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CRUISE Weekly today features four pages of the latest cruise industry news, plus a full page from **Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours**.

Scenic's Black Fri

SCENIC is offering savings of up to \$4,250pp as part of its Black Fri sale, which ends 05 Dec - more on the **back page**.

Death investigation

THE FBI is currently investigating the death of an 18-year-old passenger on board *Carnival Horizon*.

Anna Kepner from Florida was reported dead on Sat while travelling on board the ship, which was sailing from Miami to the Caribbean - details surrounding her death have not yet been released.

Tauck expands river cruise portfolio

TAUCK has bolstered its river cruise portfolio for 2027 with five new European itineraries, released earlier than ever in the company's history.

The tour operator will also welcome two new riverboats in that year - *ms Saudade*, sister ship to *ms Andorinha* (pictured) on the Douro, and *ms Reverie*, sister ship to *ms Serene* on the Seine (**CW** 11 Sep).

Designed to meet evolving guest preferences, Tauck will introduce a new six-day river cruise format in late 2026, and will expand these shorter itineraries for 2027.

Offered mostly during the shoulder seasons, the journeys will allow guests to enjoy milder weather and fewer crowds along Europe's most popular rivers, while making river cruising more accessible to travellers with tighter schedules.

The new collection of itineraries



includes 'Essence of the Seine', a round trip from Paris debuting the launch of *ms Reverie*.

Guests can also join the 'Essence of the Danube' sailing between Budapest and Vienna aboard *ms Joy*, with departures in Oct and Nov.

"We're seeing extraordinary growth across our river portfolio, and that inspires us to find new ways for guests to experience Tauck," said Tauck Chief Executive Officer, Jennifer Tombaugh.

"River cruising continues to be

one of the most popular ways to experience Tauck for the first time, and with these new shorter itineraries, we can now offer that exceptional entry point to guests with limited time."

MD Australia, David Clark, added: "Our guests can now book these highly sought-after river cruises for 2027, providing earlier access than ever, which I know will be well received by the Australian market."

In total, Tauck will offer 37 European river cruises in 2027. *JM*



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Time is running out

THERE are only a couple of weeks left to nominate for the 23rd annual Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Awards.

Fourteen award categories will be judged, including nine which are open to peer- or self-nomination.

The winners will be announced at a gala celebration on 07 Mar, which will be held at the ICC Sydney for the first time.

Nominations close at 11:59 PM on 21 Nov, while finalist submissions must be put forward by 11:59 PM on Friday 16 Jan.

All travel agent/agency nominees and finalists must be a current CLIA member to nominate for an award.

CLICK HERE for information and nominations, and **CLICK HERE** for judging criteria.

Disney's new Adventure of cuisine

WHEN Disney Cruise Line's *Disney Adventure* sets sail in Mar, she will be home to favourite dining venues Navigator's Club (pictured) and Hollywood Spotlight Club.

Included in Disney's rotational dining line-up, Navigator's Club will feature musical acts and interactions with Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, and Daisy Duck.

Meanwhile, Navigator's sister restaurant, the Hollywood Spotlight Club, brings classic Hollywood to life, with diners to walk the red carpet as they enjoy musical performances and Mickey Mouse and his friends.

Both restaurants will feature dishes such as duck confit pastilla, prawns mumbai bhel, porcini spiced ahi tuna sashimi, oyster mushrooms, and miso glazed Patagonian toothfish.

Animator's Palate is also back



aboard *Adventure*, along with sister restaurant, Animator's Table, which brings Walt Disney's legacy to life.

The spaces feature animation boards and props from films like *The Little Mermaid*, *Encanto*, and *Toy Story*.

Savoury dishes on offer include Hainanese chicken rice and laksa lemak with prawn.

Sweet teeth are not forgotten either, with the venues to serve a chocolate decadence, salted caramel cheesecake, and a special Mickey chocolate tart.

Adventure will also feature a dining hall, the Enchanted Summer Restaurant, with rooms inspired by *Tangled* and *Frozen*, serving internationally inspired breakfast and lunch buffets. *MS*

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MSC's hook-up in New York City

MSC Cruises is now connected to shore power in New York City for the first time ever.

The cruise line's *MSC Meraviglia* (pictured) connected to shore power at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal last week, marking the first connection following the company's commissioning of the technology, and its first test connection late last month.

Brooklyn's shore power supply gave electricity to *Meraviglia's* while she was at berth.

