

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a full page from **Cunard**.

Cunard sails to Oz

CUNARD'S *Queen Elizabeth* is set to visit Australia in 2029 during her World Voyage, which will offer sailings to and from Sydney and Fremantle.

The cruise will go on sale on Tue for Cunard Club Members, and will open to the general public on Fri.

Cunard World Club members can also enjoy an exclusive 10% discount until the end of the year.

The epic voyage will depart Southampton on 23 Jan 2029, with several shorter segments between nine and 61 nights available to book.

For more details, head to the **back page**.

NCLH turnaround gaining momentum

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) has posted third-quarter revenue of US\$2.9 billion, reporting results above guidance and continuing its streak of outperforming expectations throughout the year.

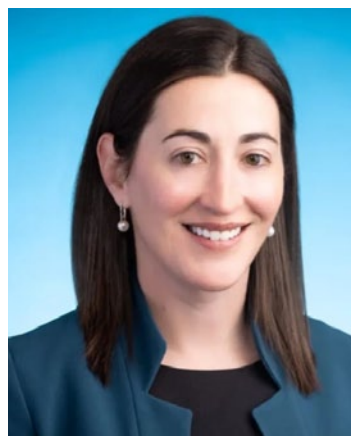
The company said its Q3 results were driven primarily by stronger-than-expected close-in demand and onboard spend.

Continued cost discipline also contributed to lower-than-expected unit costs, which further supported profitability.

NCLH raised its full-year guidance as a result, with its adjusted EBITDA for the year now expected to be approximately US\$2.55 billion, and adjusted EPS approximately US\$1.70.

However, Q3 net yield fell 6.7% year-on-year, while NCLH's forward bookings remain below its optimal range.

The company said it is



forecasting a return to net yield growth of 1% to 2% next year, with the improvement weighted toward the second half.

Chair and chief executive John Chidsey said NCLH is seeing "the early signs of progress", as the company undergoes a major multi-year strategic turnaround following immense pressure from investors (**CW** 30 Mar).

"We delivered third-quarter results that came in above guidance, all while continuing to strengthen our commercial capabilities, improve operating efficiency and enhance the guest experience," he said.

"As we implement the next phase of our turnaround, we are focused on sharpening Norwegian Cruise Line's brand positioning, improving marketing effectiveness, and taking a more disciplined approach to revenue management as well as a prudent base-loading strategy."

NCLH also announced Mark Kempa will step down as chief financial officer at the end of 2026 after more than 25 years with the company.

Chief strategy officer Meghan Montana (**pictured**), who joined NCLH in Jan and has overseen the company's turnaround strategy, will succeed him. **MS**

WHAT WOULD YOU BOOK WITH AU\$60,000?

Any voyage. Any stateroom. River, Ocean or Expedition.
Sell Viking now for your chance to find out.

Sell any confirmed Viking voyage between 1 September and 30 November 2026, register your booking and you'll go into the draw to win a Viking voyage for two worth up to **AU\$60,000**.

Plus 26 runner-up prizes worth **AU\$1,000** each. That's **40,000** Rewards by Viking points, with winners in New Zealand and every Australian state and territory.

One Viking booking before 30 November puts you in with a real chance of winning.

Make the most of our *Flights on Us* offers to help secure more bookings and increase your chances of winning. But hurry, flight offers end 30 November 2026.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE



VIKING

**KNOCK YOUR
SIX OFF
INCENTIVE**

WIN A
\$60,000
VIKING CRUISE

PLUS,
\$26,000
IN RUNNER-UP PRIZES



Haki is delivered

VIKING has taken delivery of its newest river ship in Europe, *Viking Haki*, which joins its fleet of longships.

The 190-guest vessel will sail the cruise line's popular itineraries on the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers.

Haki features elegant Scandinavian design for which the cruise line is known, including the patented square bow that enables three full decks, the indoor/outdoor Aquavit Terrace and the proprietary asymmetric corridor layout that allows for true two-room suites. *MS*

Europa 2 refresh

NEW colour palettes, natural materials and new lighting accents will be features of the refreshed staterooms aboard Hapag-Lloyd Cruises' *Europa 2* when she enters her dry dock (*CW* 13 Oct).

The cruise line will refurbish around 250 suites aboard *Europa 2* during her shipyard stay in Singapore from 09 to 23 Jan 2027.

Europa 2's refresh will focus on the Veranda, Ocean, Grand Ocean, Penthouse and Owner suites, following works on the two Grand Penthouse suites two years ago.

