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## Cruise Weekly today

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

## Moving the goals

THE AFL's scheduling of a post-season game between Port Adelaide and Geelong at Adelaide Oval has seen the Australian Cruise Association (ACA) forced to move its gala dinner for next week's conference, which was set to be hosted at the venue.

The ACA has moved the dinner to Memorial Drive Tennis Club, located just outside Adelaide Oval.

Attendees will now walk from the conference venue, Eos by SkyCity, to Memorial Drive Tennis Club, leaving early to avoid the majority of fans attending the game - those who wish not to walk are encouraged to contact ACA.

## New Newcastle Cruise Hub

### DESTINATION

Sydney Surrounds North has launched a brand-new Cruise Industry Hub, as Newcastle prepares to embark on its biggest season yet.

The Hub, launched this week, aims to assist local businesses in creating innovative shore excursions to continue meeting cruise's growing demands.

This resource ([CLICK HERE](#)) contains information and support for local tourism operators keen to participate in opportunities with the cruise industry.

It also shares details about the Cruise Welcome Volunteer Program by the Newcastle Tourism Industry Group.

The news was shared by Destination Sydney Surrounds North non-executive Director



Fiona Dalton on LinkedIn.

"Over 13,000 high-value travellers are set to explore this beautiful region, injecting millions into our local visitor economy," she said.

Thirteen cruise lines are expected to call in Newcastle this summer, including Silvesea, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Viking, Princess Cruises, and Holland America Line.

Cruise ships arrive in Newcastle at the city's Channel Berth, with a shuttle bus taking pax on the 10-minute drive into town. MS

## Cheers all round!

**BOTH** APT and Viking are celebrating being finalists in both the Ocean and River categories at the upcoming NTIAs (*CW* 20 Aug).

"Making it to this stage means so much to the Viking team, as we don't campaign for votes; we strongly believe that we should be nominated based on our merits," MD Michelle Black said.

"We are truly grateful for the trust and support of our valued trade partners, which is reflected in this recognition."

APT Travel Group Chief Executive Officer David Cox said: "being a finalist reflects the dedication and amazing work everyone does to ensure our business goes from strength to strength."

"It's also testament to the dedication and amazing work of all our teams."



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**THOSE** who enjoy classic movies are in for a treat, with special guests announced for this year's TCM Classic Cruise aboard Disney Cruise Line's *Disney Magic*.

The voyage, which will sail from Fort Lauderdale to Cozumel and Disney's Castaway Cay, will feature multi-award-winning actress, dancer, and singer Rita Moreno, Tony Award-winner Ben Vereen, and Hayley & Juliet Mills, sisters and stars of *The Parent Trap*.

Other guests include award-winning film director Joe Dante, renowned Hollywood stuntman Buddy Joe Hooker, and other film legends.

The cruise is sold out, but join the wait list [HERE](#).



## Croisi coming to Australia

**CRUISIEUROPE** has announced its first-ever roadshow in Australia, a three-day event next month which will be held in Perth, Melbourne, and Sydney.

The event will include detailed insights into CroisiEurope's extensive fleet, exclusive interactions with industry experts, networking opportunities, and exciting giveaways and prizes.

The roadshow, being hosted in collaboration with Tweet World Travel, will showcase both Croisi's European cruises, as well as its Mekong voyages.

Those interested in attending can sign up for the Perth date [HERE](#), the Melbourne date [HERE](#), and the Sydney date [HERE](#).

"We are thrilled to bring CroisiEurope's unparalleled river and small ship cruising experience directly to Australia for the first time," Croisi International Sales Director Michel Grimm said.

"This series of events in Melbourne, Sydney, and Perth



marks a significant milestone for our company, allowing us to connect more closely with our valued travel agents and consumers," he added.

"Australia is a key market for us, and we are eager to showcase our unique offerings, share our passion for European cruising, and build stronger relationships with our partners and clients in this vibrant region."

CroisiEurope is also celebrating the 150th anniversary of impressionism this year, and has recently announced a brand-new, five-day itinerary on the Seine (**CW 26 Jun**).

The cruise will showcase artists such as Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Alfred Sisley, and Federic Bazille, who all lived on the banks of the Seine. *MS*

## Crystal 2026 cruises

**CRYSTAL** Cruises has released its itineraries for the first half of 2026, with bookings open now.

After spending the first part of 2026 in Africa and Asia, including Japan's cherry blossom season, *Crystal Symphony* will return to the United States for an Alaska season, followed by Canada and East Coast sailings, ending the year in the Caribbean.

*Crystal Serenity* will remain in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe after her World Cruise, before embarking on a transatlantic voyage, which will cross the Panama Canal to explore countries along the Pacific Coast of the Americas.

"Our team has been diligently working to craft the most exceptional and unforgettable travel experiences for our guests, and we're thrilled to announce the launch of 2026," Vice President Tony Archbold said.

"We are confident that the new itineraries will exceed expectations," he added.

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