

### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Sun Island 2019

**CROATIAN** holiday specialist Sun Island Tours has released its 2019 cruising brochure.

It includes 37 cruises and 11 cruise-and-stay packages, as well as the 3049 cruise targeting 30- to 49-year-olds.

All cruise itineraries are a mix of traditional, premium and deluxe-superior, with up to 19 twin/double cabins plus balcony cabins.

There are now 51 Wed departures, including four new seven-night itineraries with up to 20% savings on offer for early bookings.

For further information on the new brochure contact the company on 1300 665 673.

## MSC celebrates its latest *Seaview*

**THE** 15th vessel of the MSC Cruises fleet, *MSC Seaview*, was christened last Sat night in the Italian port of Genoa.

The spectacular ceremony was attended by European TV and music stars, industry VIPs, key travel partners and international media as well as top management from MSC Cruises and its parent company MSC Group.

Long-time MSC Cruises godmother Sophia Loren cut the ribbon to launch the bottle of champagne and name the new ship amid a fireworks display.

The 5,429-pax *MSC Seaview* is the second of two sister ships in the seaside generation – the first being *MSC Seaside* which entered service in Dec 2017.

At 323 metres long with a GRT of 154,000 tonnes, the ship was designed for warm-weather sailing and to encourage pax to outside decks & walkways.



Staterooms and suites have elongated balconies offering both light and covered areas, and a 360° promenade with glass balustrades runs around the entire ship.

*MSC Seaview* will cruise out of six ports in the Western Mediterranean – Genoa,

Marseille, Barcelona, Naples, Messina and Valetta.

The vessel will also sail to South America in Nov for a series of cruises departing Sao Paulo, Brazil, before returning to the Mediterranean in Apr 2019.

**Pictured:** *MSC Seaview*'s christening last weekend.

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## Chimu Antarctica

**CHIMU** Adventures has launched its ninth Antarctica departure sailing between late 2018 and early 2020.

The "In Shackleton's Wake" journey will take place aboard the newly refurbished *Ocean Atlantic* which will depart Ushuaia 01 Mar, 2020 returning to Puerto Madryn, Argentina, three weeks later.

It will sail in the wake of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, who led three expeditions to Antarctica, and will explore the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, the location of Shackleton's quest to find help and his final resting place in 1922.

"I love taking Chimu passengers down to Antarctica and can't wait to see their reaction on our first cruise to the Arctic in 2019," said Chimu co-founder Greg Carter.

## Carnival purchase

**HOLLAND** America Princess Alaska Tours, a subsidiary of Carnival Corporation, has signed a deal to acquire TWC Enterprises Limited's White Pass & Yukon (WP&YR) Route division in Skagway, Alaska.

The historic railroad links Skagway with Whitehorse, the capital of Yukon, and carries 400,000 passengers a year.

Carnival is also forming a joint venture with Survey Point Holdings, Inc, an Alaskan company based in Ketchikan, that will make Survey Point the managing partner of Skagway, WP&YR and the associated retail operations Carnival is buying from TWC Enterprises.

The partners plan to invest in the port and expand docking facilities to accommodate the new generation cruise ships.

The transaction is scheduled to be finalised 31 Jul.

## Princess set for kick off



**PRINCESS** Cruises has announced it will be showing all 64 games of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia live on nine ships.

"Princess guests will be able to join in the global football festivities and celebrate every Socceroos goal in real time along with the rest of Australia, no matter where in the world they are sailing," said senior vice president Princess Cruises Asia Pacific, Stuart Allison.

Kicking off on 15 Jun with

Russia vs Saudi Arabia, the first Socceroos game airs 8pm Sat, 16 Jun with Australia taking on World Cup favourites, France, in Kazan.

The World Cup will air on board *Sea Princess* (world cruise), *Crown Princess* (Mediterranean), *Diamond Princess* (Japan), *Emerald Princess* (Alaska), *Majestic Princess* (China), *Pacific Princess* (Northern Europe), *Regal Princess* (Scandinavia and Russia), *Royal Princess* (British Isles), and *Sapphire Princess* (Baltic).

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## Ritz-Carlton opens books



**RESERVATIONS** are now open for the inaugural season of The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection, with cruises scheduled to set sail in Feb 2020.

The international luxury hotel company is building three custom-designed 190-metre yachts that accommodate up to 298 guests in 149 suites, each of which has a private terrace.

The first yacht will cruise in the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, the Caribbean, Latin America, Canada and the north-eastern waters of America.

