



Cruise Weekly today

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

Azamara hires

AZAMARA has strengthened its leadership team with four new executive appointments.

Meg Lee has been appointed Chief Marketing Officer, Paulette Haedo has been named Chief Information Officer, and Minas Miliaras will be Chief Maritime Officer.

Chief Executive Officer Dondra Ritzenthaler said: "Meg, Paulette, and Minas are recognised leaders in their respective areas of expertise.

"They each bring a wealth of cruise industry knowledge and experience to Azamara".

Meanwhile, Nico Corbijn has been promoted to Chief Administrative Officer.

Disney returns to Australia in 2025/26

DISNEY Cruise Line has confirmed its third season of Australian sailings in 2025/26 from Sydney and Melbourne.

The new season aboard *Disney Wonder* will feature three- to 10-night 'Disney Magic at Sea' cruises from Oct 2025 to Feb 2026 - plans which were initially flagged in *Cruise Weekly* last year (*CW* 29 Aug 2023).

The 2025-2026 season itineraries include a new 10-night trans-Tasman voyage sailing from Auckland to Sydney from 19 Dec 2025, which will see *Wonder* visit five New Zealand destinations for the first time, including Tauranga, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch, and Fiordland National Park.

Disney Magic at Sea sailings will see guests meet favourite friends from Disney, Pixar, Marvel, and Star Wars, and watch as favourite Disney stories come to life.

The cruise line's signature



rotational dining will continue, with different restaurants throughout their sailing, with guests able to meet Princess Tiana at Tiana's Place, enjoy New Orleans cuisine to the sound of jazz music, or celebrate Disney animation at Animator's Palate.

Meanwhile, children can learn and play in the youth clubs including Disney's Oceaneer Club, which features a multi-level

replica of Andy's Room from *Toy Story*, or have fun with the family in Goofy's Pool.

Adults also have their own exclusive spaces on board to relax, including an pool area, sophisticated dining, and the Senses Spa & Salon.

Bookings for this new season will open for general sale from 28 Jun - [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to book. *MS*

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Oceania new menus

OCEANIA Cruises has revealed new “relaxed yet refined” dining venues aboard its eight small ships.

New sushi and Indian cuisine offerings at Terrace Cafe will be introduced, as will a revamped poolside lunch menu at Waves Grill.

The sushi station boasts 45 brand new recipes, created by Oceania’s newly appointed Executive Culinary Directors Chefs Alex Quaretti and Eric Barale (*CW* 08 Apr).

These include two types of sashimi per day, two types of uramaki, three kinds of nigiri, and a daily vegetarian option.

The new Indian Corner operates once every cruise during dinner service, and features 15 authentic recipes.

Meanwhile, the poolside lunch menu now features more than 20 revised options, including a new selection of cold sandwiches, hot sandwiches, and burgers.

These include the signature Surf & Turf Wagyu burger; a wagyu beef patty with lobster medallions and truffle mayonnaise; and a new Philly Cheesesteak hot sandwich comprising shredded sirloin steak, provolone, sauteed onion, bell peppers, and mushrooms, all of which are served with a choice of French fries or sweet potato fries.

“Food is the foundation of what we do on board each of our ships, and globally, in the destinations we visit,” President Frank Del Rio said.

“We are renowned for serving ‘the finest cuisine at sea’, as it is at the very core of our business.

“This does not always mean a white linen tablecloth and starched napkins at one of our award-winning specialty restaurants - finest does not always mean the fanciest,” Del Rio observed.

Ponant new itineraries



PONANT has unveiled 13 brand new itineraries in its 2025 brochure, exploring Northern Europe & the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, Asia, Oceania, and Polynesia.

Destinations featured in the brochure include the English Channel, the Irish Sea, the Baltic Sea, and the Celtic nations.

Each Ponant voyage now includes a minimum of one excursion per port of call.

Special experiences include a Baltic Sea itinerary in partnership with the Paris Opera Ballet, and a choice of daily excursions, such as a Stockholm city tour and a visit to the Vasa Museum.

There is also a brand new itinerary in partnership with world renowned chef Alain Ducasse, featuring two renowned Japanese chefs.

The brochure includes nine polar itineraries, offering experiences exclusive to Ponant aboard *Le Commandant Charcot*.

