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#### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

#### Galapagos Escape

LINDBLAD Expeditions has released shorter itineraries exploring the Galapagos Islands aboard the 48-guest National Geographic Islander.

The Wild Galapagos Escape expedition features five days exploring the islands, with one night pre-voyage in Guayaquil, and the option of another night post-voyage at no additional charge.

The first departure will leave on 24 Nov and prices start at U\$\$5,450ppts.

Also new is a nine-day Wild Galapagos & Peru Escape, which begins at US\$6,250ppts. For more information, head to expeditions.com.

## Scenic Eclipse 2019/2020 brochure

**SCENIC'S** 2019/20 *Scenic Eclipse* brochure will be released tomorrow, detailing new destinations & itinerary options.

The addition of a second ship to the *Scenic Eclipse* fleet has allowed the company to introduce the Northwest Passage and the Russian and Canadian Arctic while expanding its itineraries in the European Arctic.

Fresh summer departures for the popular Antarctica in Depth cruise have been added, along with another date for the Antarctica, South Georgia & Falkland Islands itinerary.

Also new for 2019/20 are three new cruises in the Americas, which will explore the Canadian maritime provinces and the east coast of the USA.

Sailings to Cuba, the Caribbean and down the coastline of South America also feature in the prog. Mediterranean itineraries have



also been expanded and will be followed by Baltic cruises.

To mark the release of the new program, Scenic is offering a range of earlybird deals, including a 10% discount on bookings for any Ultimate Voyage and savings of up to 50% off the single supplement for solo travellers on selected cruises.

Passengers booking any Antarctica, South Georgia &

Falkland Islands cruise can lock in air credit of \$4,000 per couple, plus one-night of pre-cruise accommodation in Buenos Aires.

Travellers who book and pay in full by 31 Oct will also receive an additional discount of \$1,000 per couple for cruises of 10 days or longer, and \$500 per couple for cruises of fewer than 10 days.

To order a brochure, head to www.scenic.com.au.



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### Heritage Line's addition



**HERITAGE** Line has opened sales for its new vessel Ginger, which will begin sailing in Lan Ha Bay, a region of Vietnam's Halong Bay, on 01 Jun.

The 12-suite ship will operate a one-night program and is the only cruise to offer a bicycle excursion along the small paved roads on Cat Ba island through jungle-clad

mountains to a local village.

Passengers will also be able to kayak in Lan Ha Bay.

Ginger will be equipped with an open kitchen, a pool on the terrace deck and the Lady Ginger Spa, which includes three treatment rooms & a steam bath.

Opening rates lead in at US\$247 per person.

### Horizon makes a splash



CARNIVAL Horizon set sail on her maiden voyage yesterday, casting off from Barcelona on a 13-day journey which will see the new Carnival Cruise Line ship make port calls in Italy, Croatia, Malta and Greece. Horizon is scheduled to service a summer season between New York and the popular regional cruise

destinations of Bermuda & the

Caribbean kicking off 24 May. Features unique to the new addition includes a Dr Seussthemed WaterWorks aqua park, the Japanese Bonsai Teppanyaki eatery, and Guy's Pig & Anchor Smokehouse.

**Grammy Award-winning artist** & actress Queen Latifah will head up a naming ceremony prior to it formally embarking on its summer schedule.

#### Radiance of the Seas Azipod issues

ROYAL Caribbean International's Radiance of the Seas is experiencing issues with its Azipod propulsion system, forcing the company to cancel the upcoming 06 Apr departure from Sydney.

The ship will need to undergo repairs from 06-17 Apr as the malfunction affects the ships' speed and its ability to deliver future scheduled cruises and all affected guests will be provided with a full refund as well as a 100% future cruise credit.

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- 3 nights aboard the Indian Pacific travelling from Sydney to Perth in Gold or Platinum Service including all meals, drinks and off train experiences in Broken Hill, Adelaide, Cook & Nullarbor.
- · 3 night stay in Perth at Pan Pacific Perth including breakfast daily.
- · Perth & Fremantle City Explorer tour.
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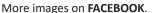
## A sneak peek at Splendor



on Seven Seas Splendor, the new ship from Regent Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) set to debut in 2020.

Seven Seas Splendor will offer 375 suites, ranging from the lavish 413m<sup>2</sup> Regent Suite (above) to the 28m2 entry-level Veranda Suite (right).

Several spaces from Splendor's sister ship Seven Seas Explorer will receive "significant revisions", including relocating Coffee Connection (right) to the portside of Splendor and the addition of an al fresco seating area (below).







#### Genting's big loss

**GENTING** Hong Kong, parent company of Crystal Cruises, Dream Cruises and Star Cruises, reported a loss of US\$244.3 million in 2017.

The result was an improvement on the US\$504.2m loss in 2016.

