



Cruise Weekly today

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

A winter in Japan

MSC Cruises has opened sales for its itineraries in Japan for the 2023/2024 northern winter season.

Guests can now sail year-round in the region with MSC, as the cruise line celebrates 15 years in Japan.

MSC *Bellissima's* winter program will commence from Nov, with six-, nine-, and 11-night cruises from Yokohama.

From Jan to Mar, *Bellissima* will homeport in Naha, offering guests the opportunity to experience Japan's landscapes, beaches, rich cultural heritage, ancient traditions, and modern attractions.

Oceania takes delivery of Vista

OCEANIA Cruises has taken delivery of its newest ship *Vista* at Fincantieri's shipyard in Genoa.

The cruise line's initial Allura-class ship features several brand firsts, such as three new dining concepts, a service ratio of two staff members for every three guests, and "the most spacious standard staterooms at sea".

Vista offers 11 culinary venues, three of which are new concepts - Ember, a signature restaurant featuring "elevated" American cuisine; Aquamar Kitchen, which brings wellness offerings to a new level; and The Bakery at Baristas, an expansion of Oceania's popular coffee bar, which serves freshly baked French and Italian pastries.

The ship's "Broadway-calibre" productions feature recognisable songs by some of the world's most beloved artists, as well as contemporary dance numbers



led by *Dancing with the Stars* choreographer Britt Stewart.

Only a few select staterooms are available for *Vista's* inaugural northern summer season in the Mediterranean.

"Today we usher in a new era for Oceania Cruises with the delivery of *Vista*," President Frank Del Rio Jr said.

"We could not have built such an exceptional ship without the

close partnership enjoyed with Fincantieri.

"We thank each and every person who had a hand in bringing her to life."

Vista will be christened on Mon in an exclusive glittering ceremony in Valletta by her Godmother, Italian-American chef, Giada De Laurentiis.

Pictured: Members of the *Vista* and Fincantieri teams.

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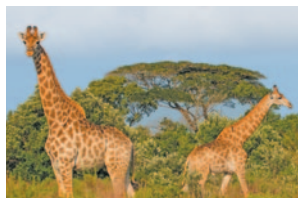
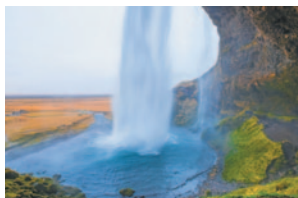
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FACEBOOK users have helped an American man recover his stolen fishing boat.

The Indiana man posted to Facebook about his stolen boat in what can best be described as an “angsty rant”, but to his surprise, a Kentucky man messaged him the very next morning telling him he’d recognised the boat.

The crestfallen skipper got two more messages about his boat, including one from a man who was unbelievably following the stolen vessel along an interstate.

The good samaritan continued in pursuit of the boat until authorities showed up and recovered her for her owner, in the process restoring his faith in humanity.

Open for business

MILWAUKEE Mayor Cavalier Johnson will welcome the city’s first cruise ship arrival for the 2023 season, Viking’s *Viking Octantis*, when she calls on Thu.

More cruise passengers are expected to visit Milwaukee this northern summer, with 31 port calls planned to bring an estimated 12,000 passengers to the city.

“Milwaukee is a great destination, filled with attractions and hospitality,” Johnson enthused.

The Mont-real deal!



THE 2023 cruise season is officially under way at the Port of Montreal, with new ships, more passenger visits, and a record amount of shorepower usage on the schedule.

The season will feature 38 turnarounds and 13 stopovers, generating CAD\$25 million in economic impact.

Nineteen of Montreal’s scheduled calls, from Holland America Line, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, and Viking, are equipped to use the Port’s shorepower supply facilities.

The first of 51 visits took place on the weekend, with the arrival of Holland America’s *Zaandam* (pictured) one of the largest cruise ships which visits Montreal.

To mark the occasion and honour the 150th anniversary of Holland America, a plaque was presented to *Zaandam*’s captain Ane Smit.

The season will run until 30 Oct, and the number of international passengers is expected to exceed 45,000, up nearly 20% on last year.

Montreal Port Authority President and Chief Executive Officer Martin Imbleau believes the city’s cruise sector is proving its attractiveness and dynamism.

“Not only is the number of passengers up from last year, gradually returning to a level of traffic comparable to our pre-pandemic levels, but more and more of the cruise ships that stop at the port are using our shorepower supply system,” he said.

“The Port of Montreal is one of only 25 in the world to provide this service to cruise ships.”

NW Passage offer

SAVINGS are available on an Arctic Northwest Passage voyage with Adventure Canada, including no solo supplement, when booking through Cruise Traveller.

The once-in-a-lifetime journey to Greenland next year is available with a saving of more than USD\$10,000 per couple, as well as free hotels.

There is also a buy now/ pay later offer available for bookings by the end of the month, with no down payment required until Sep.

Guests on the new 18-night ‘Out of the Northwest Passage’ will travel on board the 198-passenger vessel *Ocean Endeavour*, and enjoy many Zodiac shore visits and excursions, which will take them close to wildlife and provide an insight into the traditional Inuit culture, including a visit to Canada’s northernmost community.

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