

Cruise Weekly today

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

wentravel cruise

RECENTLY launched crypto-orientated travel agency wentravel has added its first cruise deals, with Emerald Cruises voyages available from \$3,075.

Emerald's Majestic Mekong River Cruise is currently the only voyage able to be booked on wentravel, with the departure from Pnomh Penh and Ho Chi Minh City able to be booked **HERE**.

Bespoke elements include bonus premium drinks packages.

Wentravel was launched earlier in the month, as a partnership between TRAVLR and RelayPay.

Singapore to host new Disney ship

DISNEY Cruise Line (DCL) and the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) yesterday announced they will bring "magical" cruise vacations to Southeast Asia, under a recently signed memorandum of understanding.

As revealed by Disney Parks, Experiences & Products Chair Josh D'Amaro and Singapore's Minister for Transport S. Iswaran, DCL will home port a brand new ship, thought to be the former *Global Dream* (CW 17 Nov 2022) exclusively in Singapore year-round for at least five years, beginning in 2025.

Guests will enjoy innovative Disney experiences along with entertainment, world-class dining, and beloved characters such as Disney Princesses, Marvel Super Heroes, and Captain Mickey Mouse and Captain Minnie Mouse, who are pictured with D'Amaro and STB Chief



Executive Officer Keith Tan.

The new ship will also feature dedicated spaces and activities designed for guests of all ages.

More details about the maiden voyage, itineraries and onboard experiences will be announced at a later date.

"Disney Cruise Line is currently undergoing an ambitious expansion with new ships and new destinations around the world," D'Amaro enthused.

"We are incredibly excited to make Singapore the home port to

our seventh-launched ship, which will sail from here year-round starting in 2025."

Tan said the country is looking forward to welcoming the magic of Disney in 2025.

"This is an important milestone for STB and reflects Disney Cruise Line's strong confidence in Singapore and Southeast Asia.

"The new Disney cruise ship will be an attraction itself and is expected to boost the tourism sector in Singapore for many years to come."

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A SPERM whale skull has somehow been stolen from a New South Wales museum. The Killer Whale Museum in Eden told *Nine News* it was "very distressed" to learn that part of the collection had been taken on Mon.

The skull was being stored in a shed while the Museum was undergoing renovations.

The gate to the shed was found unlocked yesterday morning, leading to questions about who had access.

The Museum said given the weight and size of the skull, large machinery such as a crane and flatbed truck would have been needed to move it, leading to questions such as who...and why?

New IG contract

SURVITEC has secured the contract for the implementation of an inert gas system for an LNG cruise ship, thought to be for Japanese company NYK Group.

Scheduled for delivery in 2025, there is also an option for a second vessel.

"While our inert gas systems have already gained widespread use in other ship types, the passenger ship sector has only recently begun to explore the technology," Survitec Managing Director Fire Systems Mark Clegg said.

Celebrity to flex muscles



CELEBRITY Cruises' next Edge series ship will bring a new "flex fuel" engine to the industry.

The fifth ship in the Edge series will feature the collaborative efforts of Celebrity's parent company Royal Caribbean Group, Finnish power firm Wartsila, and shipyard Chantiers de l'Atlantique.

The new engine model will offer unmatched fuel flexibility, with the ability to use three types of fuel, including methanol.

"As we innovate our ship design and offerings, we're also focused on equally evolving the fuel and technology landscape that powers them," Royal Caribbean Group President & Chief Executive Officer Jason Liberty said.

"By incorporating tri-fuelled engines, we are ensuring that as alternative, low-carbon-based solutions become more viable, our ships will be ready to adapt and drive the industry forward to a more sustainable and net zero emissions future."

To allow for the ship's fuel flexibility, Wartsila will deliver two converted eight-cylinder 46F engines equipped for the use of three fuel sources.

These changes significantly reduce local emission like sulphur oxides, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter.

"Wartsila has invested heavily into researching viable future carbon-neutral fuels for the marine industry, and methanol has emerged as one of the most promising candidates," the company's President & Chief Executive Officer Hakan Agnevall said.

"This will be the second methanol-fuelled engine conversion that we have undertaken, and the first with the Wartsila 46F engine.

"We share the commitment to decarbonise shipping, and the transparent partnership between our three companies for this newbuild project is a tremendous boost for achieving this aim."

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

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| SYDNEY | |
| <i>Pacific Adventure</i> | 30 Mar |
| <i>Grand Princess</i> | 30 Mar |
| <i>Grand Princess</i> | 31 Mar |
| MELBOURNE | |
| <i>Majestic Princess</i> | 30 Mar |
| PORT ADELAIDE | |
| <i>Pacific Explorer</i> | 31 Mar |
| PENNESHAU | |
| <i>Pacific Explorer</i> | 30 Mar |
| BRISBANE | |
| <i>Coral Princess</i> | 31 Mar |
| AIRLIE BEACH | |
| <i>Pacific Encounter</i> | 30 Mar |
| DARWIN | |
| <i>MSC Magnifica</i> | 31 Mar |
| CHRISTCHURCH | |
| <i>Noordam</i> | 30 Mar |
| <i>Celebrity Eclipse</i> | 31 Mar |
| DUNEDIN | |
| <i>Celebrity Eclipse</i> | 30 Mar |
| <i>Noordam</i> | 31 Mar |
| FIORDLAND | |
| <i>Carnival Splendor</i> | 31 Mar |

P&O ship update

THE United Kingdom's P&O Cruises has announced a multi-million-pound investment in its ships *Arcadia* and *Aurora*.

The changes will include new balcony furniture, new chairs in cabins, and new furniture on their open deck areas.

Arcadia's Neptune Pool will also see considerable investment, with new lounge chairs, sofas, tables, and armchairs.