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Hill's Viking return

LEON Hill has announced his return to Viking, re-joining the line's Brisbane-based sales team as commercial manager, effective 18 May.

Hill held the same role with Viking for seven years before shifting gears to become a real estate agent in 2024.

His CV includes several travel stints, including at Flight Centre and Creative Travel.

Cunard unveils '28 season



CUNARD Line has unveiled 190 new voyages for 2028, during a season which will see the brand's four Queens rendezvous in the United Kingdom (CW 23 Apr).

The cruise line will travel to almost 40 different countries during the season, while guests will also have the opportunity to sail on all four Queens back-to-back in a single journey for the first time.

Spanning 40 nights in total, the four-Queen voyage will include a 12-night Norwegian Fjords cruise aboard *Queen Victoria* (pictured), a four-night Europe Short Break on *Queen Mary 2*, and a 16-night Northern Europe sailing on *Queen Anne*, during which the four Queens will come together on the Mersey River in Liverpool.

The four voyages will then conclude with an eight-night Southampton to Civitavecchia

itinerary on *Queen Elizabeth*, which will spend the 2028 northern summer home ported in the Mediterranean, offering seven-, 14-, 21-, and 28-night itineraries departing from Barcelona, Civitavecchia, Trieste, and Istanbul.

Other highlights of the season include *Queen Mary 2* offering her signature Transatlantic crossings, including her first-ever eastbound sailing from New York City to Liverpool.

Queen Victoria's 2028 program will focus on immersive itineraries across Europe including Scandinavia, Northern Europe, and the Mediterranean, joined by Cunard's newest ship, *Queen Anne*, which will begin her 2028 season in Scandinavia and Northern Europe.

Cunard World Club members will enjoy exclusive early access to Four Queens Celebration voyages from 11pm on 18 May, and all new voyages from 11pm the following day, before general on sale from 20 May. MS

Win a \$20k cruise

SILVERSEA is giving agents the chance to win one of nine 12-day hosted voyages aboard *Silver Muse* from Tokyo to Seoul, as part of its new Sell & Sail incentive.

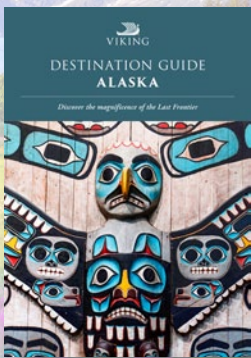
To be in the running to win the \$20,000 prize, agents must book a minimum of two eligible Asia 2027 voyages between 01 May-31 Jul, with winners announced 28 Aug.



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Hurti is expanding

HURTIGRUTEN has expanded its APAC team with a number of key appointments.

Cam McDonnell has joined the team as Hurtigruten's national sales manager overseeing Queensland and the line's online partners.

McDonnell comes to Hurtigruten with almost 15 years of experience in the industry, including most recently as senior account manager with Nat Geo-Lindblad Expeditions.

He will now support Hurtigruten's key partners and travel advisors.

Meanwhile, Amelia Temby has stepped into the newly created role of groups sales & inside sales executive.

Temby joined the line two-and-a-half-years ago, before which she was a travel advisor.

"We are delighted to see Amelia taking the next step in her career and to welcome Cam to the team," sales director Andrew Eddy said.

"Amelia's knowledge, combined with Cam's energy and passion for the product, will play an important role in driving Hurtigruten's growth as they team up with Kate Hudson and Rebecca Setchell."



Oceania Aurelia's first season



OCEANIA Cruises has launched two 180-day Around the World Cruises for 2028 and 2029 aboard *Oceania Aurelia*, the ship set to launch late next year as a reimagining of *Oceania Nautica*.

The soon-to-be transformed ship's (**CW** 23 Apr) inaugural sailings, which will open for sale on 13 May, include the two World Cruises, as well as two Grand Voyages of more than 70 days.

Aurelia's 2028 Around the World voyage will depart from Miami to New York City, departing 18 Jan, sailing through the Panama Canal and across the Pacific to Asia.

