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CRUISE Weekly today features five pages of the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover page from **Silversea**, a photo page from **Carnival Cruise Line** and a full page from **Ponant Explorations**.

Silversea Black Fri

SILVERSEA'S Black Friday sale offers savings of up to 45%, expiring on 07 Dec.

The limited-time offer provides the saving, as well as reduced 15% deposits, in addition to Silversea's all-inclusive voyage promise aboard its intimate ships.

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Expeditions regs essential



EXPEDITION cruising needs stronger regulation to protect the experience it offers, according to one of the sector's most prominent leaders.

Aqua Expeditions founder & chief exec Francesco Galli Zugaro (**pictured** right), speaking at Fri's Australian Expedition Summit, said more sensitive destinations need tighter controls, pointing to the different regulations in place across certain destinations.

"I've been going to Galapagos for 30 years, and the guest experience 30 years ago is exactly the same as it is today because they have such strict controls," Galli Zugaro explained.

"I wish Komodo and other places in Indonesia were as strict as Galapagos, because that would actually control the guest experience a lot more.

"Regulations in this case work wonderfully well and are well managed, and sometimes I wish that some of them were more well-controlled," he said. *MS*

Ponant savings

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MSC to home port ship in Singapore

MSC Cruises and the Singapore Tourism Board have announced a three-year partnership for the home port deployment of *MSC Orchestra* (**pictured**) in Singapore for the winter 2028-29 season.

The ship, which will be the first in the MSC fleet to home port in Singapore, will offer eight- to 12-night sailings to destinations across Southeast Asia, strengthening the island country's role as a gateway to the region.

Destinations will include Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia, as *Orchestra* joins *MSC Bellissima* as the cruise line's second ship in Asia from winter 2028-29.

MSC believes Singapore's extensive air connectivity, established cruise infrastructure and diverse tourism experiences make it an attractive embarkation port for guests from around the world, including Australia.



"Asia is an important part of our long-term global growth, so we are proud to announce our three-year partnership with the Singapore Tourism Board for winter deployment from this leading cruise hub," MSC Cruises chief executive officer Gianni Onorato said.

"Bringing *MSC Orchestra* to the region alongside *MSC Bellissima* strengthens our presence and reflects our commitment to becoming a leading choice for both local and international guests wanting to discover Asia by sea."

Singapore Tourism Board assistant chief executive of the experience development group James Ng said the three-year commitment speaks to the strength of its cruise ecosystem and its passenger demand. *MS*

Inspiration at sea

INSPIRING Vacations has added 12 new cruise itineraries to its portfolio of products, offering options such as Cruise & Tour, Cruise & Stay and Fly Stay Cruise.

For those wanting Cruise & Tour, there is the 15-day 'Arctic Christmas: North Cape & The Northern Lights' itinerary from $7,466pp or the 22-day 'Ultimate Mediterranean & Iberia' cruise, departing Jul 2027 from $8,095pp.

Headlining the Fly Stay Cruise Options are the 28-day 'Portugal, Spain, France, Scotland & Ireland' tour from $14,396pp and the 19-day 'Korea, China & Hong Kong: Seoul to Hong Kong' itinerary from $6,476pp.

Other new itineraries cover destinations such as Japan, Alaska, the South Pacific, Patagonia and Antarctica. *JB*



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Seabourn expands Earth & Ocean

SEABOURN Cruise Line is introducing new Earth & Ocean culinary experiences, following the launch of its new fleetwide approach to dining last month (***CW*** 22 Oct).

The new culinary experiences will launch next month aboard *Seabourn Ovation* and *Seabourn Quest* (**pictured**) connecting guests more deeply with the places they explore.



New experiences are inspired by Caribbean ingredients, culinary traditions, and regional products, and will be available across the ships' restaurants, bars and outdoor decks, with experiences timed to different moments throughout the journey.

Key highlights include a Caribbean-inspired dinner in The Colonnade, Caribbean flavours at Seabourn Square with regional selections such as a Cuban-style roast pork sandwich and pineapple and lime cake, alongside a decadent three-course seafood boil experience.

Culinary experiences will extend beyond the dining room, including Seabourn's signature Caviar in the Surf experience, and a new fresh sugar cane juice station at Carambola Beach.

