



Danube at low levels

RIVER cruise operators in Europe are keeping a close watch on the Danube River in Eastern Europe as water levels between Regensburg and Passau threaten to disrupt the summer season.

Currently, only a few departures have been impacted, with Avalon Waterways forced to cancel one cruise onboard *Avalon Affinity*.

Passengers on that sailing were accommodated on other ships in the Avalon fleet, the line said.

Viking River Cruises has posted information on its website, advising some pax will need to change from one ship to another.

Two cruises between Berlin and Prague have also been cancelled.

Scenic and APT have both told **Cruise Weekly** their operations have not been affected.

Princess dines with Stone

CELEBRITY chef and bestselling culinary author Curtis Stone is the latest partner for Princess Cruises, the announcement made by the line this morning.

The cooking whiz will deliver three special offerings exclusively for Princess Cruises passengers including specialty menu items available in the main dining room.

In addition, Stone will devise a new restaurant concept and menu which will be rolled out.

Finally, a limited number of passengers per voyage will be able to enjoy a unique Chef's Table by Curtis Stone experience, available across the fleet in 2016.

Already popular in Australia, Stone is also gaining momentum in the US on the Food Network, opening restaurants and releasing

several successful cookbooks.

The 'Crafted by Curtis' menu will launch on Golden Princess in Oct this year, appearing fleet-wide by the end of the year.

Stone's first dedicated eatery will next appear on *Emerald Princess*, which will also make Australia its home from next year.

Princess Cruises president Jan Swartz said great meals "bring people together to create lifelong memories, much like travel".

To learn more, **CLICK HERE**.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news & photos.

Last shot at a hamper

TOMORROW is the last chance to enter **Cruise Weekly's** exciting competition from Royal Caribbean to win a hamper full of active and culinary prizes.

Up for grabs are two Intro vouchers to go skydiving indoors at iFLY Penrith, a Jamie Oliver cookbook and more - see **page 2**.

New speakers at CDU

CRUISE Down Under has secured three new speakers for its upcoming conference, taking place in Darwin from 02-04 Sep.

Additions include Royal Caribbean port operations manager Sheldon Thompson; Port Authority NSW CEO Grant Gilfillan and Tourism Australia deputy ceo Francis-Anne Keeler.

The three new speakers will join an existing lineup to discuss the direction of the industry, future business opportunities and port/infrastructure requirements.

New White Bay link

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises is set to start operations of its new ferry service between the Sydney CBD and White Bay cruise terminal.

The service has been made possible via the launch yesterday of a new mobile pontoon, which has been dubbed *Beatrice Bush*.

Operations of the 15-minute service will begin next month to coincide with cruise ship arrivals.

CCC gm Anthony Haworth said the market has been "crying out for a ferry service for a long time".

New frontiers for Coral Expeditions



CORAL Expeditions has downplayed reports the line is set to launch into Asia, saying it was interested but no detail on cruise itineraries and locations in the region has been confirmed as yet.

Amid a rebrand, refurbished & newly built ships and forthcoming expansion into Tasmania, the management team from Coral Expeditions hit Sydney for a trade briefing and lunch this week.

The company launched its Tas operations, which are set to run from Nov this year to Feb 2016.

Coral Expeditions I will operate the sailings, exploring the state's coastal regions and catering to a maximum of 46 guests per sailing.

Pictured above from left is Coral Expeditions sales and marketing manager Kate Ashman; senior chef Travis Scarr and general manager Mark Fifield.

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New material

THE CLIA Online Learning Academy continues to grow with resources being added for exclusive use by CLIA Members.

The latest feature allows members to take part in Virtual Presentations and get the latest updates from the CLIA Member Cruise Lines direct to your desk!

These presentations help you to become familiar with specific brand or marketing efforts that cruise lines are currently working on. Some presentations are simple videos while others are pre-recorded webinars.

Using your exclusive CLIA Member login, keep checking back regularly as more content will be added in coming months.

In addition to the virtual presentations, thanks to the CLIA UK office we now also have available to members of CLIA Australasia some UK-developed webinars that will give you exposure to products that are not currently represented in Australia or New Zealand.

