



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Thanks SATC!

**THIS** week's inaugural guest column from the Australian Cruise Association was provided by Andrew McKinnon from the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

He's part of a dedicated team within SATC which also includes Tess Barmore and Mattia Centofanti - view the SATC contribution **HERE**.

### Lindblad StarLink

**LINDBLAD** Expeditions has started the rollout of SpaceX's StarLink internet connectivity, with three new tiered packages to debut fleetwide by the end of the year: Basic, Enhanced and Premium.

## Euribia to sail first net zero cruise

**MSC** Cruises' new flagship *MSC Euribia* will sail on the world's first net zero greenhouse gas emissions cruise.

The liquefied natural gas-powered *Euribia* will next week leave her shipyard in Saint-Nazaire on the way to her naming ceremony in Copenhagen, achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions on the way.

*Euribia* will depart the French port on 03 Jun, and is scheduled to arrive in Copenhagen on 07 Jun.

The net zero sailing will employ bio-LNG using a mass-balance system, and will be supported by Finnish energy company Gasum.

*Euribia's* maiden voyage has been designed specifically to optimise the configuration and loads of the engines to minimise fuel consumption.

MSC's shore-based energy efficiency experts based in

London will continuously monitor and optimise all systems on board *Euribia* to minimise energy demand and identify additional opportunities to improve energy efficiency in real-time.

This will include a range of measures from the configuration of the engines down to the speed of individual air-conditioning fans in guest cabins, together with the itinerary and speed optimisation.

Dedicated energy efficiency specialists from both MSC and the ship's constructor Chantiers de l'Atlantique will also be on board the net zero sailing to monitor and optimise every aspect of this journey.

They will work with the Master of the Vessel Captain Stefano Battinelli and *Euribia's* Chief Engineer Pasquale Mastellone.

The entire supply chain will be fully compliant with the European Union's Renewable

Energy Directive, and each individual batch of the bio-LNG produced has been certified by the International Sustainability & Carbon Certification.

"This industry-first net zero gas emissions voyage of our latest flagship *MSC Euribia* heralds another significant step on our decarbonisation journey and demonstrates more than anything the extent of our commitment," Executive Chairman Pierfrancesco Vago said.

"Given the absolute importance of alternative fuels for our industry as well as for other sectors across civil society to achieve decarbonisation, we all need to work together to increase their availability at scale.

"Our purchase of bio-LNG will send a clear and meaningful signal to the market that there is demand from cruise lines and the broader maritime industry."

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## Ponant to hit the road next month

**PONANT** is inviting travel advisors and passengers to celebrate 35 years of the cruise line at its roadshow series next month.

The brand will visit Sydney (05 Jun, Four Seasons Hotel Sydney), Melbourne (07 Jun, Metropolis Events), Adelaide (08 Jun, Eos by SkyCity), Brisbane (13 Jun, Waters Edge Weddings & Events at Portside), and Perth (15 Jun, The Ritz-Carlton, Perth).

Guests will be treated to a selection of canapes and beverages while mingling with fellow explorers, with Ponant to reflect on its past achievements, explore the present, and unveil its vision for the future of luxury expeditions.

On hand to answer questions, chat about cruise plans, and help book future passengers will be the Ponant team: Head of Guest Relations Asia Pacific



Melanie Bernstein; National Sales Coordinator APAC Sandra Cahill; and business development managers Annabelle Brown, Julie Golding, and Janelle Ramsey.

There will also be a guest speaker, Ryo Ijichi, a naturalist guide in his 10th year with Ponant, who recently returned from a successful Antarctic

season as an expedition leader on board *Le Commandant Charcot*.

Guests in attendance will benefit from exclusive offers - register **HERE**.

Ponant also recently revealed its new Japanese expedition program for next year, featuring three new itineraries never offered before (**CW 21 Apr**).

## Silversea '26 WC

**SILVERSEA** Cruises has unveiled its 140-day World Cruise for 2026, which it is calling its "most diverse voyage ever".

