

Cruise Weekly today

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

Europa 2 makes first entry to WA

HAPAG-LLOYD Cruises has announced that its *MS Europa 2* vessel will make its first ever visit to Western Australia in the 2020/21 season.

The cruise will depart Melbourne before cruising the south coast and stopping off at Adelaide and Kangaroo Island before making her debut arrival in Western Australia.

Highlights of the WA leg of the cruise includes a visit to Albany on the southern tip of the state, before sailing on to Busselton to enjoy the Margaret River region.

Other WA destinations to feature in the itinerary are Fremantle, Geraldton and Exmouth, before making its way to the final destination of Bali.

The 16-day sailing leaves Melbourne on 06 Jan 2021, with prices leading in at \$11,390 per person.

Further highlights of *Europa*



2's 2020/21 season include a fashion cruise from Hamburg to the German port city Kiel via Copenhagen, with a fashion show to be hosted on board on the pool deck by a renowned designer.

The three-day sailing is priced from \$2,150 per person.

Another big ticket item in the program is Hapag-Lloyd's

ART2SEA cruise which sails in between popular South African destinations in 2021.

Departing from and returning to Cape Town, the cruise visits Port Elizabeth and Durban to explore international art exhibitions.

The 14-day trip costs \$10,670 per person.

For info on the Melbourne to Bali cruise via WA - [CLICK HERE](#).

Viking river deals

VIKING Cruises has launched a range of discounted rates for Veranda and French Balcony Staterooms for a select number of departures on its Grand European river cruise.

Reduced prices for a number of 15-day Budapest to Amsterdam sailings Veranda staterooms now priced at \$7,995pp and French Balcony staterooms down to \$6,595pp.

"Given how fast our Standard staterooms sold out, this really is a case of best in best dressed," said Viking's Operations and Product Manager Lubica Sibikova.

The deal is valid until 30 Apr. For more info call 138 747.

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APT Kimberley brox

APT has announced the launch of its new 2020 Kimberley Cruising brochure, featuring a range of sailings to Arnhem Land.

The brochure boasts a new look and features new packages such as the 10-day Coral Coast expedition cruise which explores the outer regions of Ningaloo Reef in search of humpback whales.

A returning favourite is the Grand Kimberley Coast cruise which explores the secluded gorges and sprawling reefs of the region's rugged coastline and offers a fast boat ride experience, as well as a walk around Bigge Island to see Indigenous rock art.

To celebrate the brochure's launch, APT is offering discounts on select itineraries that start and finish in Kununurra across all suite categories.

Deals include savings of up to \$3,000 per couple when bookings are made by 30 Jun.

For more info [CLICK HERE](#).

Let Alaska be your *Muse*



SILVERSEA Cruises has revealed that its 596-passenger *Silver Muse* ship begins her inaugural season in Alaska next month.

Servicing the northernmost US state between May and Sep 2019, the vessel will undertake 14 voyages ranging from seven to 21 days in length and visits the Alaskan ports of Juneau, Skagway and Sitka.

With the native Alaskan wildlife a firm focus for the itineraries,

highlights include two whale watching voyages created in partnership with marine conservation charity ORCA.

Land excursions available on the cruises include iconic Alaskan outdoor adventures such as wilderness kayaking, hiking, fly fishing for salmon, and a guided trek at Anan Creek which provides an opportunity to observe bears in their natural element.

Earlybird discounts are in place for a seven-day sailing from Vancouver to Seward which start from \$4,680ppts.

Further specials include the chance to receive US\$1,000 in onboard credit per suite and a one-category suite upgrade when bookings are made by 30 Apr.

For more info on the Alaska cruise collection, [CLICK HERE](#).

Santorini capacity

SANTORINI officials have met with CLIA reps to discuss the problem of overtourism on the Greek island and how best to distribute and transport cruise ship arrivals.

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Creative incentives

INDEPENDENT cruise wholesaler Creative Cruising is offering travel agents a \$50 gift card bonus when Europe bookings are made with either Celebrity Cruises, Azamara Club Cruises, MSC Cruises and Norwegian Cruise Line by 31 May.

Creative Cruising's packages include reduced fares, early booking discounts, as well as exclusive on-board credit.

Itineraries available include the Explore French Riviera, Rome and Las Ramblas in Barcelona package which takes place aboard *Celebrity Constellation* on a 10-night cruise from \$4,799 per person in an inside stateroom.

Included are return flights with Qantas, three-nights of pre-cruise accommodation and return private transfers.

Another package on offer is an Azamara wine and cuisine cruise priced from \$5,119pp.

For more info call 1300 362 599.

