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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page from **CruiseAgents**.

U by Uniworld brox

THE first local brochure for U by Uniworld, Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection's new brand targeting 21-45 year olds, has been unveiled.

Featuring three different cover options, the inaugural brochure explains how to match traveller types with an itinerary designed for the foodie, adventurer, culture vulture, explorer, the romantic and the night owl.

Itineraries on *The A* start at \$2,499ppts and include sailings along the Rhine, Main & Danube Rivers, while prices for *The B* on the Seine River and throughout France lead in at \$2,999ppts.

Both vessels will offer free wi-fi - **CLICK HERE** for more.

Ritz-Carlton heads to sea

RITZ-CARLTON has announced a foray into the booming cruise sector, becoming the first major luxury hotel company to seek a presence at sea.

The Marriott subsidiary has confirmed plans to introduce the first of three small-scale vessels in late 2019, operating under the banner of The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection.

The first vessel will measure 190 metres and accommodate up to 298 passengers in 149 suites, each with its own private balcony.

The yacht will also feature two 138m² duplex penthouse suites, with modern interiors jointly designed by Ritz-Carlton and Swedish ship design firm Tillberg.

The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection is being headed by maritime experts Douglas Prothero and Lars Clasen, in collaboration with funds management firm Oaktree Capital Management.

"The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection will have a distinctive personality and the vessels are sure to be true stand outs in some of the most glamorous ports around the world," said Herve Humler, pres and coo of The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company.

Itineraries are being developed ranging between seven and 10 days, visiting destinations in the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, the Caribbean and Latin America.

The first yacht will call at ports not accessible to large ships, such as Capri and Portofino in Italy and St Barths in the Caribbean.

It will feature a restaurant by Sven Elverfeld of Aqua, the three Michelin-starred restaurant at The Ritz-Carlton, Wolfsburg, as well as a Ritz-Carlton Spa and a Panorama Lounge and wine bar.

Res open in May & the ships will be available for private charter.

For more details, **CLICK HERE**.

Aurora appointments

AURORA Expeditions is bulking up its Sydney team, revealing a series of appointments.

Dianna Schinella, most recently Rocky Mountaineer's sales manager Asia-Pacific has brought over 15 years in sales & marketing to the new role of industry sales and marketing manager.

The newly created position of brand marketing manager has been filled by Michael Woods, who previously headed up the Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority and Turismo Chile accounts for comms agency Hill+Knowlton Strategies.

Mark Lee has joined the Aurora Expeditions' team as product manager and Ania Baranek as expedition team coordinator.

Dominic Sasse has been named reservations manager and Christopher Bryan as reservations consultant and both will service Aurora Expeditions' direct clients and agency partners.

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More lines for Cuba?

CARNIVAL Corporation has requested approval for other cruise lines to join Carnival Cruise Line and HAL in sailing to Cuba.

A spokesperson told **Cruise Weekly** it was an exciting time for the business, noting Cuba helped to refresh Caribbean itineraries.

Brown on Cunard

CUNARD has announced author of *The Diana Chronicles*, Tina Brown, will be a guest speaker on *Queen Mary 2*'s seven-night Transatlantic Crossing out of New York, sailing on 12 Aug.

Brown will give lectures, Q&A's and mingle with guests during the crossing to Southampton on the 20th anniversary of the death of Princess Diana.

MEANWHILE *Queen Mary 2* sailed from Saint Nazaire on Sat in a Transatlantic "race" against four trimarans, as part of a series of events commemorating the first landing of American soldiers in France in WW1 in 1917.

CLIA Masters rego

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia is urging agents interested in the 2017 Masters Conference to register quickly, with the event already 50% booked.

The conference will take place on Dream Cruises' *Genting Dream*, dep Hong Kong 16 Sep.

It is open to all consultants who hold CLIA Ambassador level accreditation and are employed by a CLIA member travel agent, and those working towards Ambassador level accreditation are also encouraged to register their interest - **CLICK HERE**.

AIDAperla christening

THE twelfth member of AIDA fleet will be christened on Fri in the harbour of Palma de Mallorca in Spain.

AIDAperla will be christened by German TV host Lena Gercke.

The event will be streamed on AIDA's Facebook and YouTube social media channels.

