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Cruise Weekly today

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

APT celebration sale

APT will celebrate its 90th birthday this year, kicking off 2017 with a range of special offers including free flights, cabin upgrades, air credits and complimentary stopovers on its most popular cruises and tours.

The sale runs until 15 Mar, with 2017 seeing APT continue to operate on every continent including European river cruises, voyages on the Irrawaddy and Mekong, small ship expedition cruises in the Baltic Sea and a range of Africa, South America and Antarctica itineraries.

For more details see aptouring.com.au/celebrate.

Beyond Iceland cruise

BEYOND Travel has added a new eight day Iceland coastal voyage to its 2017 Russia & beyond brochure.

"The Land of Ice & Fire" cruise sees passengers travel aboard the recently renovated boutique vessel *MY Callisto* which features 17 cabins with private en-suites plus a range of dining and public areas.

The trip sails from Reykjavik to Akureyri or vice versa, exploring stunning coastal scenery, remote fjords, picturesque fishing villages and volcanic landscapes.

Cruises in 2017 are priced from \$3,469 per person twin share, with 14 guaranteed departures between Jun and Sep.

More details 1300 363 554.

P&O unveils Explorer livery



P&O Cruises is firmly embracing the Australian identity, with its new *Pacific Explorer* to be "emblazoned with the Southern Cross" when it debuts this year.

The line's president, Sture Myrmell, said the five star constellation had strong emotional ties for people in Australia and NZ, and had also "guided generations of seafarers".

"We couldn't think of a more powerful symbol to launch *Pacific Explorer's* new era of local cruising than the Southern Cross," Myrmell said, with the new livery part of a "spectacular and distinctive" wave design (above).

The ship, which is currently

sailing with Princess Cruises as *Dawn Princess*, joins the fleet under its new name in late Jun.

"In its modern incarnation, P&O Cruises is Australia's leading cruise line with the biggest fleet of ships based year round in Australia and under the Southern Cross we proudly sail," Myrmell said, with the vessel to cruise from Sydney in its inaugural season.

The 2,000-passenger *Pacific Explorer* will feature similar dining experiences to those on *Pacific Aria* and *Pacific Eden* including Angelo's Italian, Dragon Lady and Waterfront Restaurant.

A-Rosa to cruise Seine

EUROPEAN river cruise operator A-Rosa Cruises is expanding its operations in France, with the addition of several Seine River voyages on board *A-Rosa Viva* this year.

Itineraries include a five-night Paris-Rouen or Les Andelys-Paris cruise, as well as a seven-night 'Experience Normandy' voyage plus a range of festive season cruises at the end of the year.

QM2 pax overboard

THE US coast guard called off a search for a woman who is believed to have gone overboard from Cunard's *Queen Mary 2* after it departed from New York just before Christmas.

The 74-year-old passenger was reported missing about 100 nautical miles southeast of Atlantic City as the ship cruised towards the Caribbean, with Cunard's care team "offering every support to the family".

Fresh Silver Whisper

SILVERSEA Cruises has completed a major renovation of its *Silver Whisper*, in the lead up to the vessel's World Cruise 2017 which departs San Francisco later this week.

Whisper will voyage to Monte Carlo over the next 116 days, with the upgrade including new carpeting, wall treatments and rejuvenated wood flooring.

A new marble bar and display cases feature in the Observation Lounge, while the pool deck has been upgraded with the addition of two new whirlpools.

Synthetic turf has been placed on the jogging and spa decks.

Silversea's ongoing US\$170m refurbishment program has also seen *Silver Discoverer* and *Silver Wind* receive comprehensive makeovers, while *Silver Cloud* is also scheduled for a makeover towards the end of 2017, which will see the vessel converted to an ice-class expedition ship.

Found after 2 months

THE body of a cruise passenger has been found in a ventilation shaft two months after she was reported missing by her husband.

Ernst Bechstein raised the alarm during a voyage aboard a Tirrenia ferry from Porto Torres in Sardinia to Genoa in Oct.

"We rested in sleeping-chairs... when I woke up later my wife had disappeared," he said.

Bechstein, who said his 74-year-old wife could sometimes become disorientated and must have wandered into the engine room and fallen into the ventilation shaft, slammed the crew for not searching properly.



