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MSC to build two more World-class ships

MSC Cruises has signed an order for two new World-class ships to complement the four already delivered or under construction for the line.

Chantiers de l'Atlantique will build the two new World-class ships, which will bring MSC's fleet of the vessel type to six.

The two new ships - currently referred to as World Class 5 and 6 - will be delivered in 2029 and 2030 respectively.

They will join the class' first two ships, *MSC World Europa*, the cruise line's first LNG ship, and *MSC World America* (pictured), the latter entering service in Miami last month (**CW 10 Apr**).

"The confirmation for the two new World-class ships marks a new milestone and the continuation of our long-term industrial plan," Executive Chair Pierfrancesco Vago said.

"The highly successful World-



class platform continues the very best in environmental technology with the latest advancements in guest experiences."

World America is pitched at the American cruise market, and is currently sailing her first season from the cruise line's new state-of-the-art MSC Miami Cruise Terminal (**CW 07 Apr**).

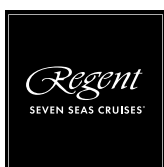
Other World-class ships include the upcoming *MSC World Asia* (**CW 03 Feb**) and *MSC World*

Atlantic (**CW 28 Mar**), which are currently under construction at Chantiers de l'Atlantique.

They will enter service in 2026 and 2027 respectively.

The two new orders will be subject to access of financing, as per industry practice.

All World-class ships feature dual engines, with a view to reducing emissions as bio and synthetic fuels become available at scale. *MS*



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RCG backs science

ROYAL Caribbean Group (RCG) has announced its continued support for science education in Alaska, including a US\$50,000 donation to the Sitka Sound Science Center.

The funding will go to the non-profit's Scientists in the Schools program, which incorporates classroom visits from scientists into the curriculum at each grade level in Sitka schools.

RCG also supported the program last year, benefiting 1,022 students from nine schools and creating more than 5,000 student connections with scientists.

The company will also back the centre's new outdoor education program, which equips youth with essential skills, knowledge and confidence to engage in outdoor recreation comfortably and safely.

Through RCG's partnership, the graduating class will participate in a day aboard a ship, learning about day-to-day operations, career opportunities, and testing out the ship's interactive features.

"We are thrilled to continue our meaningful relationship with the Sitka Sound Science Center, underpinning our commitment to education in the state of Alaska," said Associate VP Community Engagement Helen O'Connell.

HX dives into Inuit life



HX EXPEDITIONS has partnered with Inuit communities to launch a first-of-its-kind excursion program in Arctic Canada.

Kicking off later this year, the excursions will be offered on the cruise line's 25-day Northwest Passage sailings - westbound from Greenland to Alaska aboard *Fridtjof Nansen*, and eastbound from Alaska to Greenland aboard *Roald Amundsen*.

Each excursion was created in partnership with Inuit hosts to offer guests an opportunity to immerse themselves in the daily life, culture, and traditions in the Arctic Archipelago.

"These intimate excursions are an opportunity for travellers to create meaningful personal connections with local residents and experience the beauty of Inuit hospitality like never before," said Chief Expedition Officer, Alex McNeil.

"By keeping excursions to an average of 10 to 12 guests, we ensure each experience is personal and rooted in genuine exchange - offering a level of access, connection, and cultural integration you won't find with other cruise lines."

The community-led experiences include guided hikes to local landmarks with Inuit storytelling; Arctic char fishing with local harvesters using traditional weir techniques; and collaborative art-making sessions using materials unique to each region.

During the first phase, 100% of the revenue will go directly to individuals, artists and local businesses in Nunavut.

Excursion pricing ranges from C\$50 for a community bingo event to C\$425 for a four-hour Arctic char fishing tour capped at eight guests - see the full list of excursions **HERE**. *JM*

A world of savings

SAVINGS have been released on an Arctic cruise with Atlas Ocean Voyages, for those who book by the end of Jun.

Passengers can save US\$895 per person on the cruise, plus get their choice of free air credit, a hotel stay, or wi-fi.

