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#### Cruise Weekly today

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

#### Carnival Black Fri

**CARNIVAL** Australia is offering a range of Black Friday deals across several brands.

When booked by 25 Nov, a 12-night Cunard round trip departing Melbourne and visiting New Zealand is available for \$1,799ppts, representing a \$630 discount.

A four-night P&O round trip cruise from Brisbane via the Whitsundays is priced from \$279pp quad share when bookings are made by 26 Nov.

Passengers can also receive up to \$500 spending money on food & drink per stateroom booked on Princess Cruises to places such as Japan & Alaska.

## Labor would "kill" Botany terminal plan

NSW Opposition Leader Michael Daley has labelled a plan to build a cruise ship terminal at Yarra Bay a "horrible proposal" and said if elected his govt would "kill" the recommendation.

Speaking in NSW Parliament on Wed, Daley was scathing in his assessment of the proposal.

"This plan was contrived in secret, there was no consultation with local people, there is no respect for communities, that is how the Govt rolls," he said.

"I make this promise, if Labor wins the election in Mar, if I am your Premier, I will kill this thing stone dead," he added.

Daley said the preferable decision would be to construct another terminal at Garden Island, calling on Prime Minister Scott Morrison to intervene.

"This is being pushed by one cruise ship company...there is space at Garden Island," he said.



"They need a facility for only eight to 12 weeks a year, in the peak season from Feb to Apr.

"The Navy can make a berth available at Garden Island, and that is what should happen."

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia reaffirmed its view that Sydney needed a third terminal, stating it "supports the NSW Govt's initiative to proceed with developing a strategic business case for additional cruise infrastructure".

Tempering the arguments put forward by the NSW Opposition, Nationals MP Stephen Bromhead said Australia needed to "continue to provide world-class facilities capable of supporting the larger cruise ships".

"In 2018, NSW hosted 380 ship visits, 352 of these were visits to Sydney," Bromhead said.

"By 2040 the number of passengers coming to Sydney is expected to double," he said.



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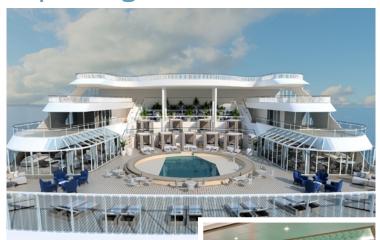
#### **Cunard** ballet

**CUNARD** will welcome the **English National Ballet on** board Queen Mary 2 from Southampton to New York from 11-18 Aug 2019.

More info on the seven-night journey can be found HERE.



## Exploring dreams to come



**DREAM** Cruises has revealed further details and a series of rendered images for its upcoming new addition, Explorer Dream, which is set to homeport out of Sydney in Oct 2019.

Following its refurbishment, the former Superstar Virgo ship will



offer a range of features exclusive to Dream Cruises, including the Umi Uma sushi and teppanyaki restaurant, Palm Court, Mozzarella Ristorante & Pizzeria, plus a gelateria and a Matcha Ice

bar (inset above).

The 1,852-passenger ship will offer a total of 926 staterooms, including Balcony suites (inset left) and the luxurious Palace Suites which have access to the Palace Pool Deck (pictured top).

The Little Dreamers Kids' Club will also be available for families and multi-generation travellers.

Seven-night cruises from Sydney to Auckland are now available to book, with fares starting at \$972 per person twin share.

For more information call Dream Cruises on 9212 6288.

To view more rendered images of the ship **CLICK HERE**.

### Odyssey of levity

**SEABOURN** has released new evening entertainment for its 2019 cruise season on board Seabourn Odyssey.

Guests can expect updates to Seabourn's An Evening with Sir Tim Rice production along with four new experiences, including Italian performance Viva Italia and That's Life.

Odyssey's Grand Salon has also been upgraded with the addition of new LED screens, a redesigned stage, and updated theatrical lighting.

Each new production will premiere throughout Dec.

Similar entertainment and upgrades are scheduled for Seabourn Sojourn in Jul 2019 & Seabourn Quest in May 2020.

