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**OCEANIA** Cruises is offering passengers up to 30% off more than 200 sailings departing through 31 Mar 2026.

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## Disney reveals its *Destiny*

**DISNEY** Cruise Line's 'Heroes and Villains' themed *Disney Destiny* will set sail in Nov (**CW** 21 Mar 2024), debuting one-of-a-kind venues and experiences.

*Destiny*, a sister ship to *Disney Wish* and *Disney Treasure*, will sail her maiden voyage from Port Everglades on 20 Nov.

This will be followed by an inaugural season of four- and five-night cruises to the Bahamas and Western Caribbean including visits to one or both of Disney's island destinations, Disney Castaway Cay and Disney Lookout Cay at Lighthouse Point.

A brand-new family dining experience, exclusive to the *Destiny*, will complement two guest-favourite restaurants from *Wish* and *Treasure*.

The iconic songs and legendary moments of *The Lion King* will come to life at 'Pride Lands: Feast of The Lion King', a first-of-its-kind dining experience celebrating the renowned film.

A colourful ensemble of live musicians and storytellers will take the stage, presenting a retelling of Simba's story from cub to king, along with a musical journey through the award-winning soundtrack.

A uniquely themed menu will

accompany the performance, including authentic African spice blends, and sauces.

Guests will also be invited to a celebration of Marvel Super Heroes at 'Worlds of Marvel', to recognise the legacy of Disney animation at 1923 restaurant.

During the party, passengers will enjoy their favourite Disney songs, and test their knowledge of the Marvel Universe, all as an onscreen story unfolds starring the lively duo of Rocket and Groot from the *Guardians of the Galaxy* film series.

*Destiny* will also continue Disney's innovative family dining concept, where passengers experience one of three restaurants each night, accompanied by a dedicated service team that is assigned to them throughout the voyage.

The ship will also offer spectacular entertainment for the whole family, including two brand-new experiences with Cruella de Vil from *One Hundred and One Dalmatians*.

Guests can either put their personal style to the test on Cruella's 'wretched runway' or take part in a bit of "treble-making" as they create a lyrical tribute to her.

A Marvel Super Hero will also be *Destiny's* signature stern character, with a "larger-than-life" sculpture of Spider-Man and his Spider-Bots decorating the back of the ship. *MS*

### Uniworld new date

**UNIWORLD** Boutique Rivre Cruises has added an 'Aperitivo with Uniworld' date in Sydney, on 26 May.

The 'A wine tasting through Europe' event will offer insights into Uniworld cruises.



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## Hapag heads south

**HAPAG-LLOYD** Cruises is taking guests to the Weddell Sea, Cape Horn, and the fjords and channels of Chile, with its 2025/26 Antarctica cruises.

Featuring stops in the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, Hapag-Lloyd's Antarctica voyage will include visits to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

The Weddell Sea is an exciting addition, as it is rarely visited by cruise ships.

The cruise will also feature experiences such as snowshoe hikes, Zodiacing, and more.

"Our voyages to Antarctica offer extraordinary experiences that meet the highest standards of comfort and quality on board our expedition ships," Managing Director Isolde Susset said.

"Experts enrich the voyages with their in-depth knowledge," he added.

## Explore more F1

**EXPLORA** Journeys guests now have access to the exclusive F1 Monaco Triple Crown Hospitality Experience at the Monaco Grand Prix.

The curated three-day program includes F1 Paddock Club Yacht access, and an exclusive dining experience by celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay.

*Explora II* will be docked in Monaco for race week.

## Let Azamara entertain you



**AZAMARA** has set the stage for an elevated entertainment line-up for 2026 through an expanded partnership with RWS Global.

Thirteen new and exclusive entertainment experiences will be offered across the cruise line's fleet from next year, underscoring its commitment to culturally enriched programming.

This will include 10 original and exclusive stage shows, featuring high-calibre talent and choreography, as well as reimagined classics.

These shows will span a variety of musical genres and decades, designed to resonate with Azamara's diverse, multi-generational audience.

There will also be two interactive game shows, which will maximise guest participation, themed musical experiences and pop-up moments, which will surprise and delight passengers throughout their voyage.

Fleetwide technical upgrades will also take place to enhance

venue production quality and elevate every aspect of the entertainment experience, Azamara said.

The newly expanded multi-year partnership builds upon a creative relationship originally forged in 2017.

RWS will lead the development, casting, choreography, design, and production of Azamara's new shows, while also overseeing implementation and ongoing management across the fleet.

"We are delighted to expand our long-standing partnership with Azamara Cruises to create premium entertainment and unforgettable experiences for travellers around the world," RWS Executive Vice President Sea Production Ryan Fitzgerald said.