Voyages will range from seven to 10 nights, visiting ports such as Barbados, Cartagena, Bordeaux, Copenhagen, Mykonos and Portofino.

Most itineraries can be combined for back-to-back voyages that don't repeat ports;

and a 5% discount is offered for combining two or more consecutive cruises.

Journey highlights in 2020 include the christening celebration on the inaugural voyage to the Monaco Grand Prix, visiting the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and exploring the Greek Isles and Balearic Islands.

The ship will have five dining options, including a main restaurant, an Asian Fusion venue, Aqua (extra-charge a la carte menu), an outdoor grill, casual Marina Lounge and Bar, plus the Living Room Cafe and a Champagne bar.

Fares will include staff gratuities, beverages, wi-fi and use of water sports equipment.

For booking info **CLICK HERE**.

**Pictured:** A rendering of a Ritz-Carlton yacht.



Find out who is still sailing in Myanmar in the June issue of *travelBulletin*.

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### Holland refresh

**HOLLAND** America Line has relaunched its website in an effort to make it more intuitive for online bookings.

The site now boasts a new cruise search toolbar on the home page that allows visitors to select the cruise destination, port departure, date and cruise length.

Other new features include bolder images and more detailed cruise information.

### Ponant green push

**FRENCH** luxury expedition company Ponant has donated 1% of its turnover on World Oceans Day (08 Jun) to non-profit organisation Sea Plastics.

Established in 2016, Sea Plastics aims to implement oceanographic expeditions that study the impact of plastics on the marine environment.

Ponant is building the first hybrid electric exploration ship propelled by LNG, a Ponant Icebreaker, due in 2021.



### Royal bans straws

**ROYAL** Caribbean Cruises will no longer use plastic straws on its ships by 2019.

The next green push will see the cruise line focus on removing other single-use plastics such as cups and bags.



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## Royal damages

**FORMER** Royal Caribbean marketing and revenue manager Lisa Spearman was recently awarded \$26.6 million in damages by a Miami court, 10 years after her hand was crushed when working on *Voyager of the Seas*, according to *The New Zealand Herald*.

In 2008, a heavy watertight door smashed Spearman's right hand during a routine safety drill while the ship was docked at Barcelona.

The incident left her permanently injured & the jury found Royal Caribbean was 100% liable for her injuries.

## Celebrity pride party



**CELEBRITY** Cruises celebrated Pride Month by hosting its second annual Pride Party at Sea, held last week.

The party took place in tandem across the fleet and travelled more than 10,000 miles across nine ships around the world.

Olympic bronze medalist Adam Rippon (**right**) and two time men's figure skating Olympian Johnny Weir served



as ambassadors for this year's festivities, which also included a pride parade on each ship.

"Celebrity Cruises has been and always will be dedicated to promoting diversity, inclusivity and equality, and part of the dedication includes knowing when to take time to celebrate the hard work and successes of the LGBTQ+ community," said Celebrity Cruises president and chief executive officer Lisa Lutoff-Perlo.



## Sojourn Alaska

**SEABOURN** has launched a series of 11-, 12- and 14-day voyages out of Anchorage and Vancouver for the 2018 Alaska season aboard *Sojourn* commencing 16 Jun.

Itineraries include some of the region's most popular destinations and rarely visited ports in the Inside Passage like Alert Bay and Klemtu.

The 458-pax ship introduces Ventures by Seabourn, a new program of guided Zodiac, kayaking and hiking excursions led by Seabourn's expert expedition team.

For further info **CLICK HERE**.

## Cruise Calendar

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

**SYDNEY**  
*Pacific Eden* 14 Jun  
*Pacific Eden* 18 Jun

**BRISBANE**  
*Pacific Dawn* 12 Jun  
*Pacific Eden* 12 Jun  
*Pacific Dawn* 16 Jun  
*Pacific Eden* 16 Jun  
*Pacific Aria* 17 Jun

**CAIRNS**  
*Pacific Aria* 12 Jun

**DARWIN**  
*Carnival Spirit* 16 Jun

**AUCKLAND**  
*Pacific Jewel* 15 Jun  
*Pacific Jewel* 18 Jun



**AS FLOTATION** devices go, it's certainly novel.

An Iowa man has been filmed paddling a giant inflatable unicorn across a pond in a mission to rescue a baby goose from a turtle attack.

**UPI** reports the man had spotted the emergency unfolding while driving by.

He apparently made a quick diversion to his brother's house, where he borrowed the unicorn and returned to save the young gosling.

The device might not pass regulation at a cruise safety drill, but the bird was successfully saved and returned to its family.