



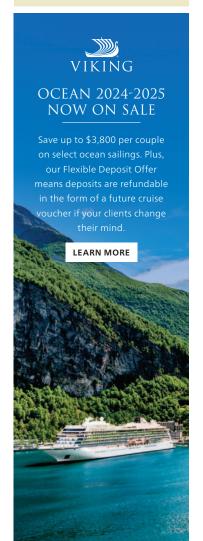




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Service NSW change

THE Service NSW application used by the state's citizens to store licenses and access govt vouchers now no longer includes the COVID vaccination certificates required to board a cruise ship.



NCL expands sales team



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has expanded its sales team with three new business development appointments.

Reporting to Senior Sales Manager Angela Middleton will be new Business Development Manager Lara Anderson, and **Business Development Specialists** Sheena Smith and Samantha Morgan.

Anderson will represent Victoria and Tasmania, having most recently been National Business Development Manager for Creative Cruising.

Smith will represent Victoria, focused particularly on Flight Centre and home-based travel advisors, and Morgan will aid New South Wales/ACT Business **Development Manager Chris**

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

Catanzariti with his territory, while also overseeing Western Australia

"We're thrilled to announce these three new appointments at such an exciting time for Norwegian," Director of Sales Damian Borg said.

"As we count down to the debut of Norwegian Viva in Europe in Aug and our return to cruising in Asia after more than three years, our growing team is ready to hit the ground running to help our valued travel partners be successful.

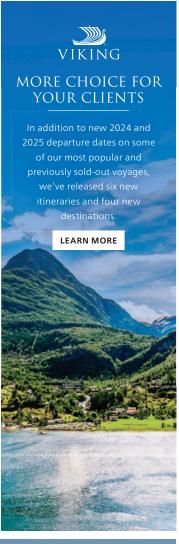
"With a dedicated trade team of 11 - including field sales and sales support - along with our continued commitment to providing a local contact centre, we can't wait to continue to build our trade engagement strategies and future success in this market."

Pictured: Middleton, Anderson, and Borg.

Heritage "gateway"

HERITAGE Expeditions has created an introductory expedition cruise priced as a "gateway" for those new to expedition cruising.

The 'South Pacific Sojoun' is available to book HERE.





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World cruise deal

SAVINGS have been released by Cruise Traveller on a world sailing with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines in 2025.

Spending money of up to £600 per person, a free three-night hotel stay, complimentary onboard drinks, and a \$875 saving is available on the new 109-night world cruise package when booking by the end of Jun.

The adventure begins in London on 03 Jan 2025 with the hotel stay, before guests are transferred to Southampton to board *Bolette* for the 106-night voyage, which circles the globe before returning to England.

Bolette will take globetrotting guests to 30 destinations around the world, from the Canary Islands to Cape Verde and Brazil - call 1800 507 777.

Bingo is our thingo

Australia hosted a Bianco Night in Brisbane last Wed for 50 trade partners.

The "party under the stars" saw P&O Australia

associates celebrate at South Bank Parklands.

Dressed in white, guests heard about the latest P&O product updates, including the launch of 'Upgrade Me' and new itineraries in the latest 24/25 Program Release.

They also tested their knowledge in a fun game of P&O themed bingo (pictured).

The evening was hosted by the cruise line's Key Account management team Erin King

and Angus Mackay, along with **Business Development Executive** Dvlan McKechnie.

"P&O is celebrating 90 years of sailing from Australia this year and we're also experiencing incredible momentum right now, so we thought this was an opportune time to reconnect with our trade partners, thank them for their ongoing support and let them know more about everything that's new at P&O," King said.

That's amore!

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has added a season of "fun Italian style" in Port Canaveral, with new Carnival Venezia sailings open for late next year.

The ship will reposition from New York City to Florida for a "snowbird" winter series, beginning with a 12-day Southern Caribbean Carnival Journeys Cruise, which departs NYC on 06 Dec 2024, and visits St. Thomas, St. Croix, Aruba, Curacao, and Grand Turk, and arrives to Port Canaveral on 18 Dec 2024.

Venezia will embark her first guests from Port Canaveral on the same day, and depart for a four-day Bahamas cruise, visiting Nassau and Freeport.

She will then operate 15 seven-day cruises, rotating itineraries, and visiting a variety of popular destinations, before returning to New York.

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THE world's first Arctic-aged sparkling wine (pictured) has been raised from the Norwegian seabed by Hurtigruten and Rathfinny Wine Estate.

Seventeen-hundred exclusive, wax-sealed bottles have been raised after six months submerged 34 metres down on the Northern Norway seabed.

The bottles were sunk in a top-secret wine cellar, on the famed 66th parallel north, just shy of the Arctic Circle.

The project, known as 'Havets Bobler' ("bubbles from the sea"), is the first time sparkling wine has been aged in cold, crisp Arctic waters, with temperatures averaging only five degrees.

Norway's best sommelier was on hand to sabre the first bottle and give his professional review.

"After only six months submerged in Arctic waters, this method has ensured the wine remains noticeably vibrant and in great condition by delicately slowing the maturation," sommelier Nikolai Haram Svorte said.



Princess Panama 24-25



PRINCESS Cruises is inviting travellers to sail through the "world's greatest shortcut" with its newly released 2024-2025 Panama Canal season.

Guests can choose from new 12day round trip itineraries through the Canal's new locks or oceanto-ocean itineraries through its historic locks.

Three Princess ships will sail on 26 departures, visiting 23 destinations in 12 countries, featuring 24 transits through the new locks and 13 transits through the historic locks.

The 12-day round trip itinerary is new for Princess, with guests for the first time ever able to stop in the Southern Caribbean with a late night in Aruba (pictured), and enjoy an additional stop in Bonaire or Curacao.

This itinerary is ideal for guests looking to experience a partial transit, as well as the unique culture in South and Central America, while visiting Caribbean islands and rainforests.

All these sailings go through the

new locks.

For guests who want a full transit experience, ocean-toocean itineraries stop in Fort Amador, providing an in-depth exploration of the lock system and access to Panama City.

These itineraries sail between Los Angeles or San Francisco to Fort Lauderdale or vice-versa.

All ocean-to-ocean itineraries sail through the historic locks.

A highlight ashore will see guests explore lush rainforests filled with ecological wonders and unique wildlife by visiting a sloth sanctuary.

"Three ships will transit the historic Panama Canal during our upcoming 2024-2025 season offering full transit sailings, ocean-to-ocean or roundtrip options from Fort Lauderdale," President John Padgett said.

Grand USA cruise

CRUISE Traveller is offering one of the United States' longest-ever cruise holidays, which will see passengers embark on five river and coastal departures.

The epic 62-night, 20-state, coast-to-coast itinerary with American Cruise Lines in Aug 2024 also features a land tour to break up the itinerary.

The adventure begins with a flight to Oregon for a night's stay, before passengers embark on a seven-night cruise along the Columbia and Snake Rivers to Clarkston aboard American's river ship, American Harmony.

This is followed by a seven-night coach tour from Clarkston across Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, including Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and Grand Teton National Park.

Passengers then fly from Wyoming to New Orleans for a night's stay, followed by a 21-night Mississippi River cruise aboard American Symphony to St Paul, covering 2,250km, and journeying through 10 states.

This is followed by a flight to Maine for a two-night stay and a 14-night coastal cruise to New York via Boston aboard American Independence, after which guests will stay on board for a round seven-night cruise along the Hudson River.

Those flying from Australia can currently save AUD\$7,600 per person when booking by the end of next month - CLICK **HERE** for more information.



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