

IT'S A MATCH

Shared status for our loyal members

We're upgrading our Loyalty Status Match program to give your clients the boldest benefits at sea.

Our valued members will now receive one-for-one tier matching across all three Royal Caribbean Group brands: Royal Caribbean®, Celebrity Cruises® and now also Silversea®.

This shared status unlocks more benefits. And more ways to see the world — with 54 incredible ships sailing to nearly 1,000 ports.



Crown & Anchor Society	Captain's Club	Venetian Society
Gold	Classic	1 VS Day
Platinum and Emerald	Select Members with Select status enjoy Platinum benefits	100 VS Days Members with VS 100 status enjoy Platinum benefits
Diamond	Elite	250 VS Days
Diamond Plus	Elite Plus	350 VS Days
Pinnacle Club	Zenith	500 VS Days

The information listed above is valid beginning on sailings departing April 8, 2024 and onward. The Royal Caribbean Group Loyalty Status Match program allows members of the Royal Caribbean Crown & Anchor® Society, Celebrity Cruises' Captain's Club, and Silversea's Venetian Society to attain equivalent tier status when sailing with any of the three brands. Cruise points are earned based on actual cruises taken and calculated using each program's accrual system. To receive matching status, members must be enrolled in the sister program, and points earned with one brand cannot be combined with those from another. Benefits of each brand's loyalty program remain independent, and recognition is determined by total points achieved within each brand. Some benefits such as free cruises, crystal blocks, Pinnacle Club and Zenith milestone kits (excluding personalized name badges), point-based amenities, and access to certain onboard events are not included. Status Match is limited to adult members aged 18 and older, and each brand reserves the right to modify its loyalty program, benefits, terms, and conditions at any time and without prior notice. ©Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.



Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, a cover wrap from **Royal Caribbean International**, plus a product profile from **Collette**.

RCL launches group-wide status match

REPEAT travellers sailing on Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises and luxury brand Silversea will soon have their loyalty status recognised on all sister brands.

The move means members of all three brands will access benefits equivalent to their existing tier when sailing on more than 50 ships group-wide.

Royal Caribbean Group operates loyalty programs for each of its core brands in the form of RCI's Crown & Anchor Society, Celebrity Cruises' Captain's Club and Silversea's Venetian Society.

Under the changes, a Diamond member of Crown & Anchor

Society can parlay benefits such as discounts on a variety of onboard services to applicable Elite benefits on Celebrity Cruises.

Benefits will extend to each line's land-based experiences

on sailings after 05 Jun 2024.

Royal Caribbean Group CEO, Jason Liberty, said the company strives to provide guests with experiences that "meet all of life's moments".

"Each of our differentiated brands have passionate fans who take pride in the status they've achieved through repeat sailings.

"In a first for the cruise industry, our new Loyalty

Status Match program rewards guests travelling across our brands, and this is one more step in our journey of transforming a vacation of a lifetime into a lifetime of vacations." *ML*

More on today's **cover page**.

Royal Caribbean INTERNATIONAL	Celebrity X Cruises	SILVERSEA
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Success for Scenic

SCENIC has reported the successful completion of its maiden Kimberley voyage, following the arrival of *Scenic Eclipse II* in Australia last month (**CW** 22 Apr).

The line celebrated its debut Kimberley season with a surprise - a stirring rendition of *I Still Call Australia Home*, performed at sunset on the helicopter deck by Cruise Directors Natalie and Bradley.

Guests also enjoyed chopper flights and swimming in iconic parts of the coast, such as the top of Mitchell Falls.

including Perfect Day at CocoCay and the forthcoming Royal Beach Club in the Bahamas.

Existing members will now receive their corresponding status match details over the next seven days, with benefits taking effect

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Swan parties hard

SWAN Hellenic will turn up the music to deliver a new multi-format entertainment concept in partnership with Blue Marlin Ibiza @ Sea, with a variety of DJs set to perform.

The pact will apply on a voyage departing 16 Oct from Philipsburg, Saint Maarten onboard *SH Vega*, visiting Saint Barthelemy, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and finishing in Barbados.

