



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Azamara TravelPay

**TRAVELPAY** B2B is now an official payment partner for Azamara.

The cruise line is now live on the TravelPay B2B portal.

“Our valued travel agents are integral to our sales success at Azamara, so we’re delighted to be partnering with TravelPay to make their experience with us even more seamless,” Azamara Director of Sales Victoria Chigwidden said.

“As we continue to grow our business in Australia, we rely on the tremendous support we receive from travel agents and this partnership is just one of many ways in which we strive to be their best travel partner.”

### Ambience retrofit for Norway cruises

**MAN** Energy Solutions has completed a retrofit aboard Ambassador Cruise Line’s *Ambience*.

The installation of MAN’s selective catalytic reduction and TCA 66 turbochargers will help *Ambience* meet the exacting Norwegian emission standard so Ambassador can offer cruises in the market.

“This retrofit really establishes Ambassador’s green credentials within the cruise segment, and the SCR solution is performing well, with a NOx removal rate of 93%,” MAN’s Olaf Gunia reported.

“Increasingly, we are receiving similar requests from cruise and ferry operations that wish to become sustainable without the need for mandated industry legislation.”

## Cruise strong in Australia



### EXCLUSIVE

**CRUISE** sentiment continues to strengthen in Australia, with 70% of us likely to book a sailing in the next two years.

The public’s view around cruising has continued to build, according to new research from Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), including among potential new customers whose interest in cruising is now higher than before the pandemic.

Commissioned as part of a global CLIA research project in Mar, independent polling conducted in Australia shows the portion of people who plan to sail in the next two years is also above pre-pandemic levels.

Seventy percent is well above the pre-pandemic figure of 64% in Dec 2019, and has grown significantly since the Nov 2021 figure of 53%.

Among Australians who have cruised in the past, 81% said they would cruise again in the next few years.

This is up significantly from the 73% shown in Nov 2021, and is on par with the 82% recorded in Dec 2019.

Among Australians who have never cruised before, sentiment is now at a new high.

65% of non-cruisers said they are interested in cruising, which is above the 63% shown in Dec 2019, and well above the 43%

recorded in Nov 2021.

CLIA Managing Director Joel Katz said Australians have not lost their passion for cruising, and that this latest data confirms a clear trend that sales will continue to grow in this market.

“Successive polls have shown a very swift recovery in public sentiment around cruising and we’re now at the point where several key indicators are now higher than they were before the industry’s suspension,” he said.

“Australia’s first summer season of cruising since its revival has been a huge success and there’s every likelihood the next season ahead will be even better.

“Global cruise passenger volumes are likely to reach new records by the end of this year and we can be confident that Australia will soon follow the same trend.”

### First Yorktown visits

**PRINCESS** Cruises has debuted its first-ever northern summer Colonial Heritage voyages in the United States and Canada, featuring Yorktown.

Guests can sail on new departures from Boston, New York City, Fort Lauderdale, or Quebec, as part of Princess’ expanded 2024 Canada & New England season, with 27 total departures visiting 25 destinations.

The Colonial Heritage itineraries will also stop at Charleston and Halifax, aboard *Island Princess*, *Emerald Princess*, and *Enchanted Princess*.

Debuting next year, Princess’ new summer Colonial Heritage itineraries from New York are highlighted by first-ever stops in Yorktown, the site of the ‘German Battle’, which led to the surrender of Charles Cornwallis and the capture of both him and his army, which ended the American Revolutionary War.

The voyages are a perfect lead up to sescentennial celebrations marking the 250th birthday of the United States, making this a can’t-miss sailing for history buffs.

Select cruises this season also feature stops in three Greenland ports, home to a range of stunning landscapes.

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**TITANIC'S** first-ever full-sized scans (pictured) have revealed the wreck as never seen before.

Deep-sea mapping has been used to create the scan of the ship, which lies 3,800 metres down in the Atlantic Ocean.

It provides a unique three-dimensional view of the entire ship, enabling it to be seen as if the water has been drained away.

The scan was carried out last northern summer by Magellan, a deep-sea mapping company, and Atlantic Productions, who are making a documentary about the project.

Remotely controlled submersibles on board a specialist ship spent more than 200 hours surveying the length and breadth of the wreck.

They took more than 700,000 images from every angle, creating an exact 3D reconstruction.



## Celeb cashback

**TRAVEL** advisors who book a Europe 2023 sailing with Celebrity through Creative Cruising will earn \$200 cashback - 1300 362 599.

## To the Star and the Sun!

**PRINCESS** Cruises' new *Star Princess* and *Sun Princess* will headline the line's 2025 Europe season, as the brand celebrates its 40th anniversary sailing in the Mediterranean.

The 2025 cruises and cruisetours season offers travellers looking for the ultimate European adventure abundant natural beauty, history, and traditions, combined with diverse cultures.

Joining *Star* and *Sun* for the season will be *Majestic Princess*, *Sky Princess*, *Regal Princess* and *Emerald Princess*.

Voyages aboard ships sailing out of Southampton in 2025 (*Sky*, *Regal*, *Emerald*) go on sale 25 May, while sailings on Mediterranean-based ships (*Star*, *Sun*, and *Majestic*) go on sale on 01 Jun.

*Star's* maiden voyages depart 04 Aug 2025, sailing a nine-day Grand Mediterranean voyage to Italy and Greece round trip from Rome, followed by a variety of 10-day cruises, also round trip from Rome, that visit iconic destinations such as Florence, Barcelona, and Mykonos.

*Sun* will sail a series of seven-day Mediterranean voyages from Barcelona, Rome, and Athens, which will visit coveted destinations including Istanbul, Naples, and Santorini.

Also new for 2025 is a 31-day Mediterranean Marvel cruise aboard *Sky*, which offers "More Ashore" late nights in Mykonos, Santorini, and Jerusalem.

In the British Isles, *Emerald* and *Regal* will offer 10- to 14-day cruises from London



to the Scottish Highlands, The Beatles' hometown of Liverpool, and the prehistoric wonder of Stonehenge, with a late night stay in Belfast.

*Emerald* and *Sky* will deliver the beauty of the Northern Europe on five- to 28-day voyages which visit Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and more, with select voyages offering late-night calls in cities like Copenhagen and Berlin.

All six ships will sail between North America and Europe for the ultimate transatlantic crossing, offering 15- to 29-day voyages.

Passengers can also combine their cruise with multiple days on land to experience more of the region.

Guests can choose sightseeing in Madrid on the Highlights of Spain cruisetour, visit Florence & Rome on the Classic Italy cruisetour, explore Mediterranean treasures on the Best of Greece cruisetour or take in the spectacular landscapes of Ireland on the Ring of Kerry cruisetour.

## Heritage Line summer offers

**HERITAGE** Line has launched two offers for the northern summer season.

Significant savings are on offer for travels in Vietnam's Ha Long Bay and Lan Ha Bay.

Combine a seven-night Lower Mekong cruise in Vietnam and Cambodia with a one or two-night Ha Long Bay or Lan Ha Bay sailing in Northern Vietnam, and pay only half price for a pre- and post-cruise booking in Ha Long Bay.

Available for travel between 01 Jun and 30 Sep, cruisers can also take a partner for free - **SEE HERE** for further details

There are also savings of 20% on any available one- and two-night cruises in Ha Long Bay or Lan Ha Bay.

This offer is available for travel between 01 May and 30 Sep.

**CLICK HERE** for further details.

## Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

BROOME	
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	19 May
HOBART	
<i>El Dorado Express</i>	20 May
DARWIN	
<i>Coral Geographer</i>	19 May
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	23 May
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	24 May
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	25 May