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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of the latest cruise news, plus a full page from **Aurora Expeditions**.

Save on Aurora

AURORA Expeditions is offering savings of up to 30% on Antarctica sailings.

See more on the **back page**.

Singapore sale

ROYAL Caribbean has kicked off its 11.11 Sale, which offers savings of S$70 (A$79.50) on two-night vacations or S$140 (A$159)on holidays of three nights or longer to Singapore for bookings made by 16 Nov.

Additionally, the cruise line's Black Fri promotion will kick off on 20 Nov until 01 Dec, with S$65 (A$73.82) off two-night cruises and S$130 (A$147.64) off voyages of three nights or longer.

Mein Schiff update

TUI Cruises has confirmed that its planned voyage to the Canary Islands from 14-28 Nov has been cancelled, as repairs to *Mein Schiff 3* are taking longer than expected.

The vessel was damaged on 25 Oct, when she collided with two container ships while departing Bremerhaven (***CW*** 27 Oct 2026), with no guests or crew severely injured.

"The safety of our guests and our crew is always our top priority," said TUI Cruises in a statement on its website.

"We want to ensure that all necessary work is carried out thoroughly before *Mein Schiff 3* resumes its cruise operations," it added.

The vessel is scheduled to resume her regular operations on 28 Nov.

Silversea's hotel is now open



SILVERSEA has officially opened The Cormorant at 55 South, its new hotel in Chile's Puerto Williams (***CW*** 27 Feb).

Marking a historic moment for the brand and a first-of-its-kind venture for Silversea and Royal Caribbean Group, the hotel opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on 05 Nov.

Silversea executive leadership, Chilean national and regional authorities and members of the local community were present to mark the occasion, which included a traditional performance by folk ensemble Los Chamames de la Patagonia.

"Today marks a defining moment for Silversea," the line's president, Bert Hernandez, said.

"We opened The Cormorant at 55 South to make the journey to Antarctica easier and more comfortable for our guests.

"Now the expedition begins here, in a hotel designed around Puerto Williams, with the same service our guests expect while on board our ships."

The 150-room property, which was developed in partnership with a consortium of Chilean investors, will serve as the new gateway to Silversea's Antarctica Fly Cruise program.

Each guest will now arrive in Puerto Williams on a Silversea-branded charter flight and stay at The Cormorant, before continuing their journey to the last continent.

During their stay at The Cormorant at 55 South, guests can enjoy a range of outdoor experiences, including horseback rides, kayaking the Beagle Channel and hiking the shoreline trails of Seno Lauta.

The southernmost hotel on earth features Latitude 55, a restaurant serving Chilean dishes; Bar Sur, which offers teas and small bites by day and Chilean wines and spirits in the evening; and the Fireplace, a community area with plush seating and expansive views of the Patagonian landscape.

Through Mar 2027, *Silver Endeavour*, *Silver Wind* and *Silver Cloud* will operate 40 voyages, including 29 Antarctica Fly Cruise voyages, each featuring a stay at The Cormorant at 55 South.

For more information on The Cormorant at 55 South and Silversea's Antarctica Fly Cruise program, click **HERE**. *JM*

Lindblad's best Q3

LINDBLAD Expedition Holdings posted its strongest-ever quarter, earning the highest Q3 profit in the company's history, despite fuel prices increasing by 50% year-on-year.

The parent company of Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic recorded a third-quarter profit of US$24.2 million (A$35.3 million), after a loss of US$49,000 (A$71,395) the year prior, on a 12% revenue increase.

The US$269.2 million (A$392.2m) in revenue was higher than Wall Street's US$264.9 million (A$385.9m) consensus expectation.

Meanwhile, the company's adjusted EBITDA increased 12% to a record $64.1 million (A$93.4 million).

Lindblad's segment net yield per available guest night rose 6% to US$1,398 (A$2,037), and occupancy rose three points to 91%, marking the third consecutive quarter of occupancy above 90%.

The line's chief executive officer Natalya Leahy described it as an "exciting quarter" that saw the acquisition of White Desert and the launch of Echo Charlie, both of which she said kicked off a "new chapter of growth, innovation and long-term shareholder value creation".





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VV wants local BDM

VIRGIN Voyages is currently recruiting for a business development manager to look after the Australian and New Zealand market.

Based in Australia, the role will focus on driving the cruise line's sales strategy, acting as a front line representative of the brand and building relationships with key trade.

The position asks for a minimum of three years in travel or hospitality sales - click **HERE** to learn more.

A grape philosophy

SEABOURN has unveiled a refreshed collection of more than 40 wines from 10 countries, now available across its fleet as part of the line's new Earth & Ocean culinary philosophy, which launched last month (***CW*** 22 Oct).

The collection was built over the past 12 months, with Seabourn sourcing wines from family vineyards, historic houses and celebrated producers, as well as lesser-known ones.

Some of the wines were developed specially for Seabourn through relationships with winemakers in California and Washington State.

Selections vary by region and sailing, and are complimentary as part of Seabourn's all-inclusive offering.

Royal unveils 2028 Caribbean



ROYAL Caribbean has unveiled its lineup of 2028 sailings to the Caribbean and Mexico, with 11 ships departing from Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico and Baltimore.

The season will feature 11 different ships, including four Icon-class vessels and the recently-revamped *Symphony of the Seas* sailing from Miami.

Some of the destinations featured during the season include Nassau, The Bahamas; Cozumel, Mexico; Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; St Croix, US; the Virgin Islands; Samana and the Dominican Republic.

Additionally, several sailings include a call at Royal Caribbean's Perfect Day CocoCay (**pictured**), offering guests 14 waterslides, the adults-only Hideaway Beach and the Coco Beach Club.

