



Cruise Weekly today

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

Carnival Corp hack

CARNIVAL Corporation has been hacked, with almost nine million records allegedly stolen by black-hat cybercriminal group ShinyHunters.

Holland America Line has been reported as the brand targeted, with ShinyHunters claiming the theft of records containing personally identifiable information and internal corporate data.

Carnival told *Cruise Weekly* it initially detected unauthorised online activity involving a single user account, acting quickly to shut it down.

Carnival said it will follow disclosure requirements if it determines personal data has been stolen.

MSC unveils *World Asia's* entertainment

MSC Cruises has shared an overview of the family entertainment on board the line's newest ship *MSC World Asia*, which will debut in Dec.

Standout venues on board include MSC Luna Park Arena, offering interactive game shows.

Luna Park Arena will use new digital technology, transforming the entire floor into an interactive arena, allowing guests to compete in a range of digital and physical experiences.

The venue will host two original game shows: *Code Breakers*, a fast-paced mission to crack a secret code, and *Chart Toppers*, a music quiz where players compete to identify different songs and artists.

Other entertainment highlights aboard *World Asia* will include *The Clubhouse*, designed for families and friends to connect, compete, and create



lasting memories.

The multiuse space will be designed with colour and retro features, including a dedicated Lego Family Zone, roller skating, and bumper cars, as well as professionally led sports and wellness sessions.

Guests can also enjoy *Out of Control*, a brand-new high-energy experience where participants compete against digitally assigned, timed obstacle challenges on the court; and refreshed versions of MSC favourites including *MasterChef at Sea Juniors*, redesigned to

inspire future young chefs.

Fan-favourite productions will return, including the *Doremix Family Disco* with new original songs for children; plus *Star Shooters* and *World Quest* live games.

Meanwhile, *The Harbour* will be an open-air theme park with a range of attractions and new night-time experiences.

Activities will include the *Adventure Trail* rope course, the longest dry slide at sea, and *Cliffhanger*, Europe's first over-water swing.

Younger guests can enjoy a brand-new playground, *The Play Deck*, a relaxed outdoor space designed for kids of all ages and built to encourage connection and interaction within families.

Later at night *The Harbour* transforms into a glowing outdoor theme park, offering an extended evening program. *MS*

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Lindblad donates

NATIONAL Geographic- Lindblad Expeditions has announced a record-breaking year for its traveller-supported global impact program, with more than US\$3 million invested by its guests in conservation, science, education, and more.

The cruise line raised US\$3.03 million (A\$4.22 million) for projects worldwide, marking its largest-ever single-year investment.

Lindblad Expeditions has now contributed around US\$26.4 million (A\$36.7 million) since 2008 to support projects in the regions the fleet explores.

“This year’s results show what can happen when travel is rooted in purpose,” chief executive Natalya Leahy said.

“What makes this work so powerful is that it’s driven by our guests - every journey helps support the science, conservation, and community initiatives that protect the places we explore.”

Magic in San Diego

DISNEY Cruise Line has struck an agreement with San Diego that will see it deliver around one million cruisers to the city.

The new agreement stipulates a minimum of 200,000 passengers per year through to 2031.

Rotterdam completes dry dock



HOLLAND America Line’s flagship *Rotterdam* (pictured) has returned from her two-week dry dock with expanded live music venues and suite enhancements.

Rotterdam now boasts more living space for families and friends travelling together, and more entertainment.

The crew welcomed guests back for the Northern Europe summer cruise season on Mon, who were among the first to experience enhancements that included updated Vista suites, a refreshed Effy shop, and updated finishes throughout the ship.

Live music was a key focus of *Rotterdam*’s dry dock enhancements, with Billboard Onboard and the Rolling Stone Lounge each now featuring

additional seating, along with a redesigned central lounge that allows guests to enjoy live performances from both venues.

Rotterdam’s Crow’s Nest panoramic bar has debuted a new stage, creating another space for guests to enjoy live music, performances, lectures, and other programming.

A new live music stage and bandstand were also added at the Sea View Pool on deck 9.

Another priority during *Rotterdam*’s dry dock was stateroom enhancements, with upgrades designed to better serve groups travelling together.

Twenty-two Vista suites were enhanced with new sofa beds, expanding quad-occupancy options aboard the ship. *MS*

NCL Haven changes

A WIDER range of Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) guests will now have access to the exclusive restaurant in The Haven ship-within-a-ship.

Guests staying in a stateroom which connects to a Haven cabin will now be able to dine at The Haven Restaurant free-of-charge.