The offer is available exclusively through Atlas' Australian representative Cruise Traveller, with those booking a suite able to choose two of the above amenities.

Vila not back yet

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's *Carnival Adventure* and *Carnival Splendor* will cancel their Port Vila visits next month, as the destination continues to repair the infrastructure damaged caused by the earthquake that hit the Vanuatuan capital in Dec (**CW** 19 Dec 2024).

Reports earlier this week suggested Port Vila was ready to receive cruises once again (**CW** 19 May), however the port and the proposed tender operation are not yet ready.

"Carnival Corporation & plc continues to work closely with Vanuatu authorities on the return of cruise ships to Port Vila," a spokesperson said.

"Our priority is to ensure guests can have a safe, enjoyable experience while visiting Vila."



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CARNIVAL Cruise Line's northern summer season is here, and over the next few months, the brand's 29 ships will serve up 2.8 million Guy Fieri burgers fleetwide.

That whopping total of sangers is eclipsed by the 4.4 million beers Carnival will serve this summer, and the 13 million ice-cream cones passengers will tuck into.

Those not into beer can opt for a glass of wine, with Carnival passengers anticipated to put away 1.3 million glasses of vino across the season.

Carnival's two million guests for summer will make 1,200 visits to more than 100 destinations across the season - the highlight of which will be 80 calls to the soon-to-open Celebration Key (**pictured**).



Four Seasons to double

FINANCING has been secured by Four Seasons Yachts for a second vessel, *Four Seasons II*, to be constructed by the Fincantieri shipyard in Italy.

The brand's joint owner and operator, Marc-Henry Cruise Holdings, has successfully sourced more than €400 million (A\$696.2 million) for Fincantieri to double the line's fleet from one luxury yacht to two.

Four Seasons' second yacht will emerge from Fincantieri's shipyard in Ancona in 2027, with inaugural sailings scheduled to begin the following year.

"With financing secured for the creation of a second Four Seasons Yacht in partnership with lauded Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri and luxury hospitality leader Four Seasons, we are thrilled to be expanding our fleet to include *Four Seasons II*," said Marc-Henry Cruise Holdings Chief Financial Officer, Donald Mason.

"This milestone reflects our continued growth and commitment to delivering Four Seasons legendary service at sea.

"With unmatched craftsmanship, innovation, and elegance, *Four*



Seasons II will continue to elevate the yachting lifestyle experience to unprecedented heights," Mason added.

Four Seasons Yachts will set sail with its first self-titled ship *Four Seasons I* in Jan, with the 95-suite ship to be led by Captain Kate McCue (**CW** 19 Mar).

The ship will debut in the Caribbean before crossing the Atlantic for a season in the Mediterranean and Baltic region as part of its first year at sea.

Each suite will start from 50m² inclusive of the balcony and will feature floor-to-ceiling windows, a private terrace and splash pool, while Signature Suites feature multiple bedrooms and an entertaining space.

The line also recently unveiled 11 restaurant and bar concepts, which will feature on the maiden ship (**CW** 14 Mar). *ML*

Big solo savings

SOLOS can sail for almost half price on a luxury Kimberley voyage with Ponant thanks to Cruise Traveller.

Couples can also save \$5,600, with free flight credit also included for those booking by the end of the month.

The package, which travels for 11 nights in Jul, features a 10-night, all-inclusive, ultra-luxe expedition cruise aboard Ponant's *Le Soleal*.

The cruise sails round-trip from Darwin, visiting the King George and Hunter rivers, Twin Falls, Vansittart and Swift bays, Montgomery Reef, and the thriving bird colonies of the Lacepede Islands.

The package begins on 21 Jul with a night's stay in Darwin, followed by the 10-night cruise, which includes guided, complimentary excursions by Zodiacs and ashore, and an open bar.

Including the free \$1,200 air credit for flights to Darwin, the package is available from \$13,160 per person, twin-share, in a superior stateroom, and \$18,560 for solos.

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