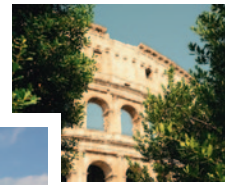




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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of the latest cruise news, plus a front cover from **Cunard**.

Nielsen disembarks

VIRGIN Voyages sales manager Australia/New Zealand, Pamela Nielsen, has announced she will be departing the cruise line.

Nielsen, who is based in Brisbane, has worked with Virgin for two-and-a-half years - first with its local rep Travel The World, and then with the cruise line itself.

She revealed the move on her LinkedIn, telling her followers that she is pursuing a new opportunity within the travel industry.

Prior to joining Virgin Voyages, Nielsen was a business development manager at Journey Beyond for nearly six years.

Serenity wellness

CRYSTAL has introduced a new Wellness at Sea Retreat aboard *Crystal Serenity*, sailing round trip from Lisbon between 11-17 Oct.

The seven-day voyage features Sanctum, a music-led movement practice that combines high-intensity training, breathwork and meditative movement.

Guests can also enjoy wellness-focused shore experiences across Portimao, Casablanca, Agadir, and more, plus onboard programming.

Aurora CEO Heath departs



EXCLUSIVE

AURORA Expeditions chief executive officer Michael Heath (pictured) has resigned, as first revealed by **Cruise Weekly** on Fri (**CW** breaking news).

Heath spent four years as Aurora's chief executive officer, helping the cruise line to recover from the pandemic, which saw one of its ships, *Greg Mortimer*, stranded in Uruguay after being refused entry to a number of countries (**CW** 10 Jun 2020).

His leadership included Aurora successfully expanding its fleet to three ships, with the debut of *Sylvia Earle* in 2022 (**CW** 23 Feb 2023) and most recently, *Douglas Mawson* in Dec (**CW** 11 Dec).

Heath also oversaw an improvement in Aurora's responsible travel record, with the cruise line becoming a B Corp in 2024 (**CW** 30 Jan 2024).

He also recently expanded CounterCurrent's emissions-focused technology across Aurora's entire fleet, after a successful trial season in Antarctica aboard *Douglas Mawson* (**CW** 11 May).

"The board would like to sincerely thank Michael for his tremendous contribution, leadership, and commitment to the business and wishes him every success in the future," the line said in a statement to **CW**.

"During his tenure, Michael has played a pivotal role in leading Aurora Expeditions through the challenges of the post-COVID recovery period, while helping position the business for long-term global growth.

"Michael has also been instrumental in driving Aurora's continued focus on responsible travel, operational excellence and delivering immersive guest experiences in some of the world's most remote and extraordinary destinations."

Aurora will now seek a new CEO, with Heath to work with the cruise line's board "to ensure a smooth and orderly transition" before his last day on Fri.

Heath leaves on a high, with Aurora having recently delivered a record 2025/26 Antarctic season, welcoming a 30% pax increase (**CW** 01 May). *MS*

Queenly savings

TRAVELLERS are invited to join Cunard on a 40-night adventure aboard all four of its Queens in 2028 (**CW** 23 Apr).

The epic voyage includes a milestone celebration in Liverpool, where all four vessels will meet.

Cunard World Club members can save 10% for bookings made by 31 Jul - more on the cover page.



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An Alaskan Encore

SEABOURN Cruise Line has commenced its 2026 Alaska season, with *Seabourn Encore* arriving in Vancouver for her maiden visit (**CW** 19 Sep 2025).

The ship will offer voyages between Vancouver and Juneau until Sep 2026, sailing deep into narrow fjords, remote waterways, and coastal communities beyond the reach of larger ships, including Alert Bay, the Inian Islands, and quieter stretches of the Alaska and Canadian Inside Passage.

Each voyage will feature a glacier viewing.

Seabourn Encore's inaugural Alaska season will also introduce the line's first regionally inspired culinary program, which includes the Surf & Sear Sail Away, Alaskan Seafood Boil, Fisherman's Table and a Midnight Sun Dinner featuring specialty cocktails crafted with Alaskan glacial ice and local spirits.

"The arrival of *Seabourn Encore* in Alaska is an important milestone for Seabourn," president Mark Tamis said.

"The ship is exceptionally well-suited for this destination with her size and design allowing guests to have a more immersive experience in Alaska and bringing them closer to the landscapes, wildlife and communities that make Alaska so compelling."

VIK's "impressive" results



CRUISE analysts have tabbed Viking's Q1 results as some of the most impressive of the quarter, with the line on Fri posting a US\$1.05 billion (A\$1.45 billion) revenue result for the period (**CW** 15 May).

Gross margin increased 21.2% year-on-year, adjusted gross margin increased 16.9%, and net yield was up 9.5%.

