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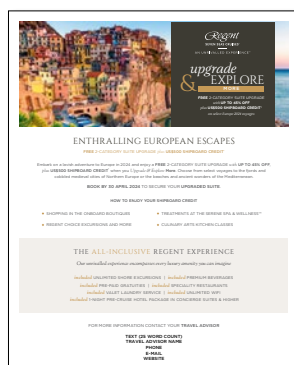
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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover wrap from **Regent Seven Seas Cruises**.

We have the Key

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has begun revealing the different portals of its new Celebration Key destination, which is set to debut in Jul 2025.

The cruise line has revealed details for Paradise Plaza and Calypso Lagoon, which will be two of the five portals at the Grand Bahama destination.

Paradise Plaza will be located just a short walk from the ship, and will welcome guests with a brightly coloured promenade and radiant sun-shaped arch perfect as a photo backdrop.

Live music will fill the air, with the centerpiece of Paradise Plaza to be a 10-storey-high Suncastle.

There will also be a Bahamian-themed fountain and ice cream shop, as well as destination information.

Calypso Lagoon will be located to the west of Paradise Plaza, and is designed for adults seeking a lively and social atmosphere.

Guests can visit the sports court, while those looking for a more laid-back vibe can take a dip in the huge freshwater lagoon, the largest in the Caribbean, and relax on one of the many loungers, daybeds, and cabanas.

A portion of Calypso Lagoon will be designated as an adults-only area, while another side will feature a unique bar with nearly 50 swings, where guests can sip on classic cocktails.

Visitors will also find two dedicated full-service restaurants, as well as a variety of casual snack shacks spread through Calypso Lagoon.

Here comes the big blue ship



AUSTRALIAN children's music group The Wiggles will team up with Royal Caribbean International to launch the "ultimate Wiggly adventure" in the summer of 2025-2026.

The popular cast of Wiggly Friends will feature on exclusive Wiggles Sailings from Sydney and Brisbane, which will include special family experiences.

The new line-up of cruises will be fully revealed on 10 Apr, with cast favourites to take centre stage, such as Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wags the Dog, Shirley Shawn the Unicorn, and Captain Feathersword (pictured hanging 10 with the rest of the gang).

Young kids and their loved ones can look forward to character events, live concerts, exclusive 'Royal Caribbean x The Wiggles' merchandise, and more.

"We're extremely proud of this exclusive partnership, which sees two iconic brands loved and trusted by families across the globe coming together to enrich the holiday experience for the whole family," Royal Caribbean Senior Marketing Director Kathryn Lock said.

"Royal Caribbean has always offered holidaymakers an impressive array of

entertainment, and now we're taking family adventures to new heights with The Wiggles.

"It's only with Royal Caribbean that guests will enjoy quality family time and creating lasting holiday memories, all trustingly guided by The Wiggles."

The band's General Manager Luke Field said the Sydney-based group is thrilled to announce its partnership with Royal Caribbean.

"Together, we can't wait to set sail and provide families with the ultimate holiday experiences. We look forward to guests joining us for a Wiggly good time, where adventure and fun await around every corner," he said.

"After three decades of The Wiggles, this is going to be an exciting first for us." *MS*

Italian partnership

LEADING Italian companies Fincantieri, RINA, and Eni have established a partnership to develop joint initiatives to decarbonise the maritime industry, with the goal of net zero by 2050.

The three companies will conduct a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of the most sustainable alternatives to support the maritime decarbonisation pathway, which will be based on the development of complementary solutions to already available fuels.

The partnership's areas of interest also include an analysis of energy infrastructure and the development of new logistics.

RINA also recently announced it has been commissioned by Cruise Lines International Association to map out cruise's sustainable future (*CW* 15 Mar).

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CUNARD Line recently revealed Australian cook Julie Goodwin will take on the role of official MC during the upcoming Great Australian Culinary Voyage, which will set sail from Sydney next Feb.

Goodwin will join Matt Moran and four other Australian gastronomic experts for the third Culinary Voyage, and was recently able to share some words of appreciation with *Cruise Weekly* and our readers - **CLICK HERE** to view the video.

She gave thanks to travel trade industry partners for playing a key role in making the voyage the success it is - and shared one of her famous scone recipes to try at home (**CLICK HERE**).



Regent is tutu good

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has renewed its exclusive partnership with The Australian Ballet, with the new three-year association underscoring the cruise line's commitment to supporting cultural experiences.

The agreement will see RSSC become the Production Partner of one main stage production per year, which in 2024 will be Christopher Wheeldon's extravagant *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (pictured), which has been masterfully translated from Lewis Carroll's beloved book.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, and all RSSC partner productions, will run consecutively across both Sydney and Melbourne.

The renewed partnership allows RSSC to continue to engage and reward its trade partners and guests with "money-can't-buy" experiences, such as opening night VIP invitations, backstage access, and dress rehearsals.

RSSC will also have exclusive



ticket rates for guests and travel partners throughout the season, giving them the chance to immerse themselves in the magic of The Australian Ballet.

The cruise line's Vice President Sales & General Manager Lisa Pile said the partnership underlines its dedication to supporting the Australian arts industry.

"We are delighted to be renewing our long-standing partnership with The Australian Ballet," she said.

"Our shared values and special relationship have been an excellent way in which to introduce each other's valued patrons and guests to our respective organisations." *MS*

Swan 2025-2026

SWAN Hellenic has released the details of its 2025-2026 'Incredible Antarctica' cruises, offering guests nine- to 20-night itineraries.

The first cruise of the season departs Buenos Aires on 14 Nov 2025, with the season's final voyage to depart on 17 Mar 2026.

The new program has been released as the line completes its current, record-breaking Antarctica season, which sailed at 90% occupancy.

The program came to an end with a 20-night voyage from Ushuaia to Cape Town, with almost 3,000 guests cruising across the season.

CEO Andrea Zito said Swan Hellenic is "over the moon" with the feedback it has had.

"We're delighted with the booming popularity and outstanding reputation we've earned for our Antarctica cultural expedition cruises - all true adventures of discovery while always being conducted to the highest standards of safety and environmental responsibility," he said.

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