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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover wrap from **Royal Caribbean International**.

RCI's 24-25 in Aus

ROYAL Caribbean International's (RCI) 2024-2025 Adventures from Australia (CW 20 Apr) are on sale now.

Travel agents can book a 24-25 cruise now for the chance to win a sailing with RCI.

For more information, head to the **cover page**.

Pandaw Ganges

PANDAW has released a new Upper Ganges itinerary between Kolkata and Varanasi.

The updated itinerary now sails farther along the Ganges than before, through to the ancient city of Patna, and includes a First class train transfer to Varanasi.

The shortened 12-night itinerary removes the overlanding aspect and allows Pandaw to focus more on the river expedition.

The extended sailing means passengers see more of the waterway, with its historic cities, religious & cultural sites, and wealth of wildlife.

Additional overland tours of Varanasi, Gaya, and Nalanda, are still available to be added - view the itinerary **HERE**.

P&O's record program



P&O Cruises Australia has launched its biggest program ever for 2024/2025, featuring more than 150 sailings.

Visiting new and well-loved destinations across Australia, as well as New Zealand and the South Pacific, highlights include year-round sailings from Sydney (**pictured**) and Brisbane; "mini-seasons" for Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia; and a NZ season for *Pacific Explorer*.

There will also be new short break-themed cruises, and increased access to the private onboard Byron Beach Club for additional mini-suite categories.

Explorer, as well as *Pacific Adventure* and *Pacific Encounter*, will call into almost 50 destinations collectively, carrying more than 500,000 passengers - making it P&O Australia's most

ambitious season on record.

P&O President Marguerite Fitzgerald said the cruise line has been listening to guests and evolving the brand's offering for 2024/2025 to ensure a contemporary suite of services and variety of itineraries for Australian travellers.

"No other cruise line understands the Australian cruise market like our homegrown brand, P&O, and we are offering more of what Aussies love - such as island getaways, short break escapes, themed events and visiting idyllic bucket list destinations."

"We've also introduced more ways for holiday-makers to make unforgettable memories with increased access to exclusive facilities and more choice in entertainment, dining and activities than ever before."

Cunard to host coronation events

CUNARD Line will hold a range of coronation celebrations at sea on board its three queens to commemorate the crowning of King Charles III.

From street parties in the majestic Grand Lobby to themed musical performances, films, and quizzes, guests on board *Queen Mary 2*, *Queen Victoria*, and *Queen Elizabeth* will be able to immerse themselves in the regal festivities.

All three ships will be at sea for the big day (06 May), and will broadcast the ceremony live from Westminster Abbey into the ships' Royal Court Theatres and staterooms.

An exclusive coronation dinner menu has been created for the evening, inspired by King Charles' love of farming, agriculture, game, and organic principles.

It features a selection of specially curated dishes showcasing some of his favourite ingredients, to create a meal that perfectly commemorates the occasion.

Specially designed cocktails will also be available, including a 'Coronation Oath', made with Prosecco, White Vermouth, grapefruit and cardamom bitters; and a 'Monarch Martini' using Cunard's 3 Queens Gin.

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A **COMEDIC** cruise in the Caribbean next year will feature “non-stop shenanigans” according to the promoters, who are making the most of every comic opportunity to showcase the voyage.

Over four days, *Norwegian Pearl* will take guests from Miami to Nassau and back, along the way enjoying “stand-up comedy, karaoke, live music, podcasts, exclusive panels, and warm weather fun”.

Bookings open next week for the laugh-fest at sea which is amusingly titled “Jokers get Shipfaced” and features a range of LOL-worthy onboard experiences such as a belly flop contest, beer pong with poker, and even a lip-sync battle for all cruisers judged by some of the headliners on board, who include television stars the Impractical Jokers and Eric Andre - for more information, visit getshipfacedcruise.com.

HAL has a ‘dam good time



HOLLAND America Line (HAL) rolled out the orange carpet last night in celebration of its 150th anniversary (*CW* 19 Apr).

One hundred and eighty trade, supplier and travel advisor partners joined HAL staff for the special evening at Restaurant Bar M in Sydney.

Food stations provided a wide range of charcuterie and cook-to-order pasta dishes.

There was also traditional Dutch poertjes and plenty of drinks on hand to celebrate the night.

Carnival Corporation Vice President, Sales & Partnerships Australia Ryan Taibel thanked all in attendance for their support over the years.

Pictured on the orange carpet are HAL Head of Sales Andrew Thwaites, Key Account Manager Christine Oliver, Taibel, Holland America Key Account Manager Helen Courias, Senior Marketing Manager Hannah Baynes, and Carnival Corporation Head of Sales Operations Australia Alex Pikardt.

Viking weekly deals

VIKING'S deal of the week is a Rhine Getaway voyage from Amsterdam to Basel or vice versa.

The eight-day cruise is on sale now and is priced from \$3,295 per person, with a saving of up to \$2,000 per couple.

Cruisers will discover the turreted fortresses, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns and spectacular scenery of the Middle Rhine.

Passengers can also spend Christmas on the Danube with an eight-day voyage from Regensburg to Budapest or vice versa.

On sale now, this cruise is priced from \$3,995 per person with savings of up to \$2,000 per couple.

Discover grand cities, medieval towns, and quaint villages along the “Blue Danube”, highlighting three countries: Hungary, Austria and Germany.

For additional information on both cruises, visit vikingcruises.com.au.



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