However analysts from bank holding company Truist were most impressed by Viking's +11% advanced bookings per passenger cruise day, which is a key year-on-year measurement of how much booked revenue a cruise line has locked in for each day a passenger is expected to sail in the future.

Viking has sold 38% of its guest capacity days for next year.

Truist analysts noted this growth comes on top of 15% capacity growth for next year, and

following 7% capacity increase this year, making the line's +11% mark a significant achievement.

Its numbers for the same time last year were up 4% on 37% total passenger capacity days sold.

Truist analysts also noted Viking to be one of the only companies in the travel and cruise industries to not refer to the Iran war, either directly or euphemistically, as having had an effect on earnings results or future business.

This is in contrast to the "big three" cruise companies (Royal Caribbean Group, Carnival Corporation, and NCLH) which all directly referenced "world events" such as regional conflicts, and geopolitical tensions in their financial results announcements.

Royal Caribbean and NCLH both cooled their results guidance, while Carnival Corporation noted inflated fuel expenses, among other headwinds. *MS*

Poesia in Alaska

MSC Cruises' *MSC Poesia* has departed from Seattle on the brand's first Alaska season (**CW** 11 May).

The newly upgraded ship will sail seven-night itineraries until Sep, visiting destinations including Ketchikan, Juneau, and Icy Strait Point.

Sailings also include scenic cruising through Endicott Arm for views of Dawes Glacier.

Guests will also experience *Poesia's* new and enhanced venues, including the exclusive MSC Yacht Club, in addition to enhanced dining, wellness, and fitness venues.

Enhancements include an upgraded MSC Aurea Spa, cutting-edge MSC Gym powered by Technogym, a Gentleman's Barber, and new workout studios.

Guests sailing to Alaska can also dine in two new specialty dining venues - Butcher's Cut, an authentic American-style steakhouse, and Kaito Sushi Bar, where guests can savour sushi and other authentic Asian dishes.

Passengers will get to enjoy an enhanced culinary program inspired by the region the ship is sailing in.

Poesia will return to Alaska for next year's summer season in Apr 2027, with itineraries already available to book.

The ship will reposition to the Caribbean in the winter.



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PORTRHOLE

A BOAT that sank in the UK's Brixham Harbour is finally being removed - 10 years later. According to the local port authority, the fishing vessel had "blighted" the quay for years after running aground and toppling over while tied up along the embankment after the tide receded.

Language difficulties between harbour staff and the French crew of the ship were also to blame for the sinking.

The trawler was left in the water for a decade as no one wanted to pay the £120,000 (A\$224,000) removal cost, with the council only now deciding to take action.

"The demolition crew from our friends at Gilpins Demolition will remove her piece-by-piece after blighting the harbour for years," Dartmouth's port authority declared on social media. "We won't miss her."

Cruise's luxury division



THE growth of the luxury sector is seeing the segment move toward greater segmentation, cruise executives believe.

Ponant Explorations deputy CEO Belinda Hindmarsh told a CLIA Conversations discussion on 'Luxury at Sea & the Future of the Cruise Industry' that the segment is splitting more cleanly between 'floating luxury hospitality' and 'experiential exploration travel'.

However the emergence of these two clear lanes is bringing more travellers to the cruise sector as a whole, she added.

"It's bringing challenges to all of us to raise our standards in terms of what our hospitality

on board looks like, and it's also opening up new markets for us, new potential customers who are coming to cruise for the first time," she said.

Windstar Cruises president Chris Prelog added lines are evolving to fit their own niche of luxury that best fits their client base.

"Luxury is a bit overused these days because there are so many different categories now where luxury means different things for many guests," he said.

"For us it is really like being laid-back, it's being really in charge of your own time, you can be as busy as you want, you can be as relaxed as you want." *MS*

Aroya back to Med

AROYA Cruises is set to return to the Mediterranean this summer for its second season in the region.

The Arabian cruise line will home port at Galataport Istanbul, where it will offer sailings across Turkey, Greece and Egypt.

Aroya will depart from Jeddah on 29 May on a special eight-night voyage to Istanbul, which includes calls at Sharm El Sheikh and Ain Sokhna in Egypt, before transiting through the Suez Canal and continuing along Turkey's coastline, with visits to Antalya and Bodrum.

The 2026 Mediterranean program will consist of two main itineraries from Istanbul, with select sailings including Turkey and Greek Islands, featuring ports such as Bodrum, Rhodes, Mykonos, Piraeus for Athens, and Souda Bay, while others will combine Turkey and Egypt, visiting Marmaris, Bodrum, and Kas alongside Alexandria on Egypt's Mediterranean coast - click [HERE](#) for more details.



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