



### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features three pages of all the latest cruise news, plus a full page from **Royal Caribbean**.

## Princess restores long Circle cruises

**PRINCESS** Cruises has released its Australian season for 26/27, which will be headlined by the return of Circle Pacific itineraries sailing round-trip from Sydney and Brisbane for nearly 80 nights.

The 2027 Circle Pacific itinerary, aboard *Grand Princess*, is coming back after 10 years, with the 79-night cruise to visit popular destinations such as the South Pacific, Hawaii, Japan, and Alaska.

Round trips are available from Sydney and Brisbane, as well as Auckland; or passengers can choose a segment to join the journey along the way, with departures from Sydney or Tokyo.



The cruise will feature late-night stays in Suva, Tahiti, Singapore, Hong Kong, Osaka, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Victoria and Juneau.

The Australian 2026-2027 program includes a total of 62 departures on 42 unique itineraries across 74 destinations in 18 countries, including New Zealand, Fiji, and PNG.

*Royal Princess* will also be based in Australia for the season, calling Sydney home and visiting

Queensland, Tasmania, New Zealand and more.

*Crown Princess* (pictured) will also briefly cruise in local waters, on a round Australia itinerary following her 35-night Hawaii, Tahiti, and South Pacific trip.

The season goes on sale this Thu for former Princess guests, and on 14 Nov for the general public.

Princess has also recorded an informative webinar detailing the 26/27 season - [CLICK HERE](#). MS

### CCL expands team

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line (CCL) has expanded its Australian sales team, with Sarah Miller promoted to the role of Key Account Manager.

The six-year Carnival veteran will now focus on deepening trade relationships and leveraging her expertise.

CCL is also expanding its presence by adding a new BDM for Queensland to support travel agents and drive growth into next year.

The new role will focus on providing targeted support for travel agents in the region, delivering tailored resources and on-the-ground assistance.

### Dial up an escape

**ROYAL** Caribbean is inviting fans of weekend getaways to leave the car at home and head to sea instead - more details on [page four](#).

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On location on **Celebrity Edge**

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of **Celebrity Cruises**, which is this week hosting us on board the exciting **Celebrity Edge**.

**CELEBRITY** Cruises' *Celebrity Edge* made her stop in Hobart yesterday, and is now on her way back to Sydney.

Guests can today enjoy an elevated breakfast at Luminae, *Edge's* special restaurant reserved exclusively for passengers travelling in The Retreat - *Celebrity's* ship-within-a-ship concept.

Another highlight will see guests enjoy dinner at Eden, *Edge's* back-of-the-ship restaurant, before indulging in the night's activities.

## Seabourn unveils 26/27

**LUXURY** line Seabourn has introduced its 2026/27 northern winter calendar of expeditions, with 46 departures of 24 unique itineraries scheduled.

Sailing onboard *Seabourn Venture* and *Seabourn Pursuit*, the season, which runs from Mar 2026 to Mar 2027, will take adventurers to 161 destinations in 31 countries.

*Seabourn Venture* will explore 63 destinations in 12 countries, with itineraries including 10-14 day expeditions in the Arctic, Greenland, Iceland and Scotland.

During the northern summer, *Venture* will revert to a traditional ocean cruise format, operating a series of non-expedition voyages in the Mediterranean and Iberian Peninsula from Apr-Jun 2026.

This season will be headlined by an upriver journey to the Spanish city of Seville and will call in the French ports of St.

Malo and Dunkirk, neither city featuring in any itinerary offered by Seabourn's four other ocean ships in 2026 (**CW** 14 Oct).

Fleet-mate *Seabourn Pursuit* will spend much of its year in the southern hemisphere, with May-Sep marking its third season in the Kimberley, book-ended by short stays in the South Pacific.

At the end of its Kimberley stay, *Pursuit* will embark on one of its featured voyages, an 82-day repositioning from Broome to Ushuaia, which covers three continents and departs the WA port on 02 Sep 2026.

