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Croisi goes all in

CRUISIEUROPE is introducing a new offer on its Mekong cruises.

All of CroisiEurope's itineraries between Cambodia and Vietnam from Aug will be all-inclusive - **CLICK HERE**.

Ray to shine for Silversea



SILVERSEA has taken delivery of *Silver Ray* (pictured), the second ship in its Nova class.

Executives from Royal Caribbean Group (RCG) and shipyard Meyer Werft celebrated the occasion aboard *Ray* in the Netherlands today, with attendees participating in storied maritime traditions including the flag-changing and signing ceremony.

RCG President & Chief Executive Officer Jason Liberty and new Silversea President Bert Hernandez celebrated *Ray's* official handover with Meyer Group Chair Bernard Meyer and Chief Executive Bernd Eikens.

"We are thrilled to take delivery of *Silver Ray*, the newest ultra-

luxury and expedition jewel in Royal Caribbean Group's game-changing fleet," Liberty said.

"Delivering the best vacation experiences responsibly is at the heart of everything we do.

"We are fortunate to have the best people working together to dream and create unforgettable experiences for our guests, including the Meyer Werft shipyard team, whose partnership has enabled us to continue pushing boundaries."

Ray is set to embark on her maiden voyage from Lisbon on 15 Jun, spending her inaugural season in the Mediterranean before crossing the Atlantic to the Americas in Dec.

She features reimagined pool decks which overlook the water on the starboard side and all-new outdoor venues including the Dusk Bar and the Marquee. *MS*

Shoot for the Star

CARNIVAL Corporation has rolled out SpaceX's Starlink across its entire global fleet.

Chief Executive Officer Josh Weinstein said Carnival has already seen a surge in guest satisfaction thanks to Starlink.

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WORLD Cocktail Day was on Mon, and to celebrate, Holland America Line showcased its De Lijn gin cocktails, which are available on board its ships.

Launched last year as part of its 150th anniversary, De Lijn features Dutch-inspired ingredients and translates in English to “the line”.

The cruise line was also kind enough to send us a bottle of the gin to celebrate this most holy of days.



Ponant offer

PONANT is launching an exclusive Australian offer, rewarding guests with up to \$2,500 per person flight credit on 2025/26 polar adventures.

The offer is available on more than 20 upcoming polar expeditions until 30 Jun.

It is valid on departures featuring Antarctica, South Georgia, and more - [HERE](#).

HAL Aussie Grand Voyage



HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has unveiled a 2026 Grand Australia & New Zealand itinerary, which will cruise round trip from San Diego aboard *Zaandam*.

The 93-day itinerary will sail in Jan 2026, visiting 44 ports across 10 countries, and will rendezvous with *Volendam* on her 132-day 2026 Grand World Voyage while in Sydney.

The newly unveiled Grand Australia & New Zealand Voyage offers guests an immersive journey also exploring Hawaii, Fiji, French Polynesia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, with 10 extended port visits in Sydney (**pictured**), Hobart, Adelaide, Papeete, Tahiti, and Raiatea.

There will also be a two-day Great Barrier Reef scenic cruising experience in the Ribbon Reefs and Far North Queensland.

The Grand World Voyage, which was announced in Feb, is now available for booking, and will sail to 48 ports across 25 countries on all seven continents, departing from Fort Lauderdale.

The east-to-west route will travel as far south as Antarctica and as far north as Oslo, and on 07 Mar, will see *Volendam* meet *Zaandam* in Sydney, where both ships will overnight.

“Our team crafted this itinerary to show guests the parts of Australia and New Zealand they expect to visit, but also included frequently asked for, but rarely visited, ports throughout Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands,” Chief Commercial Officer Beth Bodensteiner explained. *MS*

Back in Baltimore

CRUISE lines are expected to dock in Baltimore by the end of May, roughly two months after the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in late Mar.

Explosives have demolished the remaining parts of the bridge, and lines are set to reprise calls to Baltimore soon.

Yahoo! News reports almost 50,000 cruise passengers have had their itinerary rerouted to nearby Norfolk.



CLIA UPDATE

with Joel Katz
MD, CLIA Australasia

New #wearecruise video

THIS week, we have launched our latest #wearecruise video ([CLICK HERE](#) to watch and share) celebrating the vital role of the local supply chain in supporting the Australian cruise industry - a sector that not only delights thousands of guests but also sustains over 18,000 jobs and injects \$5.6 billion into the economy annually.

The impact is profound, with around \$165m flowing directly to food and beverage suppliers, while more than \$750m supports restaurants, cafes, and hotels.

The chain extends further, benefiting travel agents, tour operators and guides, transportation, technical suppliers, and ports.

The local supply chain's strength ensures that the cruise industry operates smoothly, providing consistency and job security for Australian suppliers.

More than just an economic force, this network enhances guest satisfaction by delivering high-quality, authentic products and experiences that showcase the best of Australia.

As we acknowledge these crucial partners, we recognise how integral these relationships are to the industry's success.

Their reliability not only bolsters the economy but also enriches the cruise experience, making every journey unforgettable.



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