### Hawaii spend up

**THE** Hawaii Tourism Authority has released its **Annual Visitor Research** report for 2017, showing that visitor spend from cruise ship passengers rose 17.1% for the year to US\$46.4 million.

Over the course of the year, the US state welcomed 258,473 total cruise passengers, with 99.8% paying a visit to Oahu, 93.8% heading to the island of Hawaii, 92.6% visiting Maui, and 83.9% checking out Kauai.

View the full figures in the report online HERE.



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## CMV hails Vasco da Gama



**TO CELEBRATE** the launch of the 2019/20 itineraries for its new ship *Vasco da Gama*, Cruise & Maritime Voyages (CMV) recently hosted a number of travel agents at the Gilbert Street Hotel in Adelaide.

The cruise line announced last week that it would be the world's first cruise line to visit Wallaroo (*CW* 14 Nov) on the western side of South Australia's Yorke Peninsula, as well as the first to visit four South Australian ports in one voyage.

Vasco da Gama is expected to accommodate 8,400 cruise passengers from Adelaide alone.

Pictured celebrating the news are: Dean Brazier and Wendy Ronksley from Cruise & Maritime Voyages, and inset Yolanthe Simpson from CMV with John Popilieff from Axis Travel Centre.

## Riviera offers eight solo Europe cruises

**RIVIERA** Travel has announced it will offer a record eight solo-only river cruises in Europe next year.

Three new solo trips added in 2019 include a seven-night cruise from Cologne and a seven-night cruise from Porto on the Douro. Prices for the river cruises lead in at \$2,769 per person.

## On the menu: Polo Grill Steakhouse



SHIP: Oceania Regatta. RESTAURANT: Polo Grill Steakhouse.

DESCRIPTION: This eatery is designed to make passengers feel like they have walked into an upmarket steakhouse in New York or Dallas. There's timber panelling on all the interior walls and amazing views from Regatta's top floor. Guests are greeted at their table by one of the ship's many sommeliers who are on hand to recommend the best drinks to match menu choices. The food

at the Polo Grill ranges from oysters, crab and dry aged beef to lobster mac'n'cheese.

**RESERVATIONS:** Bookings to the steakhouse are available prior to embarkation or through the restaurant manager aboard the ship.

**DRESS:** "Country Club Casual" (smart, but not formal).

HOURS: Booking times are dependent on availability and whether the ship is at sea or in port. However tables are available on most nights between 6.30pm and 9.30pm.

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#### Cruises on theme

**STAR** Clippers is offering 10 new "themed" itineraries on board three of its tall ships in 2019, with sailings to take place in the Mediterranean, South Asia and Caribbean.

The specialist onboard experiences include yoga classes, talks on archaeology, fitness training, and tips on fashion styling.

For more info CLICK HERE.



**DIVERS** may have discovered the ultimate reason to show some restraint at the cruise buffet after surmising a group of shifting cows probably led to the abrupt sinking of a 90-year-old steam boat.

The wreck was located on the bed of the North American Lake Huron, and records show that 115 cows and one bull were loaded onto the boat from Canada's Manitoulin Island before it sank east of Michigan's Drummond Island.

It is believed that the herd caused the ship to capsize after all moving to one side of the ship at once - so just make sure when you and the fam stock up, try to move in different directions.



## Lindblad to sail south



**LINDBLAD** Expeditions-National Geographic have welcomed an additional voyage for the new polar-build vessel, National Geographic Endurance, set for delivery in 2020.

The 126-guest ship has only two departure dates and will explore Antarctica's remote landscape, including the Peninsula, the Ross Sea region and the sub-Antarctic islands of

New Zealand and Australia, along with World Heritage sites where seals and penguins reside.

Lindblad Expedition's Epic Antarctica itinerary is a 34-day expedition starting from \$61,000, departing on 27 Dec 2020 and 26 Jan 2021, with the second departure date operating in reverse.

**CLICK HERE** for further itinerary information.

## **Viking Portugal**

VIKING has released a special offer for its 10-day Portugal's River of Gold cruise tour, where travellers can fly to Europe in Economy class for \$995, and their companion travels for free.

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