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## Cruise Weekly today

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

## Three Carnival ships repositioned

**THREE** Carnival Cruise Line ships will be repositioned to new homeports in the USA from 2018.

*Carnival Vista* will move to Galveston with two week-long cruise itineraries available year-round starting 23 Sep, 2018.

*Carnival Breeze* will be the newest and largest ship in the fleet to sail from Port Canaveral, commencing with a one-off six day cruise on 30 Sep before settling into year-round departures of up to 14-days.

*Carnival Magic* will sail from Miami with a year-round schedule of seven-day departures from 30 Sep cruising throughout the Caribbean.

## Viking Spirit down under

**VIKING** Cruises confirmed on Fri it will operate a series of sailings aboard the brand new *Viking Spirit* in Australia during its inaugural season when it enters service in 2018/19.

As exclusively reported by **Cruise Weekly** last week, Viking has overnight berths booked in Sydney Harbour for the 2018/19 wave season on 16 & 17 Dec, 12, 13 & 14 Jan, 09, 10 & 11 Feb, and 09 & 10 Mar in 2019 (**CW** Tue).

Vikings' itineraries in this region will include a 17-day Bali-Sydney voyage dubbed the Komodo and the Australian Coast, on 16 Dec 2018, operating in the return direction on 10 Mar 2019.

Revealed yesterday, Viking will include a port call in Newcastle as part of the voyage, building on a newly-forged partnership with Hunter Travel Group.

A 15-day Sydney to Auckland (and reverse) cruise will

operate between Dec-Feb, with overnight stays in both cities as well as visiting Melbourne, Hobart, Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Napier and Tauranga.

Chairman Torstein Hagen said the company's destination-focused itineraries were built on the same successful principles infused in river itineraries.

Viking managing director ANZ, the recently appointed Michelle Black said: "Our ships are like no other, contemporary yet classic, spacious yet intimate".

"They certainly boast more than their share of wow factors.

"We're thrilled to have *Viking Spirit* based here for summer 18/19," she told **Cruise Weekly**.

Before then, *Viking Sun* will stop in Sydney during a world cruise on 10 Feb 2018 at White Bay.

Viking will take delivery of its third and fourth ocean ships, *Viking Sky* & *Viking Sun*, in 2017.

## CLIA shuffles deck

**CLIA** Australasia commercial director, Brett Jardine will step down at the end of next month as part of a number of organisational changes.

Jardine joined the organisation in 2007 and has recently been split across marketing, membership, trade engagement and events.

There will be no direct replacement for Jardine, instead Vera Huntink, previously digital marketing consultant for CLIA Australasia since Sep, will be promoted to CLIA Australasia marketing manager and Peter Kollar, head of training and development Australasia, will take on int'l responsibilities.

The newly created role of advocacy director will be filled by ex-Carnival Australia general counsel Dimity McCredie and another new position will focus on membership engagement, events and CLIA's Executive Partner program.

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### Ponant Kimberley 2018

**PONANT** has released the new departure dates for its 2018 Kimberley season, following the successful promotion of its debut 2017 voyages to the far north.

“The sales success of our inaugural 2017 season, about to get underway this Jul, has continued unabated, prompting us to schedule a further series of voyages in 2018,” Ponant’s vice president Australasia Monique Ponfoort said.

Two 10-night sailings have been announced between Darwin and Broome on 19 Jul and 08 Aug and two reverse itineraries on 29 Jul and 18 Aug 2018.

The journeys, all sailing on board *L’Austral*, take in key Kimberley highlights including Hunter River, King George Falls, Mitchell Falls, Montgomery Reef and Horizontal Falls.

The 2018 expedition team will be led by renowned photographer and adventurer

Mick Fogg who will be joined by a group of 12 marine biologists, naturalists and conservationists.

Prices for the departure start at \$8,510 per person in a Deluxe Stateroom with private balcony.

*L’Austral* offers 132 staterooms and suites - its small size allowing it to get close to shore before launching her fleet of 14 Zodiacs to explore the surroundings.

Book early to save 25% off the brochure fare.

#### Star Wars at Sea

**STAR Wars** Day at Sea will be returning to Disney Cruise Line in early 2018 on 15 special *Disney Fantasy* sailings.

The event features a full day of *Star Wars* celebrations including a deck party with a fireworks display, encounters with characters, *Star Wars*-themed activities, unique food and beverage offerings and special merchandise; details [HERE](#).



**A SELECTION** of new images of *Scenic Aura* has been released by Scenic, showing off the new ship’s suites and public spaces.

The five-star vessel launched in Sep and features 22 balcony suites for 44 guests.

The Royal Panorama Suite is pictured above and for more pics see *Cruise Weekly’s* **FACEBOOK**.

