaTheater, Cooke notched her seventh world record, and her first completed on board a cruise ship - CLICK HERE to watch her complete the feat.



## CLIA is hiring

**CRUISE** Lines International Association (CLIA) is hiring a Director of Government

The role is responsible for "developing proactive, forward-looking political and regulatory engagement strategies, and working alongside internal and member subject matter experts to tailor these for execution across varied stakeholder groups".

For more information and to apply, CLICK HERE.

## Cruising into ILTM 2023



**LUXURY** brands from across the globe are meeting with hundreds of hosted buyers at International Luxury Travel Market (ILTM) Asia Pacific in Singapore this week.

The opening session yesterday was followed by a gala poolside cocktail party at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore, where supplier and buyer delegates caught up on all the latest developments since last year's first post-COVID event.

Explora Journeys, which will shortly launch its first vessel Explora I, has a significant presence at the show, with CW spotting Gillian Seller, Business Relationship Lead Australia/NZ; Chief Sales Officer Chris Austin; and Nicole Costantin, Head of Sales Australia, NZ and Asia (pictured) during the evening.

Also poolside was Crystal Cruises' Tony Archbold, pictured inset with Danielle Galloway, Flight Centre Travel Group Global issue of Cruise Weekly.

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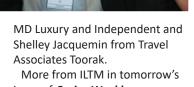
Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of International Luxury Travel Market (ILTM) Asia Pacific.

**LAST** night exclusive research released by ILTM showcased the changing mindset of luxury travellers during the opening session of the event at the Ritz-Carlton Singapore.

There was also a presentation from The Economist, which discussed macro global trends to help inform longer term investment decisions by many of the key industry suppliers in attendance at the show.

Cruise is also a key focus for ILTM, with a host of luxury brands highlighting the latest and greatest enhancements to their products and vessels.

ILTM continues until Thu at the Marina Bay Sands conference centre, with a host of supporting events right across the Lion City.







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# **ON SALE** THIS WEEK

Due to popular demand, Disney Cruise Line has announced more Australia and New Zealand voyages. **Disney Magic at Sea** will bring enchantment and cherished Disney friends to your shores for a special new season of 2 – 7 night cruises from **October 2024 to February 2025**.

Clients can immerse themselves in the magic of Disney storytelling with favourite Characters, imaginative dining, Broadway-style shows and themed parties throughout their sailing.

Castaway Club bookings open from 19 June

General On-Sale - 26 June

For more information on our Castaway Club sales window, visit **DisneyTravelAgents.com.au** 