These guests must also be travelling with The Haven guests in their interconnecting stateroom to have access to the restaurant.

Haven guests must be present for dining for the non-Haven guests to take advantage of this offer, which can also only be booked by the Pre-Cruise Concierge Desk.

This is the only change made to Haven rules, Norwegian confirmed, with guests travelling in a non-Haven connecting stateroom adjoining a Haven suite not receiving other perks.

HAL Bols us over

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has partnered with Bols, the world’s oldest distillery, as a sponsor of its popular onboard Orange Party.

The cruise line will introduce exclusive Bols cocktails at the event, which is held once per cruise across the Holland America fleet in celebration of its Dutch heritage.



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A TRAVEL advisor is planning to get married on a cruise ship which she shares a name with.

British advisor Iona Ginn is planning her wedding for next year on board P&O Cruises' *Iona* - a cruise ship she only stepped on board for the first time last month.

Ginn said she immediately fell in love with *Iona* - not herself, the ship - and is now lining up a wedding on board for Sep '27.

The nuptials will take place on a seven-night Norwegian fjords cruise.

"We were researching wedding options and then we saw that P&O announced couples could get married on all its ships," Ginn said.

"We both love cruising, so we thought: let's go for it, this is us.

"It's something we wanted to do so we took the plunge and we are so excited."

Wind Star changes complete



WINDSTAR Cruises has completed the full transformation of *Wind Star* (pictured), which has become the first ship to finish both phases of the line's Setting Sails project.

The completion of phase 2 of the refurbishment plan marks a comprehensive redesign of *Star*, bringing a more refined, modern feel to the onboard experience, and enhancing how guests dine, relax, and connect.

At the heart of the update is a reimagining of *Star's* dining venues, which has seen Amphora, the ship's signature restaurant, fully redesigned with new flooring, wall finishes, and ceiling treatments, along with custom banquet seating.

Star's Veranda restaurant has received a refreshed interior paired with a completely reimagined buffet layout to create a more seamless and relaxed dining experience.

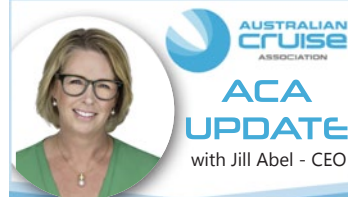
There have also been a number of stateroom updates, which include new upholstered headboards, integrated lighting, and bedside charging.

The updates build on phase 1's enhancements, which include upgraded onboard technology, Starlink connectivity, new TVs, and a redesigned Owner's suite.

Earlier upgrades also transformed *Star's* most visible spaces, including the lobby, Compass Rose Lounge, Yacht Club Cafe, and pool deck, along with a fully refreshed spa, an upgraded fitness centre, and more.

Windstar's Australian sales agent Travel The World recently appointed Karli Donaldson as sales manager for the cruise line to bolster the brand's trade presence (**CW** 22 Apr).

Donaldson brings almost 20 years of experience in the industry, across airline, wholesale, and distribution. **MS**



From Seatrade to SA

I'M BACK on home soil after a week at Seatrade, attended by a 50-strong ANZ delegation.

Alongside more than 40 meetings with international cruise line decision-makers, I was honoured to join a high-calibre panel moderated by Joel Katz (CLIA), where I shared the key message that, in today's global environment, Australia is a reliable, safe, and exciting destination.

I was particularly struck by the French Polynesian case study discussed during the panel, which provides a clear example of what's possible: a deliberate, coordinated strategy over a decade which has seen cruise calls triple, now contributing a quarter of their tourism economy.

Australia has the demand, destinations, and capabilities to achieve similar growth, but it requires clear strategy, policy alignment, and targeted investment - exactly the principles outlined in the ACA Strategic Action Plan.

Once again, we enjoyed a stellar turn-out of key decision-makers at our Down Under BBO, including the NZ Tourism Minister.

Our Federal Minister is of course always welcome.

I'm off to Adelaide next week for the ACA board meeting and an opportunity to meet the new SA Tourism Minister.

Following this, we'll participate at our third ATE, where I'll be manning the Australia booth alongside Joel Katz to educate international buyers on the extensive range of Aussie cruises.

Celestial flash sale

CELESTIAL Cruises has launched a one-day flash sale, with fares from \$289 - less than \$100 per day.

Limited-time fares are available across a selection of sailings, as the cruise line celebrates the resumption of its Mediterranean program, following its ships' escape from the Arabian Gulf last week (**CW** 20 Apr).