



Cruise Weekly today

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

Oceania ATW 2026

OCEANIA Cruises has announced its 2026 'Around the World' voyage aboard its newest ship *Oceania Vista*.

The 180-day world journey will see the ship sail into Australian waters for the first time, visiting Sydney, Mooloolaba, Airlie Beach, Townsville, Cairns, and Darwin.

Vista will voyage to six continents, visit 43 countries, 101 ports, and access 81 UNESCO World Heritage sites over the course of the World Voyage, with pre-registration available now, and bookings open from next Thu.

The global circumnavigation will set sail from Miami on 06 Jan 2026, crossing three oceans and 18 seas, exploring Australia, as well as Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, Europe, and South America.

"After the remarkable success of our most recent world cruises, we have been eagerly anticipating the opportunity to present travellers with an even more extraordinary experience for our 2026 voyage," President Frank Del Rio Jr remarked.

"With that, we are excited to announce that *Vista*, Oceania Cruises' pinnacle of luxury and newest ship, will circumnavigate the globe artfully intertwining diverse continents, enriching cultures, and mouthwatering cuisines, creating an unforgettable tapestry of exploration for our guests," he added.

"We are excited to offer a rare chance to experience the world from an entirely new perspective, and further forward the future of global cruising," Del Rio added.

Broome's big opportunity



EXCLUSIVE

TOURISM WA Managing Director Carolyn Turnbull says the expansion of border services at the Port of Broome (**CW 27 Feb**) will deliver a welcome boost to tourism in the state.

Turnbull said the granting to Broome of "first point of entry" status to Australia is expected to support the growth of tourism in not just the Kimberley region, but the state as a whole.

"Broome becoming a first point of arrival for cruise vessels will have flow-on opportunities down the coastline, as vessels will have the opportunity to consider Dampier and Geraldton ports of call before arriving in Fremantle," Turnbull said.

"This would allow cruise vessels on international itineraries to make Broome their gateway to the state, allowing more international visitors to explore the dreamlike landscapes of Australia's ancient North West region," she added.

The destination management organisation's Managing Director said cruise tourism is a significant contributor to Western Australia's visitor economy, generating \$333.5 million in economic impact for the state.

"Tourism WA works across government and with industry stakeholders to promote Western Australia as the western gateway to cruise line companies and we

are excited by the opportunity this approval provides.

"To grow this economic contribution even more, in Jul 2023, the WA Government released the *WA Cruise Tourism Strategic Plan 2023-2033* which aims to grow the tourism sector through a range of demand, supply and capability building actions," Turnbull noted.

"A key demand focus identified in the strategy relates to cruise line attraction, to encourage global cruise brands to add WA to their cruise itineraries." *MS*

Avalon double Qantas points offer

DOUBLE Qantas Points are up for grabs on all departures with Avalon Waterways until next month.

The double points incentive gives travellers the opportunity to earn four Qantas Points per dollar (usually two Qantas Points) on all cruises booked by 03 Apr.

The double points promotion will be available on all 2024 and 2025 departures, with bucket-list river cruise itineraries setting sail in Europe, Asia, South America and Egypt.

Travellers must be a Qantas Frequent Flyer member to earn points, and must provide their Frequent Flyer details prior to departure.

Points will be credited to the relevant Frequent Flyer account within 60 days post departure, and will not be earned if a booking is cancelled prior to departure.

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REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) celebrated the second year of its partnership with David Jones earlier this week (**CW** yesterday), and all attendees (not just journalists) had their notebooks out as Vice President Sales & General Manager, Lisa Pile, offered some tips on how and what she packs for a cruise.

Pile, who is widely known as one of the most stylish women in the industry, always starts packing for a cruise the same way, telling attendees, "I put the exercise gear in first because for me, that's the most important, because it means that I can eat!"

The RSSC executive admitted even after all the travel she has done, she is not perfect, and still forgets things - and also continues to lament the 40 kilogram limit on an aircraft!

TUI grows Emirates pact

EMIRATES has reaffirmed its partnership with German cruise line TUI Cruises for the next two seasons, unveiling an enhanced version of the pact at ITB Berlin.

The partnership will see TUI work closely with Emirates to ensure a smooth transition from air to sea for its passengers, and explore enhanced transportation between Dubai International Airport and Port Rashid.

The two will work together both in the air and on the ground, including through dedicated Emirates check-in areas at Dubai Cruise Terminal, and with the collaborative support of various partners in Dubai.

Emirates will closely work with TUI to offer dedicated flight options that closely align with upcoming cruise schedules.

The partnership also plans to explore deeper alignment and leverage operational synergies to further bolster cruise demand to Dubai, such as developing exclusive luxury packages and experiences which showcase the best of the United Arab Emirates' most populous city, and the

region's TUI cruises.

The memorandum of understanding was signed by TUI Chief Executive Officer, Wybcke Meier, and Emirates Deputy President and Chief Commercial Officer, Adnan Kazim.

"For more than 10 years, we have been calling at Dubai with the Mein Schiff fleet to give our guests the opportunity to discover the world of the Orient with us," Meier said.

"Dubai is not only an important turnaround port, the destination and the region offer what Mein Schiff guests want: a mix of metropolises that are constantly evolving, wonderful beaches and special insights into the culture.

"With Emirates, we are working successfully with an airline that gives our guests this vacation feeling right from the start."

Emirates transported nearly 400,000 cruise passengers to Dubai last year, with the city welcoming more than 166 ships during the last cruise season.

Dubai expects an increase of 23% more cruise passengers for the upcoming season. *MS*

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Serenade of the Seas</i>	08 Mar
<i>Celebrity Edge</i>	08 Mar
<i>Noordam</i>	09 Mar
<i>Costa Deliziosa</i>	09 Mar
<i>Serenade of the Seas</i>	09 Mar
<i>Costa Deliziosa</i>	10 Mar
<i>Regatta</i>	10 Mar
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	10 Mar

MELBOURNE	
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	08 Mar
<i>Grand Princess</i>	10 Mar

PORT ADELAIDE	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	08 Mar

BRISBANE	
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	08 Mar
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	09 Mar
<i>Carnival Luminosa</i>	10 Mar

CAIRNS	
<i>Queen Victoria</i>	08 Mar
<i>Silver Muse</i>	10 Mar

TOWNSVILLE	
<i>Silver Muse</i>	09 Mar

AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	10 Mar

HOBART	
<i>Celebrity Edge</i>	09 Mar
<i>Brilliance of the Seas</i>	10 Mar

DARWIN	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	08 Mar
<i>Viking Orion</i>	09 Mar
<i>Seven Seas Mariner</i>	10 Mar

AUCKLAND	
<i>Crystal Serenity</i>	09 Mar

CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	09 Mar

WELLINGTON	
<i>Hanseatic Spirit</i>	09 Mar
<i>Volendam</i>	10 Mar

RCI Sydney to Sing

ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) has announced a new *Ovation of the Seas* sailing from Sydney to Singapore in Apr 2025.

Cruisers can look forward to a 13-night adventure with ports of call including Cairns, Darwin, and Benoa.

The cruise is available from \$1,380 per person for an interior cabin or \$1,999 for a balcony stateroom.

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