On its arrival in Antarctica, the two ships will rendezvous for another season exploring South Georgia and the Falkland Islands.

Nineteen departures running between 10-12 days, departing from Ushuaia, have been set for both ships between Oct 2026 and Mar 2027. **ML**

## Gray Dawes buy

**BRITISH** agency group Gray Dawes Group has acquired Melbourne-based Verve Travel and Leisure, part of which includes Bay Travel and Cruise.

The acquisition takes Gray Dawes Group to an annual portfolio turnover of £600 million, with employee numbers now over 550.

Gray Dawes Group CEO Suzanne Horner said she is incredibly excited about the group's global expansion.

"With Verve strengthening our existing Australian operation, this represents the next step in our global growth plan and amplifies our unique service delivery strategy.

"Out of hours, for example, is simply no longer a thing for Gray Dawes; we are now always on - there for our clients, where they need us, when they need us," she said.



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## Land of the ships

**AMERICAN** Cruise Line will receive 10 new ships in three years, as the company announces an agreement for four more newbuilds with Chesapeake Shipbuilding.

The 10 new ships will start to be delivered this month, with *American Legend* having recently passed sea trials.

The line's newest Coastal Cat is now on schedule for her first departure on 25 Nov.

The remaining vessels on order will roll out every few months over the next three years, and will include a trio of riverboats, and six additional coastal ships.

Now available for booking are *American Patriot* and *American Pioneer* (2025); *American Maverick* and *American Ranger* (2026), and new riverboat *American Encore* (2026).

The company will operate 21 small ships across the US next year and has introduced 19 of the last 24 US river ships built over the past 20 years.

## Little damage to Tassie Spirit



*SPIRIT of Tasmania* operator TT-Line says there appears to have been no breach to the hull of its new vessel caused by hurricane-like winds at its Finnish shipyard.

In a statement issued yesterday, *Spirit of Tasmania* acting CEO Kym Sayers said the ship broke free from its moorings last weekend due to a severe storm, but a barge and two tugs prevented the ship colliding with the quay.

"*Spirit of Tasmania V* is floating, safe and secure with every action possible being taken to protect the vessel," Sayers commented.

"A detailed assessment of any damage is just not possible at this stage, but it appears there has been no breach to the hull."

At the time of the storm, *Spirit of Tasmania V* was tied up in an outfitting dock undergoing final preparations before delivery and repositioning to Australia.

Federal Minister for Transport, Eric Abetz, told *ABC News* legal ownership of the vessel had not yet been transferred to TT-Line.

"That said, we believe that the damage is superficial, but we will ensure that the ship is checked out absolutely thoroughly to ensure it has not been impacted in any way," Minister Abetz said.

The first of the two new ships to be delivered to TT-Line, *Spirit of Tasmania IV*, is secured and will be transferred for temporary storage in Edinburgh while the company decides its short-term options for the ships.

The government-owned TT-Line will be merged into TasPorts and TasRail as part of a proposal from the returned Liberal government to create a new transport and logistics department. *ML*



**PUMPKIN** was the flavour of the day on board Carnival Cruise Line recently as the line celebrated Halloween in its typical 'Fun' style.

"No one does Halloween better than Carnival Cruise Line," said the line's ANZ Vice President, Kara Glamore.

Both *Carnival Splendor* and *Carnival Luminosa* were bedecked with spooky lanterns along with all the scary costumes one could handle.

And the excitement is only ramping up further, with the line doubling its scary strategy as former P&O ships *Carnival Encounter* and *Carnival Adventure* join the fleet around the middle of next year.

"See you in Oct 2025 when we celebrate a month of FUN on four ships," Glamore teased, adding the hashtag #4timesthefun.



### On Board: *Celebrity Edge*

#### The Retreat

The Retreat is *Celebrity Edge's* "ship-within-a-ship" concept, reserved for those booking the top suites on board. Retreat guests have access to an exclusive sundeck not available to the rest of the ship, as well as a lounge set aside for themselves, serviced by its own staff. All Retreat suites also come with a dedicated butler.



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