"The Caribbean gives us an incredible opportunity to tell the story of a destination through its flavours, ingredients and traditions," senior vice president guest experience & product development Michael Stendebach said.

"With our Earth & Ocean philosophy, we're giving guests even more ways to discover the unique flavours of the Caribbean throughout their journey, creating experiences that reflect the places they explore." *MS*

Ama's Asia deals

AMAWATERWAYS has unveiled new Mekong packages for next year, with prices starting from $5,965.

Available on selected departures between Aug and Oct 2027, the new 15-night packages combine a seven-night luxury river cruise along the Mekong with eight nights exploring some of Southeast Asia's most extraordinary destinations, such as the ancient temples of Angkor Wat and the limestone islands of Ha Long Bay.

Guests can choose between AmaWaterways' 'Charms of the Mekong' and 'Riches of the Mekong' itineraries, sailing aboard the elegant *AmaDara* or the brand-new *AmaMaya*, joining the fleet in 2027.

MD Steve Richards said the packages offer "exceptional value" for travellers. *MS*



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CCL's Champions of Fun honoured

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has brought together some of its leading trade partners for its annual Champions of Fun event, recognising their outstanding contribution to helping Aussies and Kiwis make memories at sea.

Held at LINA Rooftop in Brisbane, the event celebrated the successes of 2026 while giving guests the opportunity to connect with industry peers and the Carnival Sales Team.

Attendees enjoyed a shared banquet showcasing locally sourced ingredients from Australian suppliers who support Carnival's local ships.

The evening featured Carnival's annual trade awards.

Top 5 Awards were presented to Clean Cruising, Cruise Guru, Dreamlines, Luxury Escapes and OzCruising.

Additional honours included the Charter Champion Award (Choose Your Cruise), Retail Champion Award (Cruiseabout Narellan), and Groups Champion Award (Maria Lamotta, iTravel Sutherland).

Mark Richards, national sales manager: "Our travel partners play an incredibly important role in bringing the Carnival experience to life, and Champions of Fun is our opportunity to recognise and thank them for their continued support."



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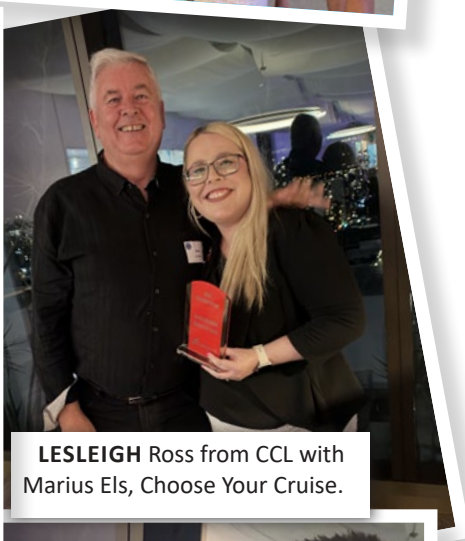
EMMA Judge from CCL with the Clean Cruising team.



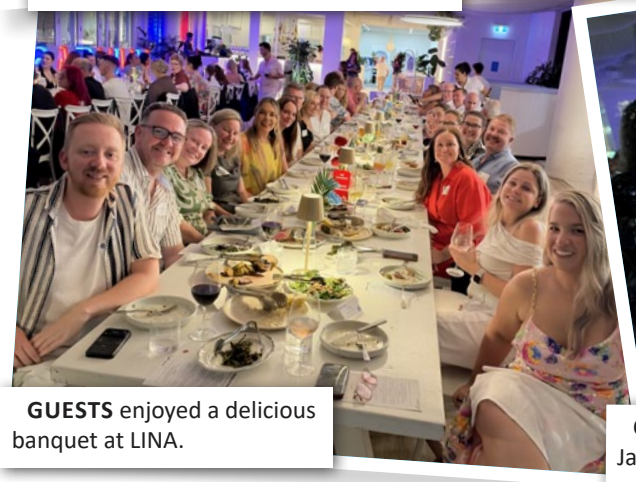
LANCE Dye and Mark Richards from CCL congratulate Lauren Whelan, Cruiseabout Narellan.



SARAH Miller from CCL with Peita Lord, Cruise Guru.



LESLEIGH Ross from CCL with Marius Els, Choose Your Cruise.



GUESTS enjoyed a delicious banquet at LINA.