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This week's port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	03 Jan
<i>Dawn Princess</i>	03 Jan
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	04 Jan
<i>Noordam</i>	04 Jan
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	05 Jan
<i>Europa 2</i>	05 Jan
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	06 Jan
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	07 Jan
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	08 Jan
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	08 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	09 Jan
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	09 Jan
MELBOURNE	
<i>Europa 2</i>	03 Jan
<i>Crystal Symphony</i>	04 Jan
<i>Emerald Princess</i>	07 Jan
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	09 Jan
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	03 Jan
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	05 Jan
<i>Legend of the Seas</i>	06 Jan
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	07 Jan
<i>Sea Princess</i>	08 Jan
<i>Seven Seas Voyager</i>	09 Jan
CAIRNS	
<i>Seven Seas Voyager</i>	05 Jan
FREMANTLE	
<i>Sun Princess</i>	05 Jan
<i>Astor</i>	07 Jan
<i>Sun Princess</i>	08 Jan
HOBART	
<i>Emerald Princess</i>	05 Jan
AUCKLAND	
<i>Golden Princess</i>	03 Jan

Orion Antarctic cancellations

LINDBLAD Expeditions has been forced to cancel a series of Antarctic sailings this month after its *National Geographic Orion* suffered a power failure while cruising south of the Antarctic Circle during its 14-day Christmas voyage.



The ship was required to proceed at reduced power via the Drake Passage to Ushuaia, where a team of engineers is currently evaluating the technical issue.

The 27 Dec departure was cancelled as well as Jan cruises, while onward travel plans from Ushuaia for those on board the ship during the incident required "some reconfiguring" due to the late arrival into port.

Passengers on the affected voyage were reimbursed for any costs due to their late arrival

along with a \$1,000 credit towards future Lindblad travel.

Those who had arrived in South America for the 27 Dec departure will receive a full refund including their airfare, as well as a full credit in the amount they paid for a future Lindblad cruise.

Carnival adds PayPal

CARNIVAL Cruise Line in the USA has announced the addition of PayPal as a payment option.

Effective immediately, PayPal can be used by guests when making an initial deposit on their cruise or any balance due, with PayPal available for any Carnival Cruise Line's three- to 15-day cruises visiting the Caribbean, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, New England, the Panama Canal and The Bahamas.

All Leisure cancels

ALL Leisure Group, which operates Voyages of Discovery and Swan Hellenic Cruises, has confirmed the cancellation of two voyages due to depart this week.

Details are sketchy at present, with the cancellations only revealed in brief updates on each brand's websites citing "operational reasons".

Affected departures include tomorrow's Voyages of Discovery cruise ex Malaysia, and a Swan Hellenic Gateway to Atlantic Isles cruise due to kick off today.

There's speculation the cancellations could be due to at least one ship being sold.

AIDAperla early

GERMAN operator AIDA Cruises has announced its new *AIDAperla* will debut two months earlier than expected, with its inaugural voyage taking place from Palma de Mallorca on 01 Jul this year.

The new vessel will take over week-long Barcelona itineraries planned for *AIDAbella*, which will relocate to northern Europe.



HOW about this for a good booking?

The owner of a US-based furniture manufacturer has offered his 800 employees a free week-long Caribbean cruise.

Staff at Bertch Cabinets in Waterloo, Iowa were told of the special Christmas bonus in mid-Dec, with about 600 excitedly taking up the offer.

They, along with their significant others, will join their ceo on a special charter flight this week from Waterloo to Miami where they will join *Carnival Victory* for the five night voyage to warmer climes.

The other 200 will get a week off work plus a \$900 cash bonus, with company president Gary Bertch saying "we gave people the option of the cash bonus or the vacation.

"We'd love to have everyone come on vacation with us but know it isn't possible for all for personal reasons, so we wanted to have that alternative available to them," he said.

Melb cruise island?

ROBERT Doyle, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, has reportedly backed the concept of a man-made island in Port Phillip Bay to allow the world's largest cruise ships to dock at the Victorian capital.

According to *The Age*, Doyle said such a facility could see pax conveniently ferried up the Yarra River to the Docklands precinct, as an alternative to the Melbourne's existing Station Pier which "was never purpose-built for luxury liners".

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