

Cruise Weekly today

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

New Cunard show

CUNARD Line is reuniting with theatre producer David Pugh for the Royal Shakespeare Company's new production of *The Constant Wife*, which will make its debut at sea next year.

The production will first tour the UK from Jan-Apr, before taking centre stage during a transatlantic crossing on board *Queen Mary 2* on 29 May.

Based on the play by W. Somerset Maugham, *The Constant Wife* will be the latest Pugh work to appear on one of the cruise line's ships, following earlier successes such as *Brief Encounter* and *Pride and Prejudice*.

Prices for this unique sailing currently start at £1,124pp (approx AU\$2,289) in a Britannia Balcony stateroom.

"We are extremely proud to support this fresh, witty and thoroughly entertaining production," Cunard President Katie McAlister said.

"We're especially pleased that it will be performed on *Queen Mary 2* during a transatlantic crossing next May, continuing our long-standing collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company and David Pugh."

Zero-emission cruise arrives



HURTIGRUTEN has set the date for its groundbreaking 4,000-kilometre climate-neutral biofuel sailing, which will take place later this month.

History will be made on 29 Oct when the line embarks on one of the world's longest sailings using only climate-neutral biofuel, which significantly reduces GHG emissions by absorbing atmospheric carbon and releasing a roughly equivalent amount.

The round trip will sail along the Norwegian coast from Bergen to Kirkenes and back, aboard one of its battery-hybrid-powered *Richard With* (pictured).

The ship's tanks will be filled with 100% advanced biofuel, and she will also be able to connect to shore power wherever available.

Hurtigruten has invested €100 million (A\$177m) in technical and environmental upgrades to its fleet in the past three years, while gradually phasing in the use

of biofuels, in order to reduce CO₂ and NO_x emissions.

The cruise line is also working to reduce emissions through its research and development program Sea Zero (**CW** 26 Mar), which is aiming to design a ship that can sail emissions-free.

Hurtigruten said the Sea Zero project will be sailing along the Norwegian coast by 2030.

"Our ships already sail on blended biofuel, but for the first time we will carry out the entire sailing on 100% advanced biofuel," Chief Executive Officer Hedda Felin said.

"For us at Hurtigruten, it is important to do what we can to reduce emissions, and this voyage is an example of how biofuel can play a key role in achieving Norway's climate goals."

The efforts come as the country plans to ban all traditional marine oil cruise ships from its fjords by 2032 (**CW** 30 Aug 2024). *MS*

CCL is hit for six

CARNIVAL Cruise Line (CCL) has extended its partnership with the Sydney Thunder cricket team for two more seasons, following 2024's successful first year together.

The pair are giving fans the chance to win an eight-night cruise aboard *Carnival Adventure* to celebrate the partnership's renewal.

The winner will depart Sydney on 24 Nov for a cruise calling in Hobart, Port Arthur, and Kangaroo Island.

Carnival Senior Director of Sales & Marketing Anton Loeb said the two are a "natural fit".

"Whether it's bringing joy to fans in the stands or guests on our ships, our mission is the same: creating lasting memories filled with energy."

"We look forward to building on the success of last season and making the next two even bigger," he said.

The Thunder's Big Bash season begins on 16 Dec.

No CW next Mon

THERE will be no issue of **CW** published on Mon, due the observation of a public holiday around Australia.

New South Wales/ACT and South Australia will observe Labour Day, while Qld has a day off for the King's Birthday.

The next issue of **CW** will be published on Tue 07 Oct.



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APT introduces new Ha Long Bay cruise

APT has launched its 2026/27 Vietnam and Cambodia Collection, which features the introduction of a new luxury cruise on Ha Long Bay.

Guests will be able to sail aboard *Lyra Grandeur* from May 2027, which is set to be the newest ship in the region.

The three-day cruise offers access to the limestone karsts, emerald waters, and hidden lagoons of Ha Long Bay as well as Lan Ha Bay.

