

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise news plus a full page from HX.

Poesia to undergo revamp



MSC Cruises' *MSC Poesia* (pictured) will undergo major upgrades, with the line to bring its Yacht Club ship-within-a-ship concept to the vessel ahead of her Alaska season next year.

The new Yacht Club will include 63 suites across five stateroom types, including oceanview balcony suites and connected options for families.

Accommodating up to six guests, the ultra-luxurious royal suite will feature a private whirlpool, an expansive 78m² terrace, and a private outdoor shower with panoramic ocean views, among other features.

Meanwhile, the two-room grand suite will offer a more intimate setting, coupled with a balcony.

All suites are designed with bathrooms featuring marble finishings, premium embroidered towels, Nespresso coffee machine, complimentary minibar, 24-hour room service, and more.

Poesia's Yacht Club will also include a private sun deck with a bar and grill, two whirlpools, cabanas, and sun loungers.

Other highlights include an exclusive MSC Yacht Club restaurant, and a new private Top Sail lounge.

Poesia's revamp will also include the addition of two specialty restaurants, a sports bar, and more, in what is set to be one of the largest upgrades in the cruise line's history.

Butcher's Cut and Kaito Sushi Bar restaurants will join the All-Stars Sports Bar on board *Poesia*, as well as a refreshed MSC Aurea Spa and an enhanced MSC Gym.

Vice President International Antonio Paradiso recently told *Cruise Weekly* MSC has noticed more bookings for Yacht Club over the past few years, with other passengers choosing to move up to balcony staterooms (CW 15 Sep). MS

Big HX discount

TRAVEL on an all-inclusive expedition to Antarctica with HX for up to \$8,000 off.

A \$900 early booking bonus is also available for those who reserve their stateroom by the end of the month - **page 4**.

Celeb river opens

CELEBRITY River Cruises will open the remaining inventory on its debut 2027 sailings tomorrow, following unprecedented demand for priority booking access earlier this month (CW 04 Sep).

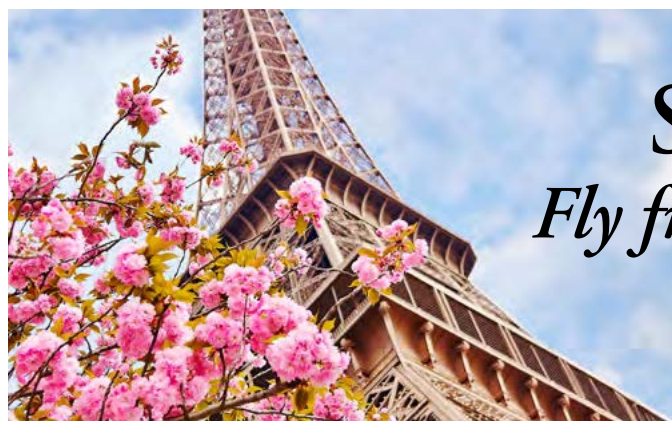
Priority passengers exhausted their allocation in just six minutes earlier this month, with general public travellers to get their chance very soon.

Thirty-three seven-night sailings on the Rhine and Danube will take guests through the heart of Europe's culture, history, and cities.

"The response to the innovative design and unmatched experience *Celebrity Compass* and *Celebrity Seeker* will deliver has been overwhelmingly positive," President Laura Hodges Bethge.

"Guests are going to love sailing Europe's Rhine and Danube rivers 'The Celebrity Way' on our fleet of elevated, cutting-edge ships."

Highlights of Celebrity's river vessels will include open decks, a top-deck bar and grill, and the 'Magic Edge' cantilevered dining pods.



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Two nights in Tas

ON BOARD has launched a two-night expedition cruise to Port Davey, an inlet in South West Tasmania.

The condensed journey on board *Odalisque III* aims to capture the essence of the region's waterways and rugged peaks, previously only available on longer voyages.

Departing Hobart via seaplane, guests soar over the Arthur Range and the spire of Federation Peak, before touching down beside *Odalisque III* in Port Davey.

The two days will see passengers guided by the ship's all-Tasmanian crew, exploring Huon pine-lined rivers, untouched Southern Ocean beaches, and weather-beaten coastlines.

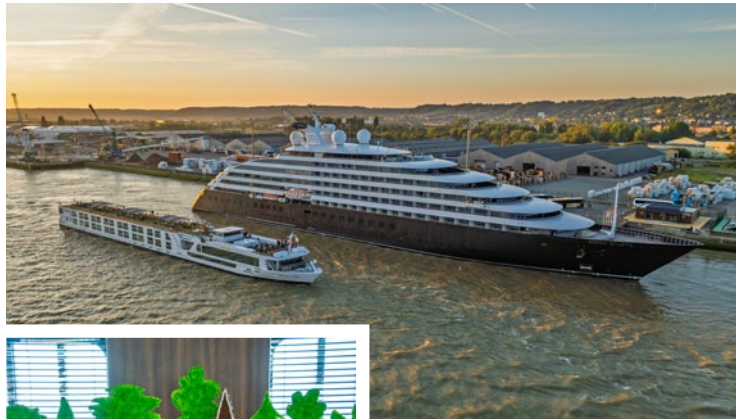
Passengers will also learn about the Needwonnee and Ninene people, the region's first custodians.