Alternatively, guests landing in Nassau can buy a day pass to Royal Beach Club Paradise Island, complete with beaches, swim-up bars and local cuisine.

From Miami, guests can embark on either *Hero of the Seas*, with seven-night voyages to both Eastern and Western Caribbean destinations; or *Symphony of the Seas*, with six- and eight-night getaways highlighted by stops in Willemstad, Curacao and Falmouth, Jamaica

Guests can also jump aboard *Icon of the Seas* from Galveston, sailing across the Western Caribbean on six- and eight-night voyages featuring Cozumel and Roatan, Honduras.

Embarking from Baltimore is *Vision of the Seas*, with five- to nine-night holidays to locations such as Bermuda, Martinique, Antigua and other Southern Caribbean destinations.

Independence of the Seas will sail to Canada and New England, departing from Cape Liberty. *JB*

Oceania Alaska '27

OCEANIA Cruises has unveiled details of its 2027 Alaska season aboard Oceania Riviera, featuring a collection of voyages from Seattle and Vancouver that combine Alaska's iconic destinations with less-visited ports inaccessible to larger ships.

Highlighting the collection is the 'Glaciers, Geishas & Gyoza' itinerary aboard *Oceania Riviera* - a 27-day journey from Vancouver to Tokyo, which cruises Hubbard Glacier with calls at Ketchikan, Sitka, Icy Strait Point, and Anchorage (Whittier), before crossing to Japan.

The ship will also operate the 10-day 'Trails of Ice & Fire' sailing - a roundtrip from Seattle that will take travellers across the Inside Passage and Holkham Bay Glacier Fjords, with stops at Ketchikan, Sitka, Icy Strait Point, Haines, Wrangell and Victoria.

Guests can enjoy a range of shore excursions, including a chef-led tour of an oyster farm followed by a hands-on seafood cooking class in Ketchikan; a king crab boat ride; dog sledding on the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau; a historic walking tour in Skagway; and a metal art class in Sitka.

More details on Oceania Cruises' Alaska itineraries for 2027 can be found **HERE**.



SAILING INTO OPPORTUNITIES

CLIA Australasia executive director Joel Katz on the growth in cruise.

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PORTHOLE

CRUISERS are rejoicing after being informed that Carnival Cruise Line allows adults to order off the kids menu.

The exciting realisation occurred earlier this month when people began noticing banana splits popping up at restaurant tables.

Many conspiracy theories arose from these strange sightings, some claiming that the cruise line is doing KFC-esque secret-menu items, or that a select group of guests were given a secret codeword from Carnival's overlords.

However, Carnival Cruise Line brand ambassador John Heald set the record straight with a response posted to Facebook, stating that there are no secrets with the kids menu.

"I really don't think we have ever kept this a secret and the fact that I am sharing this with 690,000 people is perhaps testament to that," he said.

"You can order it if you are five years old or 105 years old."

This clearing of the air has inspired past Carnival passengers to share their banana split stories, with one commenting under Heald's post that he always ordered the banana split on the first evening of the sailing.

Another revealed that they indulge in the dessert "at least twice a cruise".

Let the adults live a little.

Explora is off to the races



EXPLORA Journeys has opened reservations for hospitality experiences aboard *Explora I* during the Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix 2027.

Starting from A$59,634, guests can combine a five-night stay aboard the vessel with three-day access to the F1 Paddock Club, which includes opportunities to walk through the pit lane, hear stories from past and present drivers, as well as enjoy a series of DJ sets and Monegasque cultural experiences.

Those wanting a more VIP experience can combine their *Explora I* stay with access to the Monaco Triple Crown Paddock Club from A$64,486, providing three unique experiences across the three days.

On 04 Jun, guests can enjoy views of the circuit from La Terrasse, complemented by food cooked by Gordon Ramsay.

The next day, guests can watch the free practice from an exclusive yacht in Zone 1 of Monaco Harbour, which offers views of the Nouvelle Chicane.

During race day on 06 Jun, guests will have access to an outdoor terrace overlooking La Rascasse corner (Turn 17), complete with elegant cuisine, live music and harbour views.

Stationed in Port Hercule from 02-07 Jun, guests on *Explora I* will stay in oceanfront suites complete with private balconies, six restaurants and 12 bars and lounges across the ship.

"Our return for a third consecutive year reinforces our connection with Monaco and our ambition to offer guests exceptional experiences that extend beyond the traditional ocean journey," said Explora Journeys president Anna Nash.

"With *Explora I* positioned just moments from the circuit, guests can enjoy the excitement and atmosphere of race weekend, before retreating to the space, privacy and refined hospitality of their own floating hotel."

Guests can book through Explora or with a travel advisor. *JB*

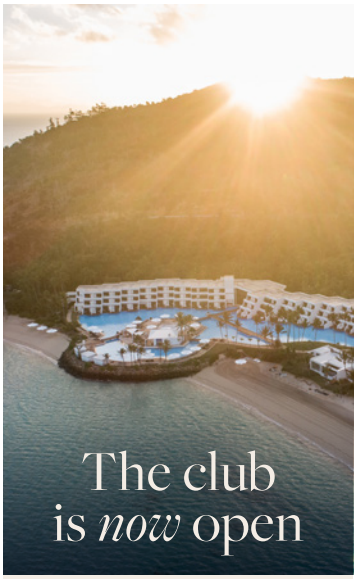
Emmylou savings

TRAVELLERS can save up to $1,200 per couple on *PS Emmylou* sailings during Jan and Feb 2027 with Murray River Paddlesteamers.

The offer includes $600pp savings on three-night voyages along the Murray River in Jan and $500pp in Feb.

Those travelling alone can also enjoy no solo supplement.

This sale ends 30 Nov, **HERE**.



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