



# NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

CRUISE CONSULTANT  
OF THE YEAR

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PROMOTION OF THE YEAR

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For more information on Award Criteria and how to nominate, please visit [cruising.org.au](http://cruising.org.au).  
Nominations are open to all CLIA Travel Agent members and close Friday, 21 November 2025.



### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise news plus a cover wrap from CLIA.

### Who wins the CLIA?

CLIA cruise agents are now invited to submit their nominations for a range of award categories in the 23rd annual CLIA Cruise Industry Awards - [cover page](#).

### Next-gen at Scenic

SCENIC is inviting agents to a series of in-person events to hear about the line's upcoming future cruise innovations from Scenic founder Glen Moroney.

Events will take place during the week of 20-23 Oct in Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, with registrations open until 07 Oct - [CLICK HERE](#).

## Hapag-Lloyd sets Kimberley season

GERMAN cruise line Hapag-Lloyd Cruises has scheduled its maiden Kimberley season, with *Hanseatic Spirit* to sail the region during the 2028 southern autumn and winter.

The 230-guest ship (**pictured**) will operate an 18-day expedition featuring Zodiac trips on the King George River and Montgomery Reef, plus a visit to the Houtman Abrolhos island archipelago off the WA coast near Geraldton.

The line's latest frontier comes as part of an expanded presence in the Asia Pacific region in coming seasons, with the ship to also operate three itineraries in Indonesia's Raja Ampat.

*Spirit* will head to the WA coast following her seasonal Antarctic season, which runs from Nov 2027 until Feb 2028.

She will be joined by fleetmate *Hanseatic Inspiration*, with the ships running 14-day expeditions



in the South Georgia and Antarctic Peninsula, including a semi-circumnavigation from Tierra del Fuego in South America to New Zealand.

The local line-up forms part of 127 comprehensive itineraries making up the line's 2028 season,

with bookings to open in Dec.

Hapag-Lloyd's expansion in Australia comes as the cruise line's *Europa 2* prepares to visit in 2027.

The 516-passenger ship will sail a series of cruises along Western and Southern Australia. *ML*

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## More fun with Fred

**FRED.** Olsen Cruise Lines has unveiled its brand-new 2027 cruise program, which will feature 70 sailings between Jan and Sep.

Cruises will depart from Southampton, Liverpool, Newcastle, and Rosyth, with highlights of the program to include the return of scenic sailings through Greenland, a cruise timed with Malta's vibrant carnival.

Guests can also choose from an expanded selection of shorter cruises of five nights or fewer.

Fred. Olsen Head of Product Innovation Martin Lister spoke of some of the new destinations showcased in the new program.

"There are some incredible destinations on offer, like Greenland, which is back by popular demand, Scotland's wild isles, and the untouched beauty of Svalbard for those who love exploring," he said.

"For guests looking for a more relaxed pace, the Canary Islands and the French Riviera are perfect for sunshine and classic coastal charm.

"We've also included moments at the top of so many travellers' lists, from husky sledding under the Northern Lights and spotting humpback whales in the Atlantic, to sailing through Norway's scenic waterway," Lister added.

## Big Aurora sale

**AURORA** Expeditions has unveiled its Beyond Borders sale for next year's sailings.

Passengers can save up to 25% on select 2026 voyages, and receive a bonus air credit, when booking by the end of the year.

The sale includes Greenland, Iceland, Madrid, and Marrakech - **CLICK HERE.**

## CLIA nominations now open



**NOMINATIONS** are now open for Cruise Lines International Association's (CLIA) night of nights, the 23rd Annual Cruise Industry Awards.

CLIA members in Australia and New Zealand are welcome to nominate themselves or their peers in nine of the 14 award categories especially for travel agents, from Cruise Consultant of the Year and Rising Star to Agency/Agent Cruise Promotion of the Year, and more.

Winners will be announced at a gala celebration on 07 Mar at the ICC Sydney for the first time.

"The CLIA Awards are a fantastic opportunity for members to boost their industry profile and gain important recognition for their creativity and expertise," said CLIA Managing Director in Australasia Joel Katz.

"Hosting the event in the ICC Sydney Grand Ballroom will give us a bigger stage on which to celebrate our industry's brightest stars, so we're encouraging all our members to get involved and have a chance to be a part."

CLIA award nominations are open until 21 Nov at 11.59 AEST.

Last year, 75 finalists were competed across 16 categories, selected from approximately 800 nominations (**CW** 16 Jan).

Major agent winners included

Samantha Renvoye of Clean Cruising, who was named Australia's Cruise Consultant of the Year and Michael Middleton of Ignite Travel Group, who won Cruise Champion Australasia.

For details on how to nominate, head to the **cover page.** *JHM*

## Viking goes virtual

**VIKING** is inviting agents and their clients to embark on a virtual river cruise, for a sense of what life is like on the Rhine and Danube.