The 2029 Around the World voyage will depart from Los Angeles to New York City, departing 06 Jan, and exploring the Americas, including Easter Island and Peru.

Among the many highlights of the two Around the World voyages are a series of overnight

port stays in destinations including Papeete, Bora Bora, Sydney, Bali, Tokyo, Singapore, Mumbai, Seville, and Bordeaux.

Guests embarking on the 2028 or 2029 Around the World voyage will automatically receive Gold level Oceania Club status, with returning guests advancing to Platinum level or higher.

Meanwhile, *Aurelia's* two Grand Voyages will include a 'Grand Nordic & Baltic Discovery', sailing for 78 days from New York City to Boston, departing 18 Jul 2028.

There will also be a 'Grand South America Adventure', sailing for 71 days from Miami to Los Angeles, departing 27 Oct 2028, and travelling over the holidays.

Aurelia's voyages will also include select mid-cruise overland programs taking pax beyond the coastline to destinations such as Machu Picchu (**pictured**), Petra, and the Taj Mahal. *MS*

Hondius en route to Canary Islands

OCEANWIDE Expeditions has confirmed that two of the three individuals transferred from *Hondius* yesterday have landed in the Netherlands (**CW** 06 May).

The two pax on board are now being looked after by specialist medical and screening teams.

A second aircraft carrying the third individual has been delayed, however the pax remain in a stable condition.

The ship has departed Cape Verde and is now heading north for the Canary Islands - a journey that is expected to take between three and four days - with details of onward travel yet to be confirmed.

There are now also three additional medical professionals on board the ship providing care.

"Oceanwide Expeditions remains in close and continual discussion with relevant authorities regarding our exact point of arrival, quarantine and screening procedures for all guests, and a precise timeline," the cruise line said.

However, according to reporting in Spanish newspaper *El Pais*, some passengers - including one Australian who has reportedly returned home - were not told they were exposed to the virus until just days ago.

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RESIDENTS of Norway's Trondheim Fjord probably did a double-take when they spotted *Frostabaten*, a new electric ferry that was put through her paces on a trial run this week.

Designed to be largely autonomous, the vessel looks as though it is hovering, on account of its winglike hydrofoils, which lifts her hull out of the water and eliminate 80-85% of her water resistance.

As well as looking cool and futuristic, the 30-person boat will provide a faster and more environmentally friendly alternative for residents who commute between Trondheim and Frosta.



Nacho average day for CCL



CARNIVAL Cruise Line's (CCL) sales team surprised trade partners in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane on Tue to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, the annual day honouring Mexican culture.

The sales team dropped by a number of travel agencies to deliver chips and guacamole to brighten their day, in another of the cruise line's trademark 'Moments of Fun'.

"Carnival loves supporting our trade partners and we can't wait to spread more fun around Australia this winter, while

we have our three year-round ships sailing from Sydney and Brisbane," national sales manager Mark Richards said.

Cinco de Mayo is frequently celebrated on board Carnival ships, with festive activities including specialised food, drink, music, and dancing. *MS*

Pictured: Taylor Meredith, Carmel Godden, Sonya Prior, and Melanie Sweeney from HelloWorld Menai with CCL national account manager Lance Dye, wearing his finest sombrero and poncho.

Alaska attraction out of action

ONE of Alaska's most popular shore excursions has been temporarily shut down as the 2026 cruise season begins to ramp up.

Juneau's Goldbelt Tram will be out of operation until at least 24 May after an incident that occurred last week, which left two people hospitalised.

A tram car came to a sudden stop at the bottom terminal after descending from Mount Roberts with five staff members on board.

There were no serious injuries, and the two employees who were hospitalised were released shortly afterwards.

According to a statement released on social media, the tram's staff are investigating the incident and "making necessary corrective measures to ensure the safety of our guests and employees".

The company also confirmed that it is processing refunds for all prepaid tickets that visitors booked during the closure period.



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