Guests will enjoy activities including dog sledding, kayaking, hiking, snowshoeing, ice fishing, and the polar plunge.

Cruises will explore the ice floes of Baffin Bay, marvel at icebergs of Disko Bay, and enjoy an authentic encounter with two local Greenlandic communities in villages accessible only to *Le Commandant Charcot* - the only

icebreaker in the region.

An all-new port of call in Corner Brook, on the island of Newfoundland, will offer the possibility of skiing in one of the nearby resorts or discovering the town and its history.

Travellers can also explore the Ammassalik region and the Blosseville Coast, with its ice cap that extends directly from the North Pole, and enjoy an exclusive opportunity to participate in a unique two-day, one-night Nordic skiing polar trek.

CLICK HERE to view the brochure online. *MS*

Raise a toast for Ray

SILVERSEA'S *Silver Ray* has departed on her maiden voyage, becoming the second Nova-class ship and the 12th vessel in the fleet.

The voyage departed from Lisbon on 15 Jun, and is scheduled to arrive in Civitavecchia on 27 Jun.

Ray will spend her inaugural season in the Mediterranean before crossing the Atlantic to the Americas in Dec.

Silversea officially named *Ray* on 12 Jun, which saw new President Bert Hernandez celebrating his first christening in the role.

Aurora adds three

AURORA Expeditions has grown its APAC sales and customer service team with three new hires.

Yasemin Coskun has joined Aurora as Global Groups & Charters Manager, and Chris Remnant is now Sales & Customer Service Manager.

Both are newly created roles for Aurora.

Bruna Gaggio has also joined the cruise line as Sales Executive, with Global Head of Sales & Customer Experience Elena Prenner saying Aurora is thrilled to welcome the trio.

“It is essential that we have the best teams to support our goals for growth and provide exceptional service,” she said.

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PORTHOLE

TRAVEL Associates held a consumer event in Glenelg last night, which was notable for a number of reasons.

The event in the beachside Adelaide suburb saw the debut of Windstar Cruises Business Development Manager Rob Shaw's new custom Converse sneakers (pictured).

The shoes are the much-anticipated follow-up to the kicks which made their debut to much fanfare last year at Cruise360 (CLICK HERE).

Cruise Weekly wonders when Shaw may follow up with personalised Windstar cowboy boots, clogs, or...Crocs?



Travelmarvel Europe '25



TRAVELMARVEL has released its Europe 2025 program, with tours available to book now.

New experiences include a Morocco land journey, which can be combined with a Douro cruise aboard the company's soon-to-be-launched *Estrela*.

Travelmarvel's brand-new 10-day 'Magical Morocco' land journey from Casablanca to Marrakech explores 10 towns, villages and cities, and can be combined with the 'Colours of Spain with Douro Discovery' trip.

The 'Morocco, Spain, and Douro Discovery' tour combines the best of land touring across the three countries, before guests embark on an eight-day cruise aboard the brand-new *Estrela*.

The ship is custom-built for the Douro, designed to reflect the region's beauty with ample natural light and a distinctly Southern European ambiance.

This tour explores 27 towns, villages, and cities, including Marrakech, Casablanca, Granada, Seville, Lisbon, and Porto.

Prices start at just \$17,895 per person, with early bird savings of up to \$3,000 per couple.

There is also a new extension to Lucerne and Zurich, which can be paired with a Rhine & Moselle Christmas Markets cruise.

Travelmarvel is celebrating with special deals, such as included flights, and a saving of up to \$5,600 per couple. *MS*

Pictured: Portugal's Douro river.

NCL Legends famil

THE countdown is on to win a spot on Norwegian Cruise Line's (NCL) Legends famil in Europe this year.

The cruise line's famil for high achievers will take lucky travel advisors on a nine-day Mediterranean cruise on board *Norwegian Escape*, ex Barcelona on 01 Sep.

A lucky consultant from each of the top 15 selling agencies will enjoy this exclusive European experience, which includes one-night pre-cruise accommodation, a nine-day sailing in a balcony cabin, plus NCL's Free at Sea packages and pre-paid gratuities.

Those who wish to be in the running most confirm their bookings by 30 Jun.

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