Returning for the season will be APT's flagship 13-day 'Vietnam & Cambodia Highlights', which includes signature experiences such as sunrise at Angkor Wat and a Buddhist blessing ceremony with monks in Oudong.

Guests will also enjoy a seven-night cruise along the Mekong aboard *Mekong Serenity*.

Other highlights of the season include dining at the award-



winning Vietnam House in Ho Chi Minh City, and a private visit to Theam's Gallery in Siem Reap, where guests will explore the gallery before indulging in a five-course Khmer dinner while watching a traditional apsara dance performance.

Travellers will also stay in hand-

picked accommodation, including Mai House Saigon Hotel, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, and Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Resort.

All return airport transfers, gratuities, port charges, and flights within Vietnam or between Vietnam and Cambodia are included - call 1300 336 932. MS

New faces on DCL

TRAVELLERS on Disney Cruise Line's newest ship *Disney Destiny* will share the decks with a range of familiar and new characters, the brand has confirmed.

In addition to the eternally popular Mickey and Minnie, characters from the Marvel universe will grace the decks to interact with cruise guests.

These will include new characters designed especially for the ship, namely fortune tellers Zayah and Gamble, who will make predictions and conjure spells with the help of a mysterious book.

Marvel characters will also make appearances in a new sketch comedy-style show in the Saga lounge, which will be reserved for adults.

Destiny will embark on her maiden voyage from Fort Lauderdale on 20 Nov.

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PRINCESS Cruises' loyalists can now recreate the line's onboard drinks menu at home, thanks to a new partnership between the brand and world-renowned global mixologist, Rob Floyd.

Now available on Amazon and on board all 17 Princess ships, *Sip at Sea: A Princess Cruises Cocktail Collection* is an interactive book featuring a collection of guest-favourite cocktails and mocktails from across the fleet.

Within its pages are step-by-step recipes, photos, QR codes that link to 'how-to' videos, and entertaining backstories.

"*Sip at Sea* is a passport to the joy, connection, and adventure that is part of every Princess sailing," said Floyd, who is also the cruise line's ambassador.

"I want readers to feel like they're stepping onto the deck, favourite cocktail in hand, savouring the moment."

Yacht Club going worldwide



MSC Cruises' ship-within-a-ship concept, MSC Yacht Club, will make its world cruise debut in 2027 aboard *MSC Magnifica*, which will be refurbished ahead of the voyage.

The newly announced 2027 world cruise will see guests explore 45 destinations in Europe, Africa, South America, Oceania, and North America.

Highlights of the cruise will include Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Valparaíso, Papeete, Hobart, and Sydney.

Yacht Club guests will be able to cruise with keycard-only access to private facilities, 24-hour butler and concierge service, an exclusive restaurant, lounge, pool and sundeck.

The newly added Yacht Club will span five upper decks, featuring 63 suites across five categories.

Guests will also enjoy an upgraded MSC Aurea Spa, cutting-edge gym, and two new specialty restaurants. *MS*

Pictured: A render of the Top Sail Lounge aboard *Magnifica*.

The Isle heats up

THE Isle of Man is becoming a hotspot for cruisers, with the number of passengers visiting the island jumping by 21% during the 2025 season.

Visit Isle of Man recorded 47 cruise ship calls to the island, including nine maiden voyages, between Apr and Sep, with 26,357 passengers - up from the previous overall record of 21,679 set last year.

The visits injected £2.3 million (A\$4.7m) into the economy through port and pax spend across the island's tourism, hospitality and retail sectors.

Halloween at Sea

MARGARITAVILLE at Sea is bringing Halloween on board its ships this month, with weekend voyages full of tricks, treats and eerie entertainment for all ages.

Passengers are invited to dress in their spookiest garb for a shot at winning the costume party.

The line has also announced a flash sale with discounted fares and more - see **HERE**.



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