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## Cruise Weekly today

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

## NCL 50% off sale

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line (NCL) is offering up to 50% off sailings and USD\$200 onboard credit as part of its latest sale.

The savings are available for cruises booked until the end of the month, in a range of the cruise line's destinations.

The onboard credit can be used toward additional specialty dining, spa treatments, shore excursions and more.

The limited-time savings also include NCL's popular Free at Sea offer, which provides a complimentary beverage package, shore excursion credit, a specialty dining package and a wi-fi package - [CLICK HERE](#).

## APT details new river ships

**APT'S** two new river ships for its Rhine, Main and Danube cruises (**CW 22 Aug**) will be named **APT Solara** and **APT Ostara**.

The new vessels, announced as part of APT's 2025 Europe Pre-Release collection, will launch next year, with the cruise line saying they will "set a new standard in sustainability", ensuring greater emphasis on saving fuel, energy optimisation, and waste reduction.

They will welcome only 154 guests on board, who will be serviced by 60 crew members.

Guests will have a choice of three well-appointed suite options including Twin Window suites, Balcony suites, and Owner's suites.

Each ship will feature six world-class, all-inclusive dining options, including the main restaurant, an intimate wine cellar, a relaxing conservatory, a casual

dining option, an exclusive aft restaurant, and rooftop dining, while passengers will also be able to dine in their stateroom.

The ships will also feature a sun deck, where guests will find a heated pool, al fresco dining, and a lounge area to relax.

They were conceived in Melbourne by design practice Hecker Guthrie, will aim to create "a European experience through Australian eyes".

APT has also announced it will venture into Northern Europe next year, with three brand-new Small Ship Expedition Cruising itineraries aboard Seabourn Cruise Line's **Seabourn Venture**.

Guests will be able to choose from a range of all-inclusive itineraries, such as a 14-day Arctic Explorer Small Ship Expedition, cruising from Reykjavik return, exploring the coastlines of Iceland and Greenland. **MS**



On location in Miami

Today's issue of **Cruise Weekly** is coming to you courtesy of Royal Caribbean International, which is preparing to launch its first Icon-class vessel, the highly anticipated **Icon of the Seas**.

**CRUISE Weekly** is ready to hop aboard Royal Caribbean International's first Icon-class ship, **Icon of the Seas**, as we fly to Miami today.

The ship is currently in port awaiting her maiden voyage and **CRUISE Weekly** will report on the exciting features on board, such as her six record-breaking waterslides, seven pools, and the first neighbourhood designed specifically for young families.

  
**VIKING**

## EXPLORER SALE

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## EXPLORER SALE OFFERS



Secure **included return economy flights to Europe** when you book a 2025 or 2026 Europe river journey



Secure **included return economy flights to Southeast Asia** when you book a 15-day river voyage



Receive up to **\$3,000 flight credit per couple** when you book a 2025 or 2026 ocean voyage



Save up to **\$4,000 per couple** when you book a 2025 or 2026 expedition voyage

See website for T&Cs




## PORTRHOLE

**ROYAL** Caribbean International (RCI) is selling a USD\$100,000 gold cup (pictured) on its new ship *Icon of the Seas*, which includes a lifetime drinks package.

The cup is on sale at *Icon's* store, which sells RCI-branded jewellery, according to *Royal Caribbean Blog*, an unofficial forum which reports on the cruise line.

The blog estimates it would take the "average" cruiser about 151 seven-day voyages to break even on the cup, but we're sure some could manage to do a lot better than that.



## Carnival record?

**CARNIVAL** Corporation and Fincantieri are rumoured to be putting the finishing touches on a USD\$5b deal, according to *The Maritime Executive*.

It would reportedly be a record-breaking order both in the size of the cruise ships and the dollar value.

## Maud out of service until Apr



**HX HAS** announced its ship *Maud* (pictured) will remain out of service until Apr, after taking down weather damage last month.

Following necessary repairs, *Maud* will head to the British Isles, the Arctic, and Antarctica for a series of new itineraries.

The new cruises will see *Maud's* prior schedule of voyages between 03 Feb and 16 Mar cancelled, with HX curating a range of options for those booked on one of these sailings.

Guests can now choose to experience the same Northern Lights itinerary on board *Spitsbergen*, subject to availability, or can rebook another voyage between Jan and Apr.

This includes select Norway sailings with sister brand, Hurtigruten, such as the North Cape Express, a Classic Roundtrip voyage from Bergen, and sailings from Hamburg on *Otto*, with pax able to retain their original cabin category choice, where available, when choosing this option.

Those affected by these changes also have the option to receive a future cruise voucher to book a new expedition at a later date, or

a full refund.

*Maud's* new season will see her set sail for an expedition around the British Isles from mid-Apr.

HX will welcome Scottish weather presenter Carol Kirkwood on its second British Isles journey, where she will engage guests with insightful talks and Q&A sessions while sailing from Douglas to Dover.

*Maud* will then venture into the Arctic, offering guests unparalleled expeditions to Greenland and Iceland, before heading south to Antarctica for a series of new itineraries, which will also visit Chile, and Patagonia's fjords. *MS*

## New Coral brox

**CORAL** Expeditions has unveiled a new comprehensive Kimberley Cruise Guide for 2024-2025.

The all-encompassing handbook showcases Coral's Kimberley adventures, providing details on the fleet, highlights of the voyage, maps with itinerary locations, and more - [CLICK HERE](#).

## Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	19 Jan
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	19 Jan
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	19 Jan
<i>Disney Wonder</i>	20 Jan
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	20 Jan
<i>Resilient Lady</i>	20 Jan
<i>Crystal Symphony</i>	20 Jan
<i>Resilient Lady</i>	21 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	21 Jan

MELBOURNE	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	19 Jan
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	20 Jan
<i>Regatta</i>	20 Jan
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	21 Jan

BRISBANE	
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	19 Jan
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	20 Jan
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	21 Jan

PENNESHAW	
<i>True North</i>	19 Jan
<i>Azamara Journey</i>	19 Jan

BURNIE	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	19 Jan
<i>Silver Muse</i>	20 Jan
<i>Regatta</i>	21 Jan

HOBART	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	19 Jan

DARWIN	
<i>Europa</i>	21 Jan

AUCKLAND	
<i>Royal Princess</i>	19 Jan
<i>Star Breeze</i>	20 Jan
<i>Celebrity Edge</i>	20 Jan
<i>Azamara Journey</i>	21 Jan
<i>Coral Princess</i>	21 Jan

CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Viking Orion</i>	21 Jan

WELLINGTON	
<i>Coral Geographer</i>	20 Jan
<i>Viking Orion</i>	20 Jan