



Cruise Weekly today

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

MSC gets Royal

MSC Cruises' *MSC World Asia* will offer the line's largest variety of MSC Yacht Club suites to date, including the brand new Royal Duplex Suite.

The new stateroom category is among seven to choose from in *World Asia's* ship-within-a-ship concept, which will feature 144 rooms in total.

Those staying in the 53m² Royal Duplex Suite will enjoy two decks, two separate bedrooms and 11m² of private balcony space with a hot tub.

The Royal Duplex Suite sleeps up to six guests, and is designed for families or groups, with an expansive living room for the ultimate entertainment space.

World Asia's Yacht Club spans more than 9,848m² in total, with its bi-level private sun deck featuring luxurious outdoor furniture by Unopiu, along with a bar and grill for al fresco dining on the foredecks of the ship.

The vessel will begin sailing in the Mediterranean from 04 Dec 2026, offering itineraries to destinations including Barcelona, Marseille, Genoa, Civitavecchia, Messina, and Valletta, among others.

Miami's new Queen

CUNARD Line's *Queen Elizabeth* has this week made her debut in Miami to begin her first-ever full season in the Caribbean, which will take place from Oct to Apr.

Queen Elizabeth will offer voyages from nine to 21 nights in length, departing from Miami over the next two years.

She will offer locally inspired dining and new entertainment.

Silversea's largest season



SILVERSEA has unveiled its largest-ever voyage collection for 2027-28, revealing more than 400 new voyages to over 600 destinations for the season.

Highlights of the program include three new Grand Voyages, 30 maiden calls, and all new expeditions in destinations including Australia.

Silver Cloud will cruise in new regions, expeditioning in the Great Barrier Reef, Japan, and Southeast Asia, among others.

Destinations include Ribbon Reef, Kanazawa, the Kerama Islands, and Sandakan Bay.

More Japanese destinations come as Silversea launches its first-ever summer season in the country, with new expeditions and itineraries aboard two ships.

Overnights in Osaka will enable guests to explore the city's vibrant street food and nightlife, while on board, the S.A.L.T. culinary program will see guests enjoy an umami discovery in Osaka, and an exploration of Kyoto's regional specialties.

Exclusive access to marquee events and local festivals will be a key pillar of the season, with highlights to include visits to Monaco Grand Prix, Rio Carnival, and cherry blossom season and Awa Dance Festival in Japan.

Other key event visited by Silversea during the season include the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo; the San Sebastian Street Festival in Puerto Rico; the

Festival Puccini, and Bastille Day in France.

Another key highlight for the season will be Silversea's 2027-28 Grand Voyage collection, with itineraries in the Mediterranean, Asia, and South America.

The 60-day Grand Voyage aboard *Silver Dawn* traces the western Mediterranean, the Greek Isles, and the Adriatic across 48 destinations in the region's shoulder season.

Marquee highlights of the voyage include Istanbul, Dubrovnik, and Casablanca, as well as boutique ports such as Gytheio, Giardini Naxos, and Porto Santo Stefano.

Silversea's S.A.L.T. program will be incorporated into the voyage, with highlights to include a Mallorcan family winery visit, and a live-cooking lunch in Palma.

Travellers will also enjoy an evening concert at Ephesus, reserved exclusively for Silversea.

Meanwhile, *Silver Muse* will host the 51-day Grand Voyage Asia 2028, an immersive journey across Southeast and East Asia, with calls in 28 destinations in seven countries.

The itinerary will include 10 overnights in the continent's iconic cities, timed to Southeast Asia's tropical warmth and Japan's cherry blossom season.

Guests will experience Ho Chi Minh City's coffee culture, a S.A.L.T.-inspired discovery of Laem Chabang's cuisine. *MS*

Restart the party

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's *Mardi Gras* is making more room for families and groups with interconnecting rooms and enhanced spaces, following her recent dry dock.

Guests embarking the ship in Barcelona this week are the first to experience the new rooms, as well as the ship's expanded casino and redesigned retail spaces.

Mardi Gras also underwent a series of changes aimed at improving accessibility, including redesigned walkways, and upgraded features in both public areas and guest staterooms.

The ship is currently on a 15-day voyage to Port Canaveral.

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Lindblad unveils 2027-28 program

NATIONAL Geographic- Lindblad Expeditions has unveiled its complete 2027-28 deployment, with guests to discover destinations across all seven continents.