This improvement was attributed mainly to a oneoff gain of US\$205m for the disposal of certain availablefor-sale investments and the absence of a 2016 impairment loss of \$305m on ordinary shares in Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings of US\$305m.

Genting HK recorded 77.2% cruise occupancy for 2017, down from 81.7% in 2016, but its number of capacity days rose from 3.6m to 4.8m.

#### Symphony shows

ROYAL Caribbean Int'l has revealed details of its new shows produced for Symphony of the Seas.

Headliner Flight: Dare to Dream promises to use "cutting-edge 3D flying technology, video and automation" to tell the story of the past, present and future of air travel & space exploration.

Additional headline shows across different venues include 1977, an updated Hairspray featuring new choreography, and aqua show HiRO, which utilises extreme-sport athletes.



P&O Cruises tempted Australians with a "thrillseeking activity of a lifetime" over the weekend as pranksters played tricks across the globe for Apr Fool's Day.

The hoax promised to launch "Walk the Wire" - the world's first tightrope walk between two cruise ships as they sailed the Pacific Ocean.

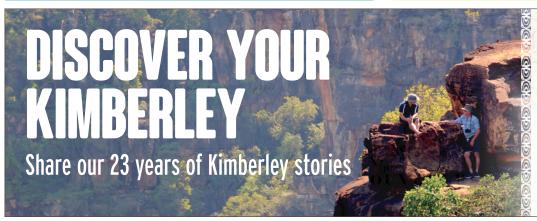
P&O said the safety harnessequipped activity would involve a 30m walk from the top deck of Pacific Aria to Pacific Eden on a cable 40m above the sea.

The prank played out on P&O's Facebook page with a series of videos - CLICK HERE.

**MEANWHILE**, the cheeky new entrant to the market, Virgin Voyages, promised to bring underwater wi-fi, which it was calling "wa-fi".

"Imagine exploring the underwater world, coming across a fish you want to learn more about and being able to do that research right from your phone," the company said on its website.

When it broke the news that it was all in the spirit of April Fool's Day, the line assured "As soon as it is invented, we are sure to consider it".



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#### Viking training

VIKING Cruises' agent training nights will return with sessions to take place in Adelaide, Canberra and the Gold Coast in May, and a final training event in Hobart in Jun.

The cruise line has also launched scheduling for its next round of free information sessions starting in Melbourne from 17 Apr - CLICK HERE.



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

#### SYDNEY

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Carnival Legend	o <sub>3</sub> Apr
Pacific Explorer	o <sub>3</sub> Apr
Carnival Spirit	o4 Apr
Voyager of the Seas	o5 Apr
Explorer of the Seas	o8 Apr

**BRISBANE** 

Pacific Aria	o6 Apr
Pacific Dawn	o7 Apr
Celebrity Soltice	oo Anr

CAIRNS	
Pacific Aria	og Apr

**DARWIN** 

Ovation of the Seas	o3 Apr
Coral Discoverer	o5 Apr
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Seabourn Sojourn	og Apr
EDEMANITI E	

Sea Princess **AUCKLAND** 

Pacific Jewel	o <sub>3</sub> Apr
Pacific Jewel	o7 Apr

Sun Princess o8 Apr Noordam og Apr

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#### AIDA bookings

**BOOKINGS** are now open for AIDA Cruises' 2019 World Cruises aboard AIDAaura, which is set to depart Hamburg on 28 Oct 2019.

The 117-day tour will deliver passengers to 41 ports in 17 countries across four continents, with a highlight a stopover in Sydney just in time to welcome 2019 with the harbour city's spectacular New Year's Eve fireworks display.

AIDAaura will also be visiting Tauranga, Wellington and Picton for the first time.

#### **Culinary cruising**

**WINDSTAR** Cruises will continue its culinary themed experiences with the appointment of Seattle chef Maxime Bilet and Chicagobased sommelier Belinda Chang for a cruise departing Nice, France, aboard Wind Surf on 20 Jun.

The company has also secured sommelier Katie Bell and chef Evan Hanczor for an Edinburgh roundtrip cruise departing the

#### Costa ups Liguria

**COSTA** Cruises has revealed it will up its presence in the Italian region of Liguria, with Costa Fortuna to call in at Genoa on a weekly basis over the course of the next year.

The brand's new flagship Costa Smerelda will also offer an itinerary to include Savona and La Spezia.

Sales for the new deps will go on sale in coming weeks.

### HAL supports charity



**HOLLAND** America Line hosted 70 guests from the Dutchlink business community for lunch on ms Noordam last week for an event which raised \$4,400 for Tribal Warrior.

The Aboriginal non-profit organisation runs a mentoring program with Redfern Police to

help reduce recidivism rates of Aboriginal Australian youth.

Pictured are: Shane Phillips ceo of Tribal Warrior; Philip van der Burg, board member for Dutchlink and Tony Archbold, Holland America Line senior director of sales and marketing Australia and New Zealand.



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