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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features four pages of the latest news, plus a cover wrap from Regent Seven Seas Cruises.

Shopping on *Star*

PRINCESS Cruises has partnered with maritime retail company Starboard Group for the first time to offer premium retail experiences on board Star Princess.

The newbuild ship, which is set to debut later this year, will be the first vessel in the Princess fleet to offer a boutique that sells products from the region she's sailing in.

The store will offer destination-inspired and artisanal products sourced from the Caribbean, spanning food, apparel, accessories, fashion, jewellery, kitchenware, books, and souvenirs for adults and kids.

Star will also feature a space dedicated to a series of rotating brand activations, such as fashion trunk shows and events with brand designers and ambassadors, who will engage with guests, offer styling advice and more.

Starboard will introduce unique luxury retail offerings on board, including a first-atsea Chanel beauty shop.

Other offerings include a curated assortment of vintage and pre-owned luxury handbags and apparel.

Corinthian's Caribbean sun



BOOKINGS are now open for Orient Express' maiden season in the Caribbean, which will take place from Oct 2026.

The deployment for the luxury mega-yacht Corinthian (pictured) follows the line's debut season in the Mediterranean, which was revealed last month (CW 30 Jun).

Corinthian's first Caribbean run will begin with a 14-night Transatlantic repositioning cruise from Lisbon to Barbados in the South Caribbean.

From Oct 2026 to Mar 2027, Corinthian will sail a variety of itineraries ranging from two to nine nights, visiting a range of popular and lesser-known ports.

Featured itineraries include a seven-night adventure beginning in Marigot, which includes access to an invitation-only private beach in Virgin Gorda.

The week-long sailing will also visit Gustavia, along with a day on a private Bahamian island, before

reaching Miami.

Corinthian will offer an opportunity to explore the French West Indies and the Windward Islands, visiting Antigua and Princess Diana Beach.

More time-pressed travellers can embark on shorter voyages such as the four-night Lesser Antilles cruise, which travels from Gustavia to Bridgetown, with stops in destinations such as Little Jumby and Saint Pierre.

Along with 54 elegant suites, two swimming pools and a recording studio, Corinthian offers five restaurants and dining spaces, all under the management of Michelin-starred chef Yannick Alleno, who also oversees dining on L'Orient Express train.

Corinthian will visit nine countries during her maiden season: Croatia, Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Monaco, Montenegro, and Portugal. ML

Regent 2027-28

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises is showcasing its 2027-28 Voyage Collection, which features a 12-night 'Cliffs, Castles & Culture' cruise from Edinburgh to Stockholm.

Clients can secure their suite with a low 7.5% deposit when they book before 31 Aug 2025 - see the cover page.

More Philly on NCL

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has already extended its residency in Philadelphia, before cruising from the city begins next year (CW 19 Jul 2024).

As part of a major roll-out of its 2027 schedule last week (CW 24 Jul), the line will move Norwegian Pearl to operate from Philadelphia for its 2027 spring/summer season.

Pearl will replace Norwegian Jewel, which kicks off NCL's residency in Philadelphia from Apr-Oct 2026.

The city's new ship will sail week-long adventures to Bermuda from Apr 2027, with a stop in Virginia Beach as part of the return leg.

Other highlights in the season include an 11-day voyage in Mar 2027 to Bermuda, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and the British and US Virgin Islands.

Pearl will then change course from Sep 2027, heading north into Canada and New England.



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Exploring the Arctic

ATLAS Ocean Voyages has introduced a new Arctic expedition itinerary that will take travellers along the High Arctic Tundra and the shores of Greenland.

Voyaging from Kangerlussuaq westbound to St John's in Newfoundland, the 17-night 'Canadian Arctic Explorer' adventure will take place aboard World Navigator.

Described by the company as a "once-in-a-lifetime" journey, travellers will gain access to secluded and narrow channels inaccessible by larger vessels.

Highlights will include witnessing the granite cliffs at **Torngat Mountains National** Park; encountering Arctic communities such as the Inuit, Kalaallit, Metis, Basque, and French; and spotting elusive local creatures such as narwhals and polar bears.

The 'Canadian Arctic Explorer' itinerary departs on 21 Sep 2026, priced from US\$13,369 per person - CLICK **HERE** for more information.

Murray savings

SOLO savings are available on Australia's first five-star overnight river boat, Murray River Paddlesteamers' Australian Star, which is launching soon (CW 23 Apr). Single travellers are currently able to save more than \$1,200 - call 03 5482 5244.

NCL NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE®

CCL offers the Key to Mardi Gras



CARNIVAL Cruise Line's (CCL) new Celebration Key in Grand Bahama is already setting company records as Mardi Gras became the largest ship to visit the new exclusive new destination, which opened last week (CW 21 Jul).

Docking alongside Carnival Pride (pictured), the two ships delivered nearly 9,000 passengers for their day at the brand-new 26-hectare island.