The cruise, 'The Curious and the Sea', will call in the highest number of destinations in Silversea's history.

Guests will embark *Silver Dawn* in Fort Lauderdale on 06 Jan 2026 before travelling to 70 destinations in 37 countries.

The voyage will include 26 calls which are new for a Silversea World Cruise, including nine overnights, and a semi-circumnavigation of Australia, beginning with Hobart - a first for the itinerary.

An exclusive pre-sale opens to Venetian Society members on 14 Jun, while general sales open on 22 Jun.



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**TALL** ship *Bark Europa* has tipped over in her dry dock, leaving the vessel looking more like the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

*Bark Europa* suffered damage after falling over in her dry dock during an attempt to place her back into the water.

The incident occurred last week in Cape Town, and left one person with minor injuries.

*Bark Europa's* operator said that the full extent of her damage is currently being assessed, making it difficult to determine when sailing operations can resume.

## New Destination Experiences

**EXPLORA** Journeys has announced its Destination Experiences for the cruise line's inaugural Caribbean season, and new European sailings for *Explora I* from May to Sep 2024.

Experiences are tailored to intimate groups of two-25 guests, with time for off-the-beaten-path encounters at a slower pace.

Nature enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the beauty of Virgin Gorda, from the unique rock formations at The Baths National Park to the panoramic views at Gorda Peak National Park.

In Curacao, guests can participate in a U-boat submarine experience which explores coral-crusted shipwrecks and their accompanying parade of sea life at depths of around 200 metres.

Samana offers an ecological adventure in Los Haitises National Park, giving guests the chance to explore caves and mangroves.

The Authentic Samana Cigar and Casa Tipica tour offers insights into cigar-making and an opportunity to sample local cuisine.

Travellers to Guadeloupe can dive into Reserve Cousteau, home to an incredible array of aquatic life, vivid coral reefs, and ancient shipwrecks resting on the ocean floor.

Following the strong demand for *Explora's* Caribbean sailings, the cruise line has extended its 2024-2025 Caribbean season, meaning *Explora I* will now sail in the region from Oct 2024 to Apr 2025.

**MEANWHILE**, *Explora* has also announced the upcoming sailings in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe for *Explora I*.

The ship's summer 2024 season begins on 18 May 2024 with a transatlantic crossing from Miami to Lisbon.

The unique collection of journeys will offer a blend of renowned destinations and off-the-beaten-path ports, featuring eight Mediterranean and four Northern European journeys.

Highlight destinations include Saint-Tropez, Kuşadası, Santorini, Paphos, Svalbard, Honningsvåg, Fiskardo, Katapola, Agios Nikolaos, Iceland and Greenland.

## Croisi '24 program

**CROISIEUROPE** has released details of its program for next year, which features more than 170 river, canal, and ocean itineraries on more than 50 ships, sailing on 39 waterways in 37 countries.

On sale now, the comprehensive program of itineraries covers river cruises, ocean and coastal cruises, the canals of France, themed cruises, long-haul and exotic destinations - [CLICK HERE](#).

## Four Seasons Palau

**FOUR** Seasons Hotels & Resorts is now accepting reservations to discover Palau aboard its *Four Seasons Explorer*.

The company will offer opportunities for deep cultural immersions, ranging from insights into the rich Palauan dance tradition - awash with powerful chanting, storytelling, and vibrant colours - to intriguing exploration of WWII sites, symbolic bai meeting houses, and centuries of Spanish, German, Japanese, and American influences.

Reservations for the first adventures late this year are now being confirmed - book online [HERE](#).

## Cruise Calendar



Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	27 May
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	28 May
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	30 May
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	27 May
CAIRNS	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	28 May
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	30 May
AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	29 May
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<i>Caledonian Sky</i>	27 May
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<i>Silver Explorer</i>	31 May
<i>Le Ponant</i>	02 Jun
DARWIN	
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	29 May
AUCKLAND	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	31 May
BAY OF ISLANDS	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	01 Jun