Princess sells fast

PRINCESS Cruises has revealed that its 2021 world cruise has "become the fastest-selling World Cruise in the cruise line's history".

The 111-day roundtrip voyage departs Ft. Lauderdale on 03 Jan 2021 aboard *Island Princess* which makes her world cruise debut.

"First-day bookings for our 2021 World Cruise were extraordinary and this record-setting day further demonstrates that our guests value travel experiences to explore new places and cultures," said Princess Cruises President Jan Swartz.

The vessel features more than 700 balconies, with the global trip visiting 50 destinations and 32 countries.

There are still spots available and for more info on the cruise, **CLICK HERE**.

Carnival: A pizza genius



CARNIVAL Cruise Line has announced the launch of its "Pizza Anywhere" service, a new feature of the Carnival Cruise Line app that allows pax to order a pizza anywhere on the ship.

Five varieties of pizza are now available on the app, including margherita, funghi, pepperoni, quattro formaggi and hawaiian.

"Whether you're busy having fun with the kids by the pool, or simply relaxing on a hammock in serenity with a good book, how great is it to have piping hot pizza delivered straight to you," said Carnival Cruise Line Australia Vice President Jennifer Vandekreeke.

"We're currently also working

to expand deliveries to include beverages to make life even easier for cruisers on holidays," she added.

The new app service is currently offered on board *Carnival Spirit* and will be available on board *Carnival Splendor* when she arrives to her new home port in Sydney this Dec, with each pizza costing \$7 which is automatically charged to guests' Sail & Sign shipboard accounts upon order.

"The...feature is a terrific example of how committed Carnival is to ensuring their guests never miss a piece of the action and have as much 'FUN' as possible," Vandekreeke said.

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Highlights from the 18th annual CLIA cruise industry awards in the April issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Ponant last chance

PONANT is offering discounts on remaining staterooms across a range of 10-night Kimberley voyages between May and Aug 2019. Savings of \$1,600 per room is on offer until 30 Apr.

Cruise Calendar

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

SYDNEY
Crystal Symphony 08 Apr
Golden Princess 08 Apr
Ovation of the Seas 09 Apr
Sea Princess 09 Apr
Carnival Spirit 11 Apr
Celebrity Solstice 12 Apr
Pacific Explorer 13 Apr
Radiance of the Seas 14 Apr

MELBOURNE
Celebrity Solstice 10 Apr

BRISBANE
Pacific Dawn 09 Apr
Sea Princess 11 Apr
Pacific Dawn 13 Apr

CAIRNS
Coral Discoverer 12 Apr
Crystal Symphony 14 Apr

HOBART
Celebrity Solstice 08 Apr

FACE-2-FACE: Fiona Dalton

Managing Director, Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection.



1. What is the favourite part of your job?

Partnering with the trade to share the incredible Uniworld story to prospective guests. I'm always looking for that moment when a guest realises we are not like any other cruise line that exists today.

2. Why did you choose a career in the cruise industry?

Cruising is the most exciting corner of the industry and there's still so much untapped potential. In river cruising specifically we've seen overall capacity increases of approximately 250% from the main players over the past eight years, which is a clear indication of its popularity.

3. Biggest challenge facing the industry?

The overuse of the word luxury.

4. Advice for up-and-comers?

Keep learning, find a mentor or a mentoring program (TIME is a great place to start) and have a plan. Plans can change,

but without one you'll be rudderless (excuse the pun).

5. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Good question! Had you asked about three years' time I'd have been able to give you an answer.

6. How do you wind down after a busy week?

On Fri and Sat nights we usually share dinner with local friends. It's a chance to reconnect with each other and share stories from our week. They're my support network and I don't know where I'd be without them.

7. The celebrity you would most like to cruise with?

Dawn French.

8. What should the cruise ship of the future look like?

Intimate. A small ship with heart and soul – and a personality of its very own – exactly what guests can expect from our newly transformed and reimagined *SS Bon Voyage* when she launches in Apr.

Irish cruise protest

PROTESTORS picketing the Port of Cork in Ireland have been urged to stop by local councillors for fear of scaring away cruise tourism.

The protestors claim public access to areas at the dock have been unfairly restricted due to pax disembarking, with "health & safety" cited as the reason by the Port of Cork.



ALL aboard baby boomers, your cruise heaven is about to arrive!

The *Rock the Boat* sailing departs Brisbane in Nov 2020 and features performances from retro rock legend royalty such as Suzi Quatro, Jon Stevens, Russell Morris and Ross Wilson.

The venue is the impressive *Radiance of the Seas* with express bookings available now through Cruise Express.

Rock on dad!



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