CCL'S Liz Simbaqueba with champion Jayne O'Keefe, Luxury Escapes.



CCL'S Taylor Pierce with Jenne Mackenzie, Dreamlines.

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PORTHOLE

A TEAM of divers recently made an amazing discovery, recovering a 162-year-old tug at the bottom of Lake Huron in North America's Great Lakes.

Known as *Tawas*, she sank on 14 May 1874, when the boiler exploded in an incident which also killed all five of the crew on board.

Tawas, alongside schooner *Zach Chandler,* were preparing for a tow when the explosion occurred; *Chandler's* sails and rigging were torn from the blast, with a piece of flying debris killing her second mate.

The sunken tug was located off the coast of Harbor Beach, Michigan last year, but it wasn't until now that shipwreck hunting group Undersea Research Associates (URA) set out to recover *Tawas*.

URA recorded that *Tawas*' hull was around 30 metres long, with her bow and stern found intact.

After assessing the damage of the shipwreck, URA confirmed it was *Tawas*.

URA has been assessing shipwrecks in the Great Lakes for over 40 years, locating more than 100.



Crystal brings back wellness



CRYSTAL has announced four new Wellness at Sea retreats, led by the cruise line's wellness ambassador and culinary nutritionist Dalila Roglieri.

The retreats are built around four core pillars: culinary nutrition, physical activity, mental wellbeing, and education in longevity science, with guests participating in activities such as yoga, pilates, cooking demonstrations, meditation, sound healing and pickleball.

Passengers will also attend a series of lectures covering healthy ageing and developments in longevity science.

Two of the retreats will take place on a transatlantic crossing aboard *Crystal Symphony*, with the first from Fort Lauderdale to Las Palmas from 20 Mar-02 Apr 2027 and the second departing Lisbon for Fort Lauderdale from 08-22 Nov 2027.

The other two will be aboard *Crystal Serenity*, first travelling from Panama to New York City from 20 Aug-03 Sep 2027, then travelling between New York and San Juan from 12-21 Oct 2027.

Sailings aboard *Serenity* come on the eve of her 2028 dry dock (***CW*** 06 Oct 2026), which will add a new owner's suite and four junior penthouse suites.

Each sailing will include several guest speakers, specialists and trainers, including yoga and mental wellbeing specialist Jenni Demus, strength and fitness specialist Minna McHale and culinary nutrition specialist chef Abbie Gellman.

"Wellness is deeply personal, which is why every Wellness at Sea retreat is designed to offer a variety of perspectives and practices that support each guest's individual journey," Roglieri explained.

"From movement and nutrition to mindfulness and connection, these voyages bring together an exceptional group of specialists dedicated to helping guests invest in their wellbeing at sea, and long after the journey ends."

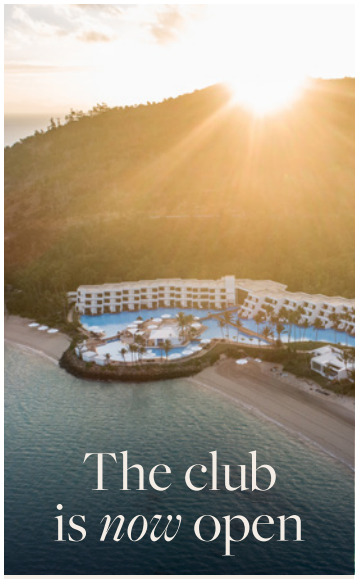
Serenity today completed this year's edition of the Wellness at Sea Retreat, sailing on a seven-day round trip voyage from Lisbon (***CW*** 18 May). *MS*

Save big with APT

APT and Travelmarvel have launched worldwide Black Friday sales, with savings across 2027 voyages.

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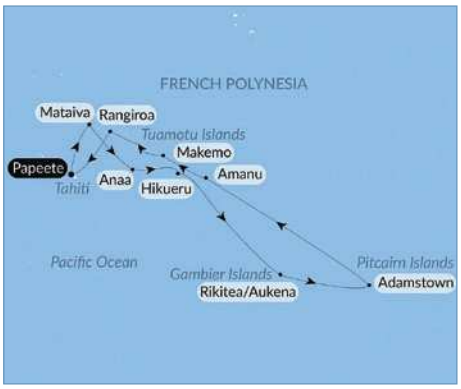
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