#### 10 new Genting ships

**GENTING** Hong Kong has inked an order for ten ships with the Lloyd Werft Group, comprising of two Global Class ships for Star Cruises and eight vessels for Crystal Cruises.

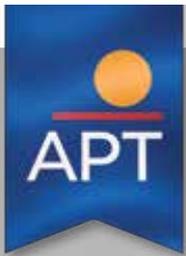
The Global Class series will be 201,000 gross tonnes and will commence delivery between 2020 and 2021.

“Now it is time to come home and rebuild Star Cruises with a fleet of brand-new vessels which will transform Star Cruises to be the youngest, largest and most innovative cruise line in Asia,” said Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, chairman of Genting Hong Kong.

#### Celestyal adds Samos

**THE** Greek island of Samos has been added to all of Celestyal Cruises’ Iconic Aegan itineraries.

Passengers will now be able to choose whether they wish to visit Samos or Kusadasi, Turkey the day before departure.



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## Scenic's "wow" sale

SCENIC is running a "World of Wonder" sale offering deals on 2017 cruises and tours.

Savings of up to \$4,190 per couple are available on select departures of the 15-day Jewels of Europe cruise and the 15-day Romantic Rhine & Moselle.

For details, [CLICK HERE](#).



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

SYDNEY	
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	17 Jan
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	17 Jan
<i>Noordam</i>	18 Jan
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	19 Jan
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	19 Jan
<i>Crystal Symphony</i>	19 Jan
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	20 Jan
<i>Emerald Princess</i>	21 Jan
<i>Europa</i>	22 Jan
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	23 Jan

MELBOURNE	
<i>Maasdam</i>	17 Jan
<i>Golden Princess</i>	18 Jan
<i>Pacific Pearl</i>	21 Jan

BRISBANE	
<i>Legend of the Seas</i>	17 Jan
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	19 Jan
<i>Sea Princess</i>	22 Jan
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	23 Jan
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	23 Jan

DARWIN	
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	22 Jan

HOBART	
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	22 Jan

AUCKLAND	
<i>Europa 2</i>	19 Jan
<i>Legend of the Seas</i>	19 Jan

## World Dream keel laying



THE keel has been laid for the second ship for Dream Cruises, *World Dream*, during a ceremony in Germany last week.

At the event, Thatcher Brown, president of Dream Cruises, laid the customary "lucky coins" under the keel block of the new vessel as a symbol of good fortune and to bless the ship.

*World Dream* is scheduled to make her debut in Asia Pacific in Nov, and will feature spaces and services designed to accommodate group needs.

The 21-deck luxury vessel will have nearly 1,700 rooms of which 70% have private balconies and over 100 offer connecting cabins.

**Pictured** are: Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, chairman and ceo Genting Hong Kong; Thatcher Brown, president Dream Cruises; Henning Stellermann, project manager Meyer Werft and Bernard Meyer, ceo Meyer Werft with the traditional lucky coins.

## Coral's guest lecturer

INDIGENOUS botany expert Gerry Turpin will be the guest lecturer on board a Coral Expeditions cruise to Cape York and Arnhem Land in Mar.

For more, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Fathom discount

FATHOM is offering US\$100 off six Cultures of the Caribbean departures, sailing between 26 Feb and 07 May.

Prices start at US\$499, book by 20 Jan to take up the offer.

## Vard mystery order

VARD has signed a letter of intent with an undisclosed international cruise company for the design and construction of an expedition cruise ship.

The approx NOK 1 billion (AU\$156m) luxury ship will be around 145m long, 20m wide and accommodate 220 passengers.

A firm contract is expected within Q1 2017, subject to several conditions being met, including satisfactory financing.

The hull of the vessel will be built by Vard's shipyard in Tulcea, Romania, and delivery is scheduled from one of Vard's Norwegian yards in 2019.

## MSC birthday deal

PASSENGERS celebrating their birthday during selected MSC Cruises sailings will be able to enjoy their journey free of charge.

Bookings must have at least one paying passenger and a maximum of one free birthday passenger.

The birthday must fall on one of the cruising days (excluding arrival and departure days).

To be eligible for the deal the voyage must be locked in before 10 Mar.

## Starbucks AIDAprima

STARBUCKS has made its first appearance on a German cruise ship and is now being served at the Pier 3 Market on *AIDAprima*.

The offering will be introduced on other AIDA ships over the coming months.



RESIDENTS of Kapiti Coast, on New Zealand's North Island are trying their best to clean up their beaches, running "treasure hunting" events dressed as pirates.

People are being encouraged to don their best piratewear and search the beach for treasure - rubbish and found objects, which will be used to decorate and repair a boat.

The initiative, dubbed Shipshow was started by four locals to raise awareness for climate change.

The "treasure" decorated ship will be launched on 04 Feb with a show featuring local musicians, actors, poets and other performers.

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