Works will see upholstery renewed and additional furnishings introduced. *MS*

Anthem arrives in Sydney



ROYAL Caribbean's *Anthem of the Seas* sailed into Sydney this morning for her encore season as one of the largest ships in the region, joining *Quantum of the Seas* in Brisbane for the line's biggest local summer season yet (*CW* 22 Oct).

Anthem will offer 21 voyages, including three- to eight-night adventures visiting Hobart and Queensland, and seven- to nine-night escapes across the South Pacific, visiting Noumea in New Caledonia, and Port Vila and Mystery Island in Vanuatu.

Longer itineraries include nine- to 12-night New Zealand adventures, calling at Picton, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Milford Sound.

The ship will also operate Wiggly-themed holidays, allowing families to sail alongside the group and their Wiggly Friends while enjoying a line-up of live

concerts and character events.

While on board *Anthem*, guests can experience world-class dining and entertainment, as well as enjoy the RipCord by iFly skydiving simulator and the FlowRider surf simulator, take in panoramic ocean views from the North Star observation capsule, and unwind at the Vitality Spa and adults-only Solarium.

"Following an incredible debut Down Under, we're excited to bring back the award-winning *Anthem of the Seas* to Sydney for our most action-packed summer yet," said Gavin Smith, vice president and managing director, Australia and New Zealand.

"With a variety of short weekenders and South Pacific holidays plus New Zealand adventures, families can holiday in their own way, all with the ease of only having to unpack once."

CLICK HERE for more. *JM*

A memorable 2026

UNFORGETTABLE Croatia has closed the 2026 season with 99% occupancy, a 7% year-on-year increase in the number of cabins sold, and record customer scores.

The operator achieved an overall average guest satisfaction score of 9.46 out of 10, based on 1,589 customer feedback responses collated across nine ships.

This represents the highest scores delivered for any season since Unforgettable Croatia launched in 2015.

"The feedback from our guests is equally impressive, with consistently high scores across all aspects of our luxury fleet," co-founder Graham Carter said.

"We'll use these insights to build on what's working well, identify further opportunities and ensure our 2027 program continues to deliver the experiences our guests value most," he added, also thanking the trade for its support.

The cruise line will offer 140 sailings in 2027 between May and Oct across 12 itineraries, including a new food and wine cruise and another with a heritage focus.

Unforgettable Croatia's parent company, Unforgettable Travel Company, also recently launched an advisor-first Asia specialist, Unforgettable Asia (*CW* 12 Oct). *JM*

Introducing Australia's *most rewarding*
club for travel connoisseurs

SIGNATURE
Travel Club

Get in touch to *find out* how you can partner with us



IN A perfect example of why we keep our hands in the Zodiac at all times, a woman was almost attacked by a great white shark after apparently being unable to resist the urge to pat the apex predator.

The encounter occurred in waters off Tybee Island in the United States during a research expedition hosted by Knot Lucky Fishing, which provides free fishing trips for military veterans, active service members, and their families.

For whatever reason, Jen - one of the veterans on board - decided to reach over the edge of the boat and rest her hand on the shark, which (naturally) lunged toward her.

Jen thankfully walked away with her hand intact, and a video of the incident has now gone viral on social media.

The program founder joked that she was treating the shark "like it's the family dog".

Frightfully good news



CARNIVAL Cruise Line recently welcomed Brisbane families aboard *Carnival Encounter* for an exclusive Halloween celebration, complete with costumes, themed activities, festive decorations and family entertainment.

The event forms part of Carnival's broader Halloween program, with sailings throughout the month transformed by themed entertainment, costume contests, trick-or-treat experiences, Halloween deck parties and family-friendly activities for everyone.

Guests enjoyed a trick-or-treat scavenger hunt and a special *Thriller* dance class led by the cruise line's performers.

Carnival assistant VP sales and marketing Anton Loeb said a Halloween sailing could be a great introduction to cruising for those who have not been on one.

"We're seeing growing demand for experiences that bring family and friends together in fun and memorable ways," he said. *MS*

Pictured is the Forsythe family: Jed, John, and Kerry, celebrating Halloween on board *Encounter*.

Royal navigates Asia

ROYAL Caribbean's *Navigator of the Seas* has officially made her Asian debut, arriving in Singapore to begin her year-long season.