"Azamara guests will be treated to a vibrant range of musical, dance, and artistic performances - brought to life with world-class talent and enhanced by our shared investment in onboard technology," he added. *MS*

## A HAL of a party

**HOLLAND** America Line's (HAL) two Grand Voyages rendezvoused in Barcelona on Thu for an overnight visit.

The celebration-filled meeting featured a drone show and parties on board both *Zuiderdam* and *Volendam*, which are sailing on their respective cruises, 'Grand World Voyage' and 'Grand Voyage: Pole to Pole'.

Spanish-themed afternoon teas and dinners were also served, while President Beth Bodensteiner visited both ships, spending extended time with world cruise guests to preview 2027 Grand World Voyage details.

"Having our two Grand Voyage ships meet in Barcelona was a truly special moment, symbolising the spirit of adventure and connection that defines our cruises," Bodensteiner said.

"I enjoyed visiting both ships, meeting with guests and team members, and revealing the itinerary for our 2027 Grand World Voyage.

"Our crew has once again delivered on creating a home away from home for our valued Grand guests."

This is the first time that HAL is simultaneously offering two Grand Voyages of more than 120 days, with *Zuiderdam* sailing a 124-day itinerary, and *Volendam* on a 133-day cruise.

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**IMAGES** have been released of a major US Navy aircraft carrier from WWII, which is now sitting at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

The team from NOAA Ocean Exploration sent a camera down to the *USS Yorktown* earlier this month, where they also discovered a military jeep.

It is the first ever discovery of underwater aircraft that flew on the Midway battlefield.

Nicknamed 'The Fighting Lady,' the aircraft played a major role in the US' Pacific campaign during the war and was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in June 1942.

At least three Douglas SBD Dauntless bombers were found on the hangar deck, as well as multiple plane wings.

The camera also revealed a mural handpainted inside one of the ship's elevator shafts, which tracks *Yorktown's* trips across the world.

## RSSC goes long in 27-28

**REGENT** Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has unveiled its 133-night 2028 World Cruise and its 2027/2028 Grand Voyages together for the first time ever.

'Legends of the Pacific', RSSC's 2028 World Cruise, will set sail for 133 nights aboard *Seven Seas Splendor* on 05 Jan 2028, from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

The cruise will circumnavigate the world's largest ocean, visiting incredible destinations such as the forests of Hawaii, the atolls of the South Pacific, the wildlife of Australia, the sights, sounds, and flavours of Asia, and the frontiers of Alaska.

Prices for the cruises range from USD\$88,499 to USD\$837,899 per guest, including a slew of exclusive amenities.

This includes RSSC's list of benefits as part of its all-inclusive fare, which features up to 409 shore excursions.

There are also five extended sailings which are being launched as part of RSSC's 2027-2028 Grand Voyages, ranging from 61 to 92 nights.

Meanwhile, *Seven Seas Mariner* will sail three Grand

Voyages, comprising the 'Grand Arctic Expedition', 'Grand Mediterranean Odyssey', and 'Grand Southern Seas Sojourn'.

Meanwhile, *Seven Seas Voyager* will discover Latin America on a 'Grand South America Mosaic', while *Seven Seas Explorer* makes for a 'Grand Asia Escape'.

Guests can also combine the 'Grand Arctic Expedition' and the 'Grand Mediterranean Odyssey' to create the 174-night 'Grand European Discovery'.

The 2028 World Cruise, and 2027-2028 Grand Voyages will open for reservations on 07 May, with guests able to pre-register for the sailings now.

"It's evident that luxury travellers are placing more value on their time than ever before, seeking out exhilarating and bucket-list destinations on long, lingering voyages that discover contrasting cultures, compelling histories, and tantalising cuisines," Chief Luxury Officer Jason Montague said.

RSSC earlier this month also announced both *Mariner* and *Voyager* will undergo extensive renovations (**CW** 17 Apr). *MS*

## Tamarind refresh

**HOLLAND** America Line's refreshed Tamarind restaurant is set to deliver new Asian dishes, with more than a dozen new options to debut on the menu.

Several popular appetisers, main courses, and desserts have been introduced, as have new sharing-style options including bao buns and Korean beef tacos.

Vegetarian and vegan dishes are also featured, while table settings will be refreshed to include more colour.

Staff uniforms will be updated to a sleek, elegant black dress accented by a plum-coloured cummerbund.

"The new Tamarind menu continues to celebrate the vibrant flavours of Asia with a fresh vision, while staying true to the restaurant's roots," VP Food Beverage & Rooms Michael Stendebach said.

"Tamarind is a popular restaurant, and we're continuing to build upon the innovation that has defined this venue since the beginning," he added.

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