NB: Virtual presentations and webinars are designed to enhance your general product knowledge and do not form a part of our structured accreditation program.

Points will not be awarded.

Also, have you upgraded your CLIA Accreditation in the last 12 months? No time like the present, login to the member's area and follow the UPGRADE prompts.



Name expedition ship

HURTIGRUTEN has opened up the naming rights to its new expedition vessel via a new public competition, with the ship temporarily dubbed *MS Norway Explorer* in the short term.

The ship will take the place of the *MS Midnatsol*, which has been deployed to sail Antarctica alongside *MS Fram* (CW 26 May) for the coming summer season.

Guidelines for the contest are that the ship must be preceded with the initial 'MS' which stand for Motor Vessel in nautical terms.

Names must also utilise a Norwegian word, or be named after natural phenomena, places visited by Hurtigruten or major figures in the country's history.

Entries can be posted on the line's Facebook page by 10 Aug.

Fire out on Freedom

OPERATIONS are back to normal on Royal Caribbean's *Freedom of the Seas* after crew extinguished a small fire in a mechanical area at the rear of the ship while docked in Jamaica.

Guests were mustered to their assembly stations as a precaution, with the matter quickly resolved & the cruise continuing as normal.

Regent round world

GENTING owned line Regent Seven Seas Cruises will embark on another world cruise in 2017, six years after its last one.

Cabins on *Seven Seas Navigator* are now on sale for a 128-night sailing ex Miami on 05 Jan 2017, which will head west, visiting Australia as part of the voyage.

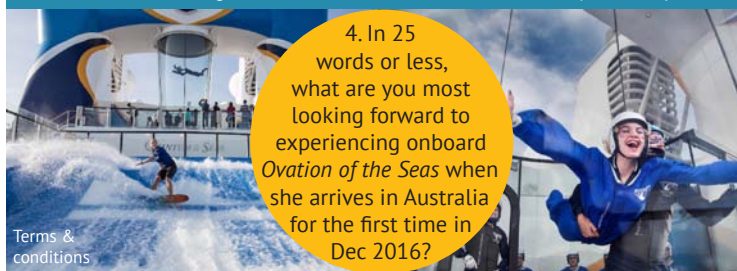


Win with Royal Caribbean International

To celebrate the launch of *Ovation of the Seas*' Australian itineraries, **Royal Caribbean International** is giving readers of *Cruise Weekly* the chance to win an *Ovation of the Seas* prize pack. Three lucky agents will win a voucher to iFLY Indoor Skydiving, so you'll be a pro by the time the ship arrives, a Jamie Oliver cookbook to try before you dine at his restaurant at sea, and a limited edition Royal Caribbean cocktail glass.

For your chance to be in the running, simply answer the following questions and have the most creative answer to the final question. Send your answers to royalcaribbean@cruiseweekly.com.au

****Flights and accommodation are not included in the prize for iFly voucher.**



4. In 25 words or less, what are you most looking forward to experiencing onboard *Ovation of the Seas* when she arrives in Australia for the first time in Dec 2016?

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HALLOWEEN will be a frightfully devilish affair on Carnival Cruise Line this year, with the American tradition to be proudly observed on a range of voyages in Australia this year.

Carnival Spirit and *Carnival Legend* will both be decorated out in all things scary, with the frights extending to the dining.

Witches will be found bubbling up a brew at the bar, with horror themed menu items including spider snacks ready to enjoy.

Scary movies and costume parties will add to the occasion.

Passengers can enjoy all the fun of Halloween on the eight-night Melbourne Cup cruise on *Spirit* departing 30 Oct, or a nine-night Pacific Islands cruise on *Legend* leaving on 26 Oct.

Haimark off to Cuba

NINE-NIGHT voyages around the island nation of Cuba will begin from Feb next year onboard Haimark Line's *Saint Laurent*.

The line has received approval from the US and now awaits the green light from Cuban officials.

New Azamara hiring

FULL ship charters of Azamara Club Cruises' current two-ship fleet will now be under the control of Kevin Regan, hired by the line as its new global director of charters and incentives.

Among Regan's duties will be to improve business relationships with private, corporate & industry charter buyers and coordinate the guest experience for charter voyages around the world.

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