Through to Oct 2027, *Navigator* will sail on two- to five-night itineraries departing the Garden City, with ports of call including Penang, Phuket, Langkawi, Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang, Bangkok and Tokyo.

This deployment is one part of Royal Caribbean's 2027/28 Asia-Pacific lineup, which also includes *Ovation of the Seas* offering sailings from Sydney and Brisbane, as well as *Voyager of the Seas* sailing from Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

Following *Navigator's* year-long residency, *Quantum of the Seas* will take her place, offering a number of getaways from Singapore.

Aboard *Navigator*, guests can enjoy attractions such as The Blaster and Riptide waterslides, as well as multiple culinary options such as Japanese at Izumi, Jamie's Italian and more. *JB*

RIVER CRUISE CHANGES COURSE

Here is how the booming sector is entering a new era.

» CLICK HERE TO READ

Travel Daily



Queen Elizabeth visiting Australia in 2029

World Voyage sectors to and from Sydney and Fremantle on sale

On sale to Cunard World Club members
3 November 2026, 9am AEDT

On sale to general public
5 November 2026, 1am AEDT

Southampton to Fremantle | **23 Jan 2029** | 52 nights | Q903C
Southampton to Sydney | **23 Jan 2029** | 61 nights | Q903D
Singapore to Sydney | **1 Mar 2029** | 24 nights | Q904F
Hong Kong to Sydney | **6 Mar 2029** | 19 nights | Q905
Hong Kong to Fremantle | **6 Mar 2029** | 10 nights | Q905A
Fremantle to Sydney | **16 Mar 2029** | 9 nights | Q905D
Sydney to Los Angeles | **25 Mar 2029** | 28 nights | Q906
Sydney to Miami | **25 Mar 2029** | 43 nights | Q906B
Sydney to Southampton | **25 Mar 2029** | 54 nights | Q906C

Cunard World Club members can enjoy an exclusive **10%# discount** until 30 December 2026.

For more information and the full programme launch

Visit [Onesource](#)

*Fares are cruise only per person ("PP"), in AUD, in complete twin stateroom, based on lead categories at the date of publication, inclusive of discounts. Offer is available for new bookings made between 3 November 2026 and 30 December 2026 only. Not combinable with other offers. Supplements apply for higher stateroom grades, categories and other fare types. Some staterooms have obstructed views. Advertised Fares are available until allocation is exhausted and may fluctuate. Offer available on Cunard Fare and Early Saver Fare. Cunard fare is the cruise fare packaged with on board credit ("OBC") on sailings of seven nights or more. OBC is per person, in USD and applied to the first two guests in the stateroom only. The amount varies by stateroom type and itinerary duration, as specified. OBC expires at the conclusion of your cruise, is not transferable, not redeemable for cash and cannot be used in the casino or medical centre. Early Saver Fare is the cruise fare only; restrictions apply including stateroom allocation by Cunard; a non-refundable deposit of 10% is required to secure your booking. Early Saver Fares are applicable to stateroom grades up to and including Britannia Balcony grade and do not apply on Club Balcony or Grill Suites. Fare terms and conditions: <https://www.cunard.com/en-au/the-cunardexperience/our-fares>. *Cunard World Club (CWC) members are eligible to receive a 10% discount on cruise fares when booking a Cunard Fare or Early Saver Fare. Offer is only redeemable by the recipient CWC member with a matching CWC number on select cruises. Discount applies to all guests travelling in the same stateroom as CWC member. If the recipient CWC member does not sail, cruise fares for any remaining guests will revert to the prevailing market rate and any difference will become immediately payable. Offer is valid on all new release voyages sailing as follows: Queen Anne Voyages between 5 January 2029 and 7 April 2029, Queen Mary 2 voyages between 12 January 2029 and 11 May 2029, Queen Victoria voyages between 5 January 2029 and 8 April 2029, and Queen Elizabeth voyages between 31 October 2028 and 6 May 2029. All travel is subject to the Cunard Booking & Passage Conditions at <https://www.cunard.com/en-au/advice-and-policies/booking-conditions-insurance-crime> which guests are bound by. Cruise itineraries and onboard offerings are not guaranteed. Charges may apply for some activities, venues and menu items. For bookings in NZD: credit card surcharge fees for Visa/Mastercard (1.1%) and AMEX (2.75%) apply. For bookings in AUD made on or after 1 October 2026, no credit card surcharge fees apply. Carnival UK Ltd, trading as Cunard, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom, ABN 23 107 998 443.