



Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

Globus' Tyrrell out

GLOBUS family of brands Managing Director Gai Tyrrell has announced her resignation, after six years at the helm of the company (**TD** breaking news 02 Jan).

"It has been a privilege and a joy to be part of the Globus family and to lead the business in our region through the past six years of change," the now former Avalon Waterways head said.

"This has been a difficult decision and one I have not taken lightly, however with major projects completed, and an excellent commercial management team in place, the foundation is set."

Azamara's first Euro winter cruises

AZAMARA has unveiled its winter cruises for 2026-27, which will see the line sail its first-ever European winter season, and return to China.

The cruise line has introduced 66 new sailings, as well as eight Grand Voyages, spanning more than 35 nights.

These Grand Voyages will visit a variety of continents and destinations, including Canada to Australia, Australia to Japan, Canada to Japan, Buenos Aires to Miami, and more.

Azamara is also meeting the growing demand for Europe by offering guests the opportunity to explore the continent during its winter months.

One of the highlights of the European winter season will see Azamara sail up the Guadalquivir to Seville, which can only be accessed by small ships, where she will dock in the city centre for

a two-night stay.

Winter cruises will allow easier admittance to museums, landmarks, and local markets, avoiding the summer crowds, and providing guests with more intimate access to landmarks and cultural experiences.

Azamara cruisers will also experience the culture and history of China as the cruise line sails into the heart of Shanghai.

Passengers will also be able to visit the Great Wall of China, enjoy dim sum, and more.

"We are thrilled to announce our winter 2026-2027 cruises, which mark an exciting chapter in Azamara's commitment to bringing our guests to the world,"



Head of Itinerary Planning Michael Pawlus said.

"For the first time ever, we are pleased to offer cruises to Europe during the wintertime so guests can delight in beloved destinations without peak-season crowds and during cooler weather," he added.

"Additionally, we are thrilled to return to China with its rich culture and history...these sailings offer an unparalleled opportunity to explore the world in a more meaningful way." *MS*



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Cunard jazzes up

BRITISH jazz icons Jools Holland and Jamie Cullum are set to sail with Cunard Line this year, with the two to perform aboard *Queen Victoria*.

Holland will feature on the eight-night Spain and Italy voyage from Southampton to Rome, departing 04 May.

He will perform two shows in the ship's Royal Court Theatre.

Meanwhile, Cullum will join *Queen Victoria* on her 13-night round-trip Atlantic Islands voyage, which departs Southampton on 21 Apr.

He will captivate audiences with his best-known hits, including a number of songs from his breakthrough 2023 album *Twentysomething*.

"At Cunard, we take pride in curating unique and unforgettable experiences for our guests, and we can't wait to welcome the extraordinary Jools Holland and Jamie Cullum aboard *Queen Victoria* in 2025," President Katie McAlister said.

"Their incredible talent, showcased in the elegant surroundings of the Royal Court Theatre, will make these sailings truly unforgettable."



Tempting news from Princess



PRINCESS Cruises has announced a nostalgic diamond anniversary voyage for Dec 2025, which will celebrate the line's 60 years of sailing.

The cruise to the Mexican Riviera will recreate Princess' first-ever sailing, with American vocal group The Temptations to also join the party.

The 14-day voyage, on sale now, will depart Los Angeles on board *Royal Princess* on 06 Dec.

It will sail in the shadows of the line's first-ever cruise, which embarked on 03 Dec 1965.

The cruise will include two overnight stays in Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta, and visit destinations such as Loreto, La Manzanilla and Mazatlan.

The announcement was delivered by Princess Celebrations Ambassador Jill Whelan, known for her role as Vicki Stubing in the TV series *The Love Boat*.

Whelan will also serve as the

host for the 60th Anniversary Cruise, with additional information about onboard events and special guests to be announced soon.

"As we prepare to celebrate our 60th anniversary, we can't help but look back at where it all began with one ship sailing to Mexico," new President Gus Antorcha said.

"This commemorative 60th Anniversary Cruise will not only pay tribute to our rich history but also bring together the joy of cruise travel, music and unforgettable moments."

The announcement was marked live by The Temptations, with a special performance of 'My Girl' on board *Discovery Princess* late last week (**pictured**).

"The Temptations' performance today gives just a glimpse of the excitement and memorable experiences we have in store," Antorcha said. *MS*

NCL new campaign

AMERICAN actor Eric Stonestreet will showcase how travellers can "experience more at sea" with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL), as part of its new ad campaign.

Stonestreet, who will serve as Norwegian's new brand ambassador, will bring to life how guests can experience "more to do, more to see, more to enjoy, and more value" when vacationing with the cruise line.

The new campaign features 15- and 30-second spots, which follow Stonestreet aboard one of Norwegian's vessels, as he immerses himself in a variety of incredible experiences.

The ads reinforce the ease and flexibility of cruising with NCL to guests looking to embark on their very first at-sea vacation, or loyal cruisers who love the line's exciting offerings and genuine service.

"We are very excited to have named [Stonestreet] godfather of our newest groundbreaking vessel, *Norwegian Aqua* (*CW* 21 Nov) now, we are reaffirming our relationship with him by announcing Eric as our new brand ambassador," President David Herrera said.

"We are excited for him to bring his relatability, authenticity, and genuine charm as he spotlights how guests can experience more."

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GAMBLING is one of the most popular activities to partake in aboard a cruise ship - but don't think you can open your own casino on board any vessel of your choosing.

Carnival Cruise Line is starting to clamp down on some of the casual action its guests enjoy, with one guest recently asking Brand Ambassador John Heald about a popular casual wagering game they enjoy.

Much to the guests' surprise, Heald revealed Carnival has never allowed casual wagering on board its ships.

"It's never been allowed, as is the case with any game that involves the exchange of money or gambling outside of the casino," Heald said.

"You can play for no money, but I'm afraid that, because of very important rules and regulations, we do not allow guests to gamble outside of the casino," he added.

New year, new Carnival



IT WAS celebration of a different kind for Carnival Cruise Line on New Year's Eve, as the company invited a number of American military heroes to Times Square to help ring in 2025.

Carnival returned to New York to light the city's Times Square Ball for the fourth consecutive year, making the beginning of the countdown to 2025.

The cruise line also highlighted its new destination, Celebration Key, which is set to open on Grand Bahama in Jul (**CW** 31 Jan). Times Square billboards

showcased Celebration Key as part of a new campaign, which will also include a new ad.

Carnival also highlighted its support for the new National Medal of Honor Museum, which is set to open in Texas in Mar, with the line as founding partner.

Medal of Honor Recipients Jack Jacobs and Earl Plumlee as well as the Museum's President & Chief Executive Officer Chris Cassidy, joined Carnival's Senior Vice President of Guest Operations Sarah Beth Reno for the festivities. **MS**

Fly free with Viking

FREE flight offers are available on select Viking river, ocean, and expedition voyages from 2025-2027.

Return flights are available on select river journeys, valued up to \$2,400 per person, while airfare for a travelling companion is available on select ocean or expedition voyages, valued up to \$2,400 per booking.

Viking's explorer sale will also offer guests an additional \$500 in shipboard credit on ocean and expedition journeys.

These offers are available for a limited time on new bookings on select river, ocean, and expedition voyages made on or before 31 Mar.

New NCL brochure

A NEW Europe 2025-2026 Cruising Guide is available for travel advisors from Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL).

The Guide details the brand's extensive selection of immersive European sailings in 2025 and 2026 - **CLICK HERE** to download the new brox.

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