Mardi Gras was visiting Celebration Key as part of a week-long Eastern Caribbean cruise that departed from Port Canaveral on 19 Jul, while Pride was part way through a sevennight Bahamas voyage that set sail from Baltimore on 20 Jul.

"We're immensely proud and grateful for the great

reaction from our guests visiting Celebration Key throughout this first week," President Christine Duffy said.

"The world's newest cruise destination is already a success, and delivering more fun to 9,000 visitors in one day is a great testament to that."

Guests disembarked from both ships will enjoy highlights such as a 2.4km-stretch of private beach; five unique themed zones; more than 30 restaurants and bars; and a range of attractions, such as the sand-side Swings Bar, and a giant swim-up bar.

As many as 20 ships in Carnival's 27-strong fleet will offer itineraries calling in Celebration Key in the coming months, sailing from various parts of the eastern and southern United States. ML

New Barcelona GM

FRANCESC Grau i Comellas has been appointed General Manager at Barcelona Cruise Port, effective from last Fri. The facility recently announced plans to reduce cruise traffic (CW 21 Jul).





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Viking revs up Aussie agents in Great Lakes

VIKING recently invited a number of Australian travel advisors on its seven-night 'Niagara & the Great Lakes' expedition cruise.

The voyage navigated the locks of the Welland Canal, located between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, and offered a close-up view of the group of waterfalls.

Other highlights saw the group admire migratory birds and butterflies at Point Pelee National Park in Ontario; visit Michigan's Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation and the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center; kayak over shipwrecks in Thunder Bay; and explore the car-free Mackinac Island in Lake Huron.

Vivienne Olian from Goldman Travel believes the cruise, sailing on board Viking Polaris, was "spot on" in its balance between adventure and luxury.

"One of the more memorable



aspects was the onboard science team, giving daily briefings and lectures and sharing their research in a way that added real depth to the journey," Olian (pictured) told Cruise Weekly.

"Dining was a highlight...both The Restaurant and Manfredi's, [which were] included in the fare [and] delivered meals that could

rival top-tier restaurants."

Alison Dwyer from Lifestyle Travel called out the staff's "immaculate" attention to detail.

"It was definitely a luxury small-ship-meets state-of-the-art expedition ship," she told CW.

"I really loved the modern, Scandinavian-inspired decor," Dwyer added. MS

BPG is hiring

BUSINESS Publishing Group (BPG), the parent company of *Cruise Weekly*, is currently recruiting for two new roles to join its team based in Sydney.

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Anyone interested can reach out to GM & Publisher Matthew Vince at matthew. vince@traveldaily.com.au or apply via LinkedIn today.







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CARNIVAL Cruise Line Brand Ambassador John Heald was recently called out for his lack of attention on Australia, the company's biggest market outside the United States.

The cruise line's Carnival Splendor sails year-round in Australia, and is joined each summer by Carnival Luminosa, making it the only market outside the US playing host to the brand's ships.

One of Heald's followers noted his lack of attention on Carnival's Australia cruises via social media.

He clearly felt he had to not only address the situation, but take steps to right the wrong.

"As yesterday I was accused of not mentioning cruising from Australia enough, I did two things," Heald explained.

"I watched some classic episodes of Neighbours and listened to some Kevin Bloody Wilson." Bravo, John.

Oceania makes move on NZ



OCEANIA Cruises has set its sights on clear market growth in New Zealand, promoting Danieli Enes as its dedicated Business Development Manager.

Starting today, Enes (pictured) will develop and drive a major growth strategy for the cruise line in the New Zealand market.

Enes is currently an Assistant **Destination Manager for Oceania** and sister brand Regent Seven Seas Cruises, and was previously Key Account Manager for local destination management organisation, ID New Zealand.

Oceania Director of Sales Asia Pacific James Sitters welcomed Enes to the team.

"[Enes] brings to the role a crucial blend of strategic thinking, strong business acumen and passion for the luxury cruise industry," Sitters said.

"Our revitalised sales team is well-positioned to drive the next chapter of growth for Oceania Cruises in the region."

Enes has worked previously as a Shore Excursion Assistant at Grupo Pullmantur after graduating from the Universidade Norte do Parana in Brazil.

"I'm excited to build upon our existing relationships with key travel advisors in New Zealand while also forging new ones," Enes said of her new role. ML

Join Drake Express

ATLAS Ocean Voyages has partnered with Cruise Traveller to offer a new, all-inclusive 'Drake Express' package, departing 01 Dec.

The offer allows travellers to bypass the Drake Passage at the start and end of their Antarctic expedition, allowing them to maximise their time on the ice.

After flying south from Chile to King George Island in the Shetland Islands, guests will board Atlas Ocean Voyages' World Voyager for the short journey to the Antarctic Peninsula, where they can witness icebergs and glaciers, and spot wildlife including whales and seals.

Guests will then sail back to King George Island and fly over the Drake Passage back to Chile.

The new fly-cruise packages are just nine nights long, including pre- and post-cruise stays in Chile, and are priced from US\$16,899ppts.

Savings and bonuses are available for bookings made by 30 Sep - more details HERE.



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