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## Cruise Weekly today

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

## Epic cancellations

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line's *Norwegian Epic's* sailings from 01 Dec 2023 through 09 Apr 2024 have been cancelled as a result of a fleet redeployment.

Guests and travel partners were sent a letter about the cancellation yesterday, in which Norwegian committed to a full monetary refund of the fare paid, automatically returned to the form of payment provided at the time of reservation.

Norwegian has also issued a 20% future cruise credit, which can be applied to any published European sailing up to 30 Apr, and a 10% future cruise credit for any published sailing until 31 Dec 2024.

# Viking debuts Arctic expeditions

**EXCLUSIVE**

**VIKING** has expanded its expedition voyages to the Arctic, announcing three brand-new itineraries to explore Canada and Greenland (**pictured**) in 2025.

After two seasons in Antarctica, the cruise line will now explore both the southern and northern polar regions with the purpose-built *Viking Octantis*.

Two of the voyages visit the Canadian high Arctic, with guests having the opportunity to encounter native wildlife & polar landscapes, kayak on the fjords, and partake in a Zodiac landing.

The 15-day Canada & Greenland Explorer voyages from Toronto to Nuuk or vice versa, travelling the rocky shores of the two countries.

It is priced from \$18,495 per person in a Nordic Balcony, including a saving of up to \$2,000 per couple.

The 27-day Canada & the



Northwest Passage also voyages from Toronto to Nuuk or vice versa.

On this journey through the Canadian high Arctic and Greenland, guests can view towering icebergs, expansive ice fields, & deep-blue fjords that are rich in marine life, and can also get a glimpse of life in Inuit communities.

It is priced from \$34,995 per person in a Nordic Balcony, including a saving of up to \$2,000 per couple.

Also new is the 13-day Into the Northwest Passage round trip

from Nuuk.

Guests can explore the undiscovered polar territories beneath the skies of the midnight sun and immerse themselves in Inuit traditions as they visit towns dotted with colourful wooden houses.

It is priced from \$17,995 per person in a Nordic Balcony, including savings of up to \$2,000 per couple.

"Viking guests will not only be able to see the tranquil landscapes of one of the most northern polar regions, but they will also be able to experience the midnight sun," Managing Director Michelle Black said.

"These limited sailings take place during the northern hemisphere's summer months when there are almost 24 hours of sunlight, allowing additional time to take in the stark beauty of the Arctic."



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## PORThOLE

**ORCAS** have sunk another boat in Europe - a concerning behaviour detailed previously in porthole, which appears to be spreading.

The trio of orcas worked together to sink a yacht off the coast of Spain.

Experts say the phenomenon may have started after a female orca had a traumatic encounter with a vessel at sea.

The theory is she then started exhibiting "defensive behaviour" against ships, which other orcas have copied.

The incident caused some on social media to speculate the age of man may be coming to an end, and the age of dolphins arriving - [CLICK HERE](#).

## New St Hilda ship

**ST HILDA** Sea Adventures has added a new small ship, its fourth, which will explore Scotland's Wild Isles.

The four-stateroom, ex-rescue vessel *Speideren* once worked the waters of the North and Arctic seas, rescuing and towing crippled ships.

Following *Speideren's* decommissioning, a conversion was carried out to create a luxurious, all en suite cruising vessel, with further improvements recently made including a viewing deck, en-suite accommodation, and a well-lit deck saloon.

## Silversea sculpture sponsor



**SILVERSEA** Cruises has pledged its support to a wildlife conservation initiative in Singapore, sponsoring a sculpture of Amelia the walrus.

The model of the large pinniped is featuring in the Love the Last March exhibition by artists Gillie & Marc, an initiative aimed at safeguarding the world's most endangered wildlife species.

The exhibition, which is held in collaboration with WWF, was officially opened on Fri night, with Managing Director Adam Radwanski attending, along with Silversea's special guests.

The 192-metre exhibition features 62 individual life-sized animals, depicting 45 of the world's most endangered species.

The sculptures were created by the award-winning public wildlife conservation artists Gillie & Marc, and will be on display at Gardens by the Bay in Singapore until May 2024.

"We are proud to support endangered wildlife species by championing the important

message of the Love the Last March exhibition.

"Silversea is committed to unlocking the world's most enriching experiences for travellers in a responsible manner and wildlife conservation lies at the heart of this ethos.

"We hope this exhibition will inspire people to support wildlife conservation globally," Radwanski said.

**Pictured** are artist Gillie Schattner, Radwanski, artist Marc Schattner, and Silversea Marketing Campaign Manager Samantha Choy.

## New P&O drinks

**THE** United Kingdom's P&O Cruises has launched four new drinks packages.

There are two new alcoholic selections, the Classic drinks package and the Deluxe drinks package; and two which are non-alcoholic, the Refresh package and the Alcohol-free package.

## Fred. Olsen saving

**SAVINGS** have been released by Cruise Traveller on a month-long Mediterranean sailing with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines.

Those booking by the end of next month can save \$330 per person, with inclusions such as onboard drinks, on the new fly, cruise, and stay package.

The journey begins on 23 Feb 2024 with an included flight from Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide, or Perth to London for a one-night, pre-cruise stay.

Guests then board Fred. Olsen's 1,338-guest flagship, *Bolette* for a 32-night round-trip voyage from Southampton stretching the length of the Mediterranean, showcasing the region's ancient treasures and centuries-old history.

The 'Ancient Mediterranean Empires' package is available from \$15,795 per person, twin-share, in an Inside Cabin - book with Cruise Traveller [HERE](#).

## Chinese ship named

**CHINA'S** first home-built cruise ship will be named *Adora Magic City*, and is expected to hit the water by the end of the year.

*Adora Magic City* has a capacity of 5,246 passengers, and will sail routes including Japan, South East Asia, and the Maritime Silk Road.

According to the Shanghai Administration of Culture & Tourism, the name *Adora Magic City* reflects the ship's "Shanghai design" and "Shanghai manufacturing".