Radiance debuts on the Douro



EVERGREEN Cruises & Tours and its sister company Emerald Waterways celebrated the christening of *Emerald Radiance* earlier this month at a ceremony on Portugal's Douro River.

The new addition is one of three 'Star Ships' to launch this year, with *Emerald Destiny* christened last month in the Austrian capital Vienna and *Emerald Liberté* to be christened in the French city of Lyon in Sep.

"While *Emerald Radiance* has been custom-built to sail the Douro, it still offers our guests modern luxury at an affordable price, and includes many of our trademark innovations," said

Evergreen general manager Angus Crichton.

"Aussies have fallen in love with Portugal and 2018 is selling well off the back of a virtually sold-out 2017 season," he said.

Radiance carries up to 112 guests and is Emerald Waterway's first ship in Portugal.

It will explore the World Heritage Douro region on eight-day itineraries between Porto and the Spanish city of Salamanca, with optional Lisbon extensions.

Pictured with *Emerald Radiance* are the ship's godmother, UK travel agent Gill Williams, with Scenic Group owner and founder Glen Moroney.



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Tauck rewards agent



BARBARA Gross, managing director, Sabra Travel took out a recent Tauck incentive, scoring herself a river cruise.

It was smiles all round when Gross received her prize, and she is **pictured** above accepting her reward from Travel the World's sales manager New South Wales, Jim Petritis.

Cruise Croatia up

CRUISE Croatia, part of Beyond Travel Group, has recorded 400% growth since officially launching the brand in Apr.

Peter Smith, gm of business growth with Beyond Travel, said the support of agents around Australia was to thank for the huge growth they had seen.

Carnival Q2 results

CARNIVAL Corporation has reported a US GAAP net income of US\$379m in Q217, compared to US GAAP net income of US\$605m for Q216.

Revenue for the period was \$3.9 billion, higher than the \$3.7b recorded in 2016.

President and ceo Arnold Donald said operational improvements helped offset drag from currency and fuel.

Carnival expects revenue yields to be up 4% in Q3, compared to the same time last year.

HAL's new position

HOLLAND America Line has promoted Linda Springmann to the newly created role of vice president, on board revenue.

Springmann was previously vp deployment and tour marketing and brings more than 30 years of experience with both HAL and Princess Cruises to the role.

She will continue to be based in the line's Seattle headquarters.

Whitsundays addition

CRUISE Whitsundays has added the Whitehaven Beach Hill Inlet & Lookout to its Camira Sailing Adventure and introduced a new bushwalking adventure on the Ultimate Whitehaven Day Cruise.



Brochure Spotlight

Celebrity Cruises - Australia, NZ & South Pacific 2017-19



THE latest brochure from Celebrity Cruises highlights *Celebrity Solstice's* voyages throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the South Pacific for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 cruise seasons.

New highlights for the 2018/19 program include an overnight in Hobart and maiden calls for Celebrity to Apia in Samoa, Pago Pago in American Samoa, and Vava'u and Nuku'alofa in Tonga.



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Tempo river earlybird

TEMPO Holidays is offering a 10% earlybird discount off a range of 2018 river cruises. Valid for new bookings deposited by 31 Aug - **CLICK HERE**.



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

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	29 Jun
<i>Sun Princess</i>	29 Jun
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	01 Jul
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	02 Jul
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	03 Jul

BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	27 Jun
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	01 Jul
<i>Sun Princess</i>	01 Jul
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	01 Jul
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	02 Jul

CAIRNS	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	28 Jun

DARWIN	
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	29 Jun
<i>L'Austral</i>	03 Jul

FREMANTLE	
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	30 Jun
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	03 Jul

Sky christened in Norway



VIKING Sky has been officially christened under the Norwegian midnight sun in Tromsø during a public ceremony.

The 930-guest vessel received a warm welcome with coordinated water cannons from Norwegian redningsskøyten boats, music from local bands and Norwegians waving flags.

Viking Sky was christened by its godmother, Marit Barstad, sister of Viking chairman Torstein Hagen.

Located in the Arctic Circle, Tromsø is a popular port of call for Viking's Midnight Sun itinerary, which sails between Bergen and London.

Pictured during the ceremony

are: Marit Barstad (centre), with "Vikings" Kristoffer Jorgensen and Geir Roevik.