The line is hosting a live virtual event at 11am AEST on 23 Oct where Viking experts will take viewers step-by-step through its hallmark 'Grand European' itinerary.

Viewers will learn about port highlights and popular off-ship excursions and get a sneak preview of the varied architecture passengers will see, including Gothic cathedrals, hilly vineyards, market squares, and more.

The session will also offer a range of practical tips to help viewers prepare for a river cruise, personal anecdotes and recommendations to assist with the planning process.

**CLICK HERE** to register.

## PRINCESS<sup>®</sup> SALES MANAGER - VIC, SA & TAS

Carnival Corporation & plc is thrilled to announce a new opportunity to join the Princess Cruises team as a Sales Manager. This full-time role is based remotely in either Adelaide or Melbourne and reports directly to the Field Sales and Key Account Manager.

As Sales Manager, you'll be the face of Princess Cruises across Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania. You'll drive cruise sales, build strong relationships with travel agents, deliver engaging product education, and lead unforgettable consumer events. This autonomous, field-based role is perfect for someone who thrives on the road, loves travel, and knows how to turn connections into commercial success.

What's on offer? A competitive salary package including superannuation, bonuses, a company car, fuel card, laptop, and mobile. Enjoy a compressed nine-day fortnight with full-time pay.

Key responsibilities will include driving passenger growth through strategic sales initiatives, strengthening relationships within the travel agency network, leading training sessions to boost cruise confidence, hosting expos and ship inspections, and executing joint marketing campaigns. You'll also monitor performance across your territory and identify new opportunities to expand our reach.

We're looking for a commercially minded sales or business development professional with at least two years of experience, ideally in travel or tourism. You should be confident presenting to both trade and consumer audiences, skilled at building relationships, and comfortable using data to guide decisions. A valid Australian driver's licence and willingness to travel regularly are essential. Previous experience with cruise products and hosting consumer events is highly desirable.

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Submit your resume and cover letter to: [JWilmott@carnival.com](mailto:JWilmott@carnival.com)



**MACY'S** Thanksgiving Parade is a legendary annual event and this year, Holland America Line (HAL) is bringing the beauty of Alaska to downtown New York City, marking the cruise line's 80th anniversary of exploration of the state.

The parade is well-known for the impressive floats on display and HAL will not disappoint, as it showcases the beauty of Alaska through a giant kinetic sculpture, bringing to life the glaciers, landscapes and wildlife of Denali National Park.

"We love Alaska, and our float is a tribute to its grandeur - a way to honour its landscapes, spirit and people while inspiring travellers to experience it with us," said Beth Bodenstener, President of Holland America Line.

The 99th Macy's Thanksgiving Parade will take place on 27 Nov, as a lineup of floats travel a four-kilometre route.

## Carnival Venezia to say "ciao" to Miami

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line will bring its 'Italian-style fun' to Miami in 2027, with *Carnival Venezia* (pictured) set to relocate from Port Canaveral to South Florida.

The new 2027-28 season will also include expanded options on *Carnival Magic* and *Carnival Vista* in Florida, offering getaways to destinations such as Celebration Key; RelaxAway, Half Moon Cay; and Isla Tropicale.

*Venezia* will sail a series of six- and eight-day Caribbean cruises from May 2027 through Apr 2028, with shorter western Caribbean voyages to feature stops at Carnival's new exclusive destination Celebration Key.

Six-day cruises will also call in popular ports such as Ocho Rios, Montego Bay, Grand Cayman, Grand Turk, and Amber Cove.

Eight-day cruises feature several other marquee Caribbean destinations such as Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Amber Cove, and more.

"*Venezia* moving to Miami creates even more choice for our guests with longer itineraries to the most popular Caribbean destinations and adds a new



flavour of fun with our 'Italian style' experiences," President Christine Duffy said.

Meanwhile, *Magic* will continue home porting in Miami, with an expanded program featuring a variety of six- and eight-day cruises across the eastern, western, and southern Caribbean.

Itineraries will feature visits to destinations such as Celebration Key; Amber Cove; RelaxAway, Half Moon Cay; Grand Turk; San Juan; St. Maarten; and others.

Meanwhile, Southern Caribbean voyages feature calls in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Finally, *Vista* will bring expanded options to Port Canaveral with a

variety of week-long itineraries exploring the Bahamas and the eastern and western Caribbean.

*Vista's* year-round program from Port Canaveral will offer a range of options featuring popular destinations including Celebration Key, RelaxAway, Half Moon Cay, and Isla Tropicale, as well as Montego Bay, Grand Cayman, San Juan, and more.

"With *Carnival Magic* and *Carnival Vista* continuing to build on their strong popularity, the wide variety of sailings we're opening today speaks to our commitment to guests who want convenient getaways from Florida," Duffy added. *MS*



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