

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 US\$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.

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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 Seuss-themed 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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A sneak peek at *Splendor*



DETAILS have been released 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 413m² 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**).

More images on **FACEBOOK**.



Discover Silversea's splitting of *Silver Spirit* in the April issue of *travelBulletin*.

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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 one-off gain of US\$205m for the disposal of certain available-for-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 "thrill-seeking 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 harness-equipped 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**.

Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY

<i>Carnival Legend</i>	03 Apr
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	03 Apr
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	04 Apr
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	05 Apr
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	08 Apr

BRISBANE

<i>Pacific Aria</i>	06 Apr
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	07 Apr
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	09 Apr

CAIRNS

<i>Pacific Aria</i>	09 Apr
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DARWIN

<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	03 Apr
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	05 Apr
<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	09 Apr

FREMANTLE

<i>Sea Princess</i>	04 Apr
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AUCKLAND

<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	03 Apr
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	07 Apr
<i>Sun Princess</i>	08 Apr
<i>Noordam</i>	09 Apr

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 Chicago-based 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 in Aug.

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 Smeralda* will also offer an itinerary to include Savona and La Spezia.

Sales for the new depts 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.



Cruise Travel Consultant

Cruise Express is an award winning Australia wide specialist cruise travel agency. Due to our new office opening on Sydney's North Shore we require a travel specialist with a minimum of three years travel/cruise experience to join our enthusiastic team.

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