HAL O cruise prog

CREATIVE director of *O, The Oprah Magazine* Adam Glassman will be on board Holland America Line's upcoming Share the Adventure Cruise to Alaska on 15 Jul on *ms Eurodam*.

The program for the special sailing will include tips and presentations from singer and songwriter India.Arie; fitness and motivational coach Angela M. Davis, author & activist Glennon Doyle and more.

Carnival Halloween

DURING the month of Oct, guests sailing aboard *Carnival Imagination* will be able to participate in on board Halloween-themed activities.

Festivities include costume contests, dance parties and pumpkin carving.



FANS of *The Walking Dead* better start saving their loose change, with Norwegian Cruise Line announcing their third annual Walker Stalker Cruise will be held in 2018.

The four-night voyage on *Norwegian Pearl* will sail from New Orleans on 26 Jan, 2018, & will stop in Cozumel, Mexico.

There will be room for 2,500 fans on board, with pax having the chance to meet stars, including Norman Reedus, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Alanna Masterson and Lauren Cohan.

In addition, *Walking Dead* creator Robert Kirkman and special makeup effects supervisor Greg Nicotero will also be on the cruise.

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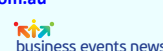
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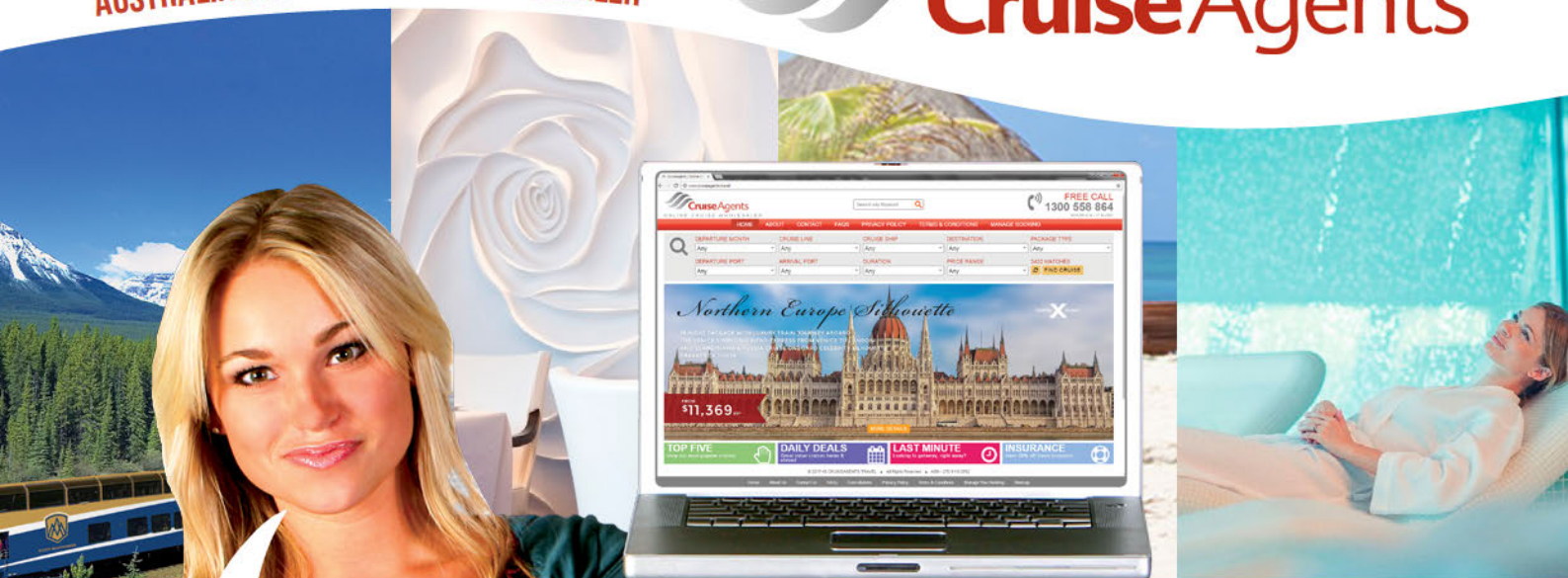
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