This also allowed the ship to switch off her engines to eliminate emissions locally, as part of New York and MSC's commitment to improving local air quality.

"We are proud to see the advancement of shore power at US ports, including New York," MSC's local President Lynn Torrent said.

"Collaboration with local



communities, elected officials and port partners is integral to make this progress possible.

"We are committed to connect whenever the shoreside technology is available as part of our ongoing efforts to improve local air quality and reduce carbon emissions."

Shore power capability has been standard on all new MSC ships

since 2017, with the cruise line working to retrofit other vessels.

Sixteen of MSC's 23 ships are currently equipped with shore power, which will increase to 17 by the end of the year.

MSC last month also celebrated a year of shore power success at the Mediterranean Sea port of Valletta, with *MSC World Europa* connected to the local grid. *MS*

Sun rises on 27-28

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's new *Carnival Sunrise* will set sail on a number of short itineraries from Miami in 27-28, featuring calls at Celebration Key and RelaxAway, Half Moon Cay.

Sunrise will complete more than 70 trips during the season, sailing a variety of four- to six-day itineraries from Mar, with several itineraries to also call on Nassau.

Highlights of the program will include *Sunrise's* Thanksgiving cruise, which will see her visit Celebration Key, Grand Cayman, and Montego Bay.

There will also be a Christmas sailing featuring stops at Celebration Key, Amber Cove, and Grand Turk.

"Miami has long been a premier departure point for Carnival guests," the cruise line's President Christine Duffy said of the season.

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ARE you a fan of both cruising and country music? Legendary American country singer Zac Brown has partnered with Margaritaville at Sea to announce 'Same Boat', which is being billed as "the first artist-designed live music venue at sea".

Same Boat will debut exclusively on board Margaritaville's *Beachcomber*, with every element, from the venue's stage design, to its Southern-inspired drinks menu, to be hand-picked by the *Chicken Fried* singer.

The next step will be getting Brown to christen the venue.



A night at the Museum



VIKING hosted 17 travel advisors in Melbourne for a special evening celebrating its sponsorship of the Treasures of the Viking Age: The Galloway Hoard exhibition, which is now showing at Melbourne Museum.

Advisors were taken on a private after-hours showing of the exhibition, and transported back in time to early medieval Scotland as they explored the Galloway Hoard, a rare and mysterious collection of Viking-age treasures.

The exhibition showcased

intricate jewellery, personal heirlooms and remarkable objects gathered from across Britain, Ireland, and Central Asia.

Pictured at the exhibition are Janine Methven, Tharindu Kushan, Kim Stewart, Amilia Argent, Lucy Woodward, Vanessa Favory, Peter Heathcock, Diane Rawlings, Trevor Jones, Sonia Jones, Chelsea Keating, Laura Bastien, Janeene Lewis, Erin Walsh, Laura Noccioli, Anthony Brownrigg, Trent Campbell, and Nathalie Rayner. *MS*

Royal gets artsy

ROYAL Caribbean is taking its Artist Discovery Program from ship to shore, with the latest selection of 11 local Bahamian artists to be featured at Royal Beach Club Paradise Island.

The new group of artists will create art pieces such as brightly coloured large-scale murals and expressive sculptures across 25 locations at the beach club, which is set to open next month.

The artwork for the island destination will centre on three main themes - Underwater Adventures, which will emphasise The Bahamas' rich marine life; Junkanoo Jubilee, which will celebrate the musical, dance and festive traditions of the island and its people; and Bahama Bliss, which will express relaxation.

"Bahamian culture is known to be vibrant and dynamic, and the pieces created by these artists will reflect the lively energy and beautiful landscape of The Bahamas throughout the destination," said Philip Simon, President, Royal Caribbean Group Bahamas.

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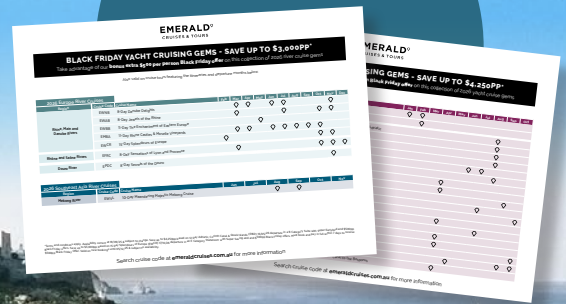
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