Travel Guides sails

ROYAL Caribbean will feature in an upcoming episode of hit Channel 9 show *Travel Guides*.

The episode sees the Fren family, Karly and Bri, Matt and Brett and Kev, Dorian and Teng board *Allure of the Seas* for a three-night cruise to Nassau and Perfect Day at CocoCay.

Travelmarvel opens US

TRAVELMARVEL'S Canada and Alaska 2025 program is out now, featuring earlybird savings of up to \$3,000 per couple.

The brand's most popular journey is the 21-day 'Reflections of the Rockies & Alaska Cruise', which dives into the wilderness of Western Canada and Alaska's Inside Passage, in partnership with Holland America Line.

The tour explores the alpine resorts of Whistler; soaks up the scenery of Jasper and Banff national parks, including Lake Louise; and is headlined by a deluxe Rocky Mountaineer rail journey, from just \$10,995ppts.

Also available next year is the 19-day 'Passage of the Rockies & Alaska Cruise' holiday from Calgary to Vancouver, which begins with an adventure in Banff National Park and a visit to Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary.

Passengers will also see Lake

Louise and Moraine Lake, and visit the Alaskan towns of Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, with prices starting from \$8,495 per person twin share.

Travellers can also enjoy the ultimate discovery of Canada and Alaska on the comprehensive 27-day Highlights of Eastern and Western Canada with Alaska cruise from \$13,295 per person twin share, departing 09 May. *MS*

Coral solo specials

CORAL Expeditions will continue to waive solo supplements on most itineraries for the remainder of its 2024 season and on select 2025 Kimberley sailings.

The waiver applies to several sailings in Western Australia, Tasmania, Japan and the Philippines through Jan 2025.

MSC Med demand

NINE MSC Cruises ships will be deployed to meet demand for Western Mediterranean sailings throughout the 2024 northern summer season.

Ships will be based in Spain, and Italy, operating itineraries ranging from seven nights to 10- and 11-night cruises.

The line's Mediterranean fleet includes *MSC Fantasia* and *MSC Seaview*, which will offer seven-night sailings from the Spanish ports of Valencia and Barcelona.

Italian cities such as Livorno, Palermo, Genoa and Rome (Civitavecchia) will welcome ships including *MSC Grandiosa*, *MSC Musica*, *MSC Orchestra*, *MSC Poesia*, *MSC Seaside*, *MSC Divina* and the 2023-launched *MSC World Europa*.

Collectively, the fleet will visit cities including Naples, Ibiza and Cannes from May-Nov.

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AN UNSPOKEN rule of travel, often perilously ignored, is not to post travel documentation on social media, especially where a barcode or reference number is concerned.

US naturopath Tiffany Banks from Lexington, Kentucky learned this lesson the hard way, discovering her upcoming holiday on *Carnival Celebration* was cancelled after Banks posted a photo of her documents on social media.

According to reports, a nefarious party gained enough details on Banks from her post to create a duplicitous profile on Carnival's website, adding Banks' booking and then cancelling it, all online.

Banks spent US\$15,000 on the sailing, booking the Excel Presidential Suite more than a year in advance, along with shore excursions and wi-fi.

The situation came to light after Banks received an email two days prior to departure from Miami advising her shore excursions had been "successfully cancelled".

After frantically calling Carnival, Banks was told her suite had been cancelled and booked by another person, with the line offering two inside rooms as an alternative.

Commenters on subsequent social media posts are now encouraging Banks to sue Carnival for a full refund.

Keisha sets sail from TAFE



TAFE NSW student Keisha Lesaisaea has embarked on her dream career in the travel industry, having recently secured her first admin role with Ponant.

Lesaisaea secured her new role with the help of her TAFE NSW teacher, having recently completed her Certificate IV in Travel and Tourism at TAFE Ultimo in Sydney.

In a case study for determination, Lesaisaea's initial efforts to break into the travel industry was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic just after she completed a Vocational Education and Training course with TAFE while still in high school.