Evenings will offer Tasmanian wines and whiskies poured in *Odalisque III*'s Wheelhouse Lounge, accompanied by freshly sourced local fare.

"Port Davey is the kind of place that makes three days feel like weeks," Director of Marketing & Experience Alice van der Woude said.



Historic Scenic meetup



SCENIC Luxury Cruises & Tours has celebrated a historic event, with two of the tour operator's ships, *Scenic Gem* and *Scenic Eclipse*, meeting in France's Port of Honfleur.

The meeting between two of the world's most unique vessels took place late last week.

Gem (pictured **left**) is among the few river vessels able to dock in the heart of Honfleur, which connects the Seine with the English Channel.

Meanwhile *Eclipse* (pictured **right**), the world's first 'Discovery Yacht', is equally equipped for expedition as she is river cruising.

Gem Captain Ludovic Libs and *Eclipse* Captain Radomir Novosel came together for a ceremonial presentation to mark the occasion, while the culinary

team on board each ship unveiled an elaborate cake masterpiece (pictured **inset**).

Guests were also invited to visit the other ship. *MS*

Chimu scores a B

CHIMU Adventures has achieved B Corp certification, joining Aurora Expeditions as the only other cruise line to achieve the verification (**CW** 30 Jan 2024).

The cruise line's initial certification score was 92.2, as Chimu rigorously reviewed its business practices.

"Becoming a B Corp means that these efforts have met rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency," MD and co-founder Chad Carey said.

APT is also currently shooting for B Corp status (**CW** 27 Aug).

Kayaking cruise

ST. HILDA Sea Adventures has joined with Sea Kayak Plockton for a new kayaking cruise in the Outer Hebrides island chain off the west coast of Scotland.

The seven-night cruise will sail aboard *Seahorse II*, with guests to paddle at Barra, Vatersay, Sandray, Pabbay, Mingulay, and more.

Designed for intermediate and advanced kayakers, paddlers will be guided by two instructors qualified to coach and lead in advanced conditions on the sea.

Non-paddlers are also welcome to join their partner or friend on the trip.

Passengers will be accommodated in twin and single temperature-controlled cabins, all with washbasins, linen, towels, and bathrobes.

Two staterooms have bathrooms, and two feature full en suites.

Seahorse II also features a spacious deck saloon, as well as an accessible aft deck for kayak storage, which also allows for al fresco dining.



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NEXT time you're on board a river cruise, look out above.

Dutch athletes have taken to pole vaulting over the Netherlands' canals, in a new sport dubbed "fierljeppen", or "far leaping".

Athletes hoist themselves up and over canals on slender carbon poles in the Netherlands' countryside, taking flight for a split second, before landing on the sand - or sometimes in the water.

"The moment you are at the top of the pole and you get to jump (off) of the pole, in that small moment you get to fly and that's just really nice to experience," 25-year-old athlete Bas van Leeuwen told the Associated Press, as jumpers gathered for a competition in a village near Utrecht this week.

In other words, "watch out" the next time you're sailing out of Amsterdam.

A HAL of a food party



CULINARY ambassadors will set sail on Holland America Line's (HAL) longest voyages next year to host a range of destination-inspired gourmet experiences.

New special programming will see celebrity chefs, chocolatiers, and a master tea blender cruise with Holland America next year on four different segments of the line's Grand Voyages.

Global fresh fish ambassador Chef Masaharu Morimoto, acclaimed Seattle restaurateur Chef Ethan Stowell, and master tea blender and Art of Tea

founder and Chief Executive Officer Steve Schwartz will join segments of the 133-day Grand World Voyage, which will visit destinations such as Sydney, Antarctica, Rio de Janeiro, Singapore, and more.

Famed Chocolatier Jacques Torres will also join a portion of the 93-day Grand Australia and New Zealand Voyage.

He will host a decadent chocolate teatime for pax aboard both Grand Voyages, when both *Volendam* and *Zaandam* meet in Sydney on 07 Mar. *MS*

Croisi Amazon trips

CROISIEUROPE'S new Amazon itineraries launching in 2027 (**CW** 04 Jun) will feature an exclusive exploration of the Rio Negro, the clear blue waters of the Tapajos, and adventures to the Colombian border.

The new 10-night cruise along the Amazon and Rio Negro will round trip from Manaus, providing access to rarely visited areas and exploring protected locations around the Jau and Anavilhanas national parks.

Another 10-night cruise will sail between Santarem and Manaus, including stops along the Tapajos and the Arapiuns River which are renowned for their white sand banks, crystal-clear waters, and rich aquatic and forest ecosystems.

Meanwhile, 'The Original Amazon' 10-night cruise between Manaus and Tabatinga explores the most remote regions of the Amazon, along the borders of Brazil, Colombia, and Peru, with guests to see less-visited areas of the Mamiraua Reserve.



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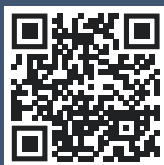
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