The 2027-28 season introduces a collection of new and returning itineraries, such as the chance to experience the rare natural phenomena of the solar eclipse.

National Geographic Orion will be positioned in the path of totality at the Strait of Gibraltar for the 2027 eclipse.

Passengers will be joined by naturalists for the phenomenon, as well as a photographer from National Geographic.

Lindblad Expeditions will also embark on an expanded season in the High Arctic Tundra, which will now include Svalbard in the spring and summer.

The 'Baffin Island: Exploring Canada's Wild Arctic Frontier'



and the revival of the 'Fabled Lands of the North: Greenland to Newfoundland' itineraries offer chances to look for polar bears in their native habitat.

Lindblad is also providing new options to discover Europe.

Orion's 'Continental Crossroads: Spain, Morocco and the Canary Islands' and 'Spain, Portugal and

Morocco: Atlantic Horizons' trips will bring passengers to both famed destinations and lesser-known gems along coastal shores.

Lindblad has also reprised its charter arrangement with Sea Cloud Cruises for the 'Malta, Sicily and Greece Under Sail Aboard *Sea Cloud II*' itinerary, which will start from \$21,134. *MS*

APT previews 2027

APT has launched its Europe 2027 preview, which features a brand-new Norwegian ultra-luxury cruise.

The new Preview Brochure offers guests an early opportunity to book some of the cruise line's most sought-after European journeys, including the new 11-day 'Norwegian Fjords' sailing aboard *Seabourn Venture* from Amsterdam to Copenhagen.

Guests will hike to Pulpit Rock, ride the world-famous Flam Line railway, and explore Oslo and Copenhagen.

Also new is the 24-day 'Magnificent Europe and Norwegian Fjords' journey.

The itinerary begins with 13 nights aboard the new *APT Solara* on Europe's Rhine, Main, and Danube rivers.

Passengers will then board *Venture* for 10 nights.

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THE *Daily Mail* has released a doco called *Ship Shape*, taking a behind-the-scenes look of the 12 dining venues and kitchens on board luxury cruise ship, *Oceania Vista*.

Interesting facts revealed include how all the baked goods are made from scratch using flour from a specific mill in France, and how the 1,200 guests consume 14,000 bottles of wine sourced from every continent in a month.

Featured in the video is executive culinary director Eric Barale, who shares how the team delivers 6,000 high-quality meals to cruisers a day.

"Making a menu is not only putting together a list of dishes and trying to come up with recipes," he says.

"It's finding the right balance in the menu, but also the right recipe with the right technique" - [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the video.

Nova sets off on her big lap



SILVERSEA'S *Silver Nova* has departed Melbourne (pictured) on her 'Grand Voyage Australia', which will circumnavigate the country over the next 47 days.

The cruise commenced with a 'bon voyage' lunch in Melbourne at Albert Park Lake on Tue.

Nova's first port of call was Eden yesterday and she is now overnighing in Sydney, after which she will visit Newcastle, Brisbane, Mooloolaba, K'gari, Shute Harbour, Townsville, and Cairns on another on an overnight call.

She will then visit Port Douglas and Cooktown, before arriving in Darwin and Benoa for her third and fourth overnights.

The voyage's second segment will see *Nova* return to Australian

shores, calling Fremantle, Busselton, Albany, Esperance, Port Lincoln, Kangaroo Island, Robe, and Adelaide and Hobart overnight, before she returns to Melbourne on 30 Nov, having visited 23 destinations.

Highlight shore excursions will include a reef and rainforest flightseeing experience over the UNESCO-listed Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest, snorkelling in the Whitsundays with a master guide, and an insight into Australia's pearl culture at the Broken Bay Pearl Farm in Mooney Mooney.

Passengers will also be able to dive deeper into the island continent's exquisite cuisine through Silversea's S.A.L.T. culinary program. *MS*

Tag me, CruiseHQ

CRUISEHQ has unveiled a social media campaign called #CHQTagMe, celebrating the cruise community.

"What started as a simple request - 'tag me!' - has evolved into a movement encouraging travel professionals everywhere to share the moments that define their love for cruising," said CruiseHQ in a statement.

Now, the industry is invited to share their favourite cruise photos online, tag #CHQTagMe in the caption, and follow @cruisehq.fctg on Instagram to be part of the initiative.

As part of the launch, agents also have the chance to win a luggage set - for more details [CLICK HERE](#)



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