TAFE NSW Ultimo Travel and Tourism Head Teacher, Fiona Cox, said she was proud to see students realising their dreams and finding success in tourism.

"As the tourism industry has reignited over the last couple of years, TAFE NSW has been dedicated to building a pipeline of skilled workers to help meet the growing demand," Cox said.

"It is a relief to see travel and tourism pick back up, and we're thrilled to have TAFE NSW

students at the forefront."

The educational institution is working with the travel sector to provide a pipeline of skilled workers, boosting the workforce and safeguarding future growth.

The steady stream of new faces comes on the back of data from the Australian Cruise Association showing the 2022/23 cruise season provided higher levels of employment and economic output for the country.

There are currently more than 700,000 people employed in Australia's tourism industry, which continues to provide work experience and job opportunities to students with career goals.

"When COVID-19 happened, I was worried it would put a definite halt to my dreams," Lesaisaea commented.

"Thankfully that wasn't the case, and I am proud to have completed my Certificate IV in Travel & Tourism.

"I was even able to secure my first official role in the cruise industry through the connections of my TAFE NSW teacher and am excited to see where this career takes me," Lesaisaea added. *ML*

Viking gets windy

CHICAGO will feature for the first time in one of two new itineraries launched for Viking's 2026 US Great Lakes season.

New voyages include the 10-day 'Great Lakes Treasures' from Milwaukee and the 17-day 'Niagara and Great Lakes' which visits the Welland Canal.

Two identical ships - *Viking Polaris* and *Viking Octantis* - will sail the US region in 2026.

Cruise Calendar



Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	06 Jun
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	07 Jun
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	07 Jun
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	01 Jun
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	04 Jun
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	05 Jun
CAIRNS	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	01 Jun
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	03 Jun
AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	02 Jun
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	03 Jun
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	04 Jun
BROOME	
<i>Le Jacques Cartier</i>	01 Jun
<i>Nat Geo Orion</i>	01 Jun
<i>Silver Cloud</i>	02 Jun
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	03 Jun
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	07 Jun
DARWIN	
<i>National Geographic Orion</i>	01 Jun
<i>Silver Cloud</i>	01 Jun
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	03 Jun



New! Collette's Canada & Alaska

Collette promises to give Aussie travellers what they love on their brand-new tour - the **Canadian Rockies and Alaska's Inside Passage**, with departure dates starting in May 2025.

With the tour beginning in Calgary, your clients can travel with style - staying at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, travelling on board the famed Rocky Mountaineer for a two-day rail journey and embarking on a seven-night Holland America cruise.

This much-loved itinerary has been carefully curated for the Australian market by Collette's expert travel designers. This tour is tailored for the Australian traveller looking for an incredible holiday to Canada and Alaska starting with exploring the Rockies by land and rail, and then finishing with the Alaskan cruise.

As a part of the Collette experience,

the same tour manager will accompany your clients throughout your entire journey through the Canadian Rockies, as well as when travelling Alaska's Inside Passage with Holland America.

This tour, capped at a maximum of 44 pax, will ensure that your clients get the expertise, guidance, and experience that they deserve whilst exploring these breathtaking landscapes!

With the **Canadian Rockies and Alaska's Inside Passage** tour starting at \$11,599 per person, this gives your clients great value to experience this beautiful part of the world. It also gives them the choice where (and if) they wish to upgrade their cabin or rail journey.

With over 100 years of touring experience, Collette are the experts at touring and know what their clients

love in each destination.

So confident in the curation of their **Canadian Rockies and Alaska's Inside Passage** tour, Collette have already established 17 departure dates between May and September 2025, with **10 of these being guaranteed departures**.

EARLY BIRD OFFER!

Collette has launched this tour with a tempting Early Bird offer! Your clients can enjoy a \$400 per couple credit to go towards to pre-night, post-night, upgrades, pre-sold options or air purchase for any **Canadian Rockies and Alaska's Inside Passage** sold before 31 July, 2024.



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