

CRUISE WEEKLY

On location in
Nawiliwili, United
States

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of Norwegian Cruise Line, which is this week hosting its 2019 Legends famil.

PRIDE of America's second-last destination is Nawiliwili, on the island of Kauai, where she will stay overnight.

Tomorrow evening, 2019 Norwegian Cruise Line Legends famil attendees will depart for their final stop of Honolulu, but not before enjoying a helicopter tour, a rum safari and a hosted lunch at Gaylords restaurant, with all activities hosted by Hawaii Tourism.

Pandaw brushes off collision "drama"

PANDAW has hit back at the "very negative" media coverage it received after the *Kindat Pandaw* collided with a bridge in the Upper Ganges in India last week (**CW** 06 Dec), with the river cruise line saying "collisions on busy waterways do occasionally happen".

Pandaw founder Paul Strachan said in a statement released yesterday that the "relatively minor incident quickly became a drama" due to the "complete overreaction" of the tour guide, who ordered an evacuation in a decision which the line said should have been made by the master.

After interviewing key crew members and the master, Pandaw concluded that "a very small amount of water" entered the ship, and underscored its ability to cope with water ingress, saying the crew can "temporarily patch any hole in a moment".



Strachan ended the statement with an apology, and said Pandaw is taking a number of measures to ensure similar incidents don't happen again, including more crew training and a revision to the Upper Ganges itinerary, which will see the vessel "avoid the section with the pontoon bridges".

In stark contrast to Pandaw's account of the incident, British journalist Sue Bryant, who was on board the vessel at the

time, described it on Twitter as a "major crash" that "ripped a pontoon bridge off its hinges" and left passengers shaken.

Bryant also shared an image (**above**) in a tweet that shows the significant damage to the bridge caused by the impact.

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There are two new itineraries aboard *Celebrity Millennium*, including a 10-night Eastern Caribbean itinerary and a four-night weekend escape calling at Key West, Florida, and Nassau, Bahamas, while the "newly modernised" *Celebrity Solstice* will be the first ship in the Solstice Series to sail Asia.

Guests who book a 2021/22 voyage before 31 Dec will receive "exclusive benefits" including 10% off on pre-cruise purchases for shore excursions, Xcelerate packages, beverage packages, specialty dining and more.

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Scenic takes flight

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An ocean of offers

PRINCESS Cruises has introduced an "ocean of offers" on its 2020 itineraries, including Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Alaska, Japan, and Caribbean destinations.

The offers include a packaged Best Value fare that provides the first two guests in a stateroom with access to the Premier Beverage Package and Wi-Fi; and a Best Price fare that does not include value add-ons but allows all guests in a stateroom to lock in a low cruise fare.

Sapphire Princess 13-day New Zealand cruises start at \$2,319, with \$1,520 of included value, while *Regal Princess* 13-day New Zealand cruises start at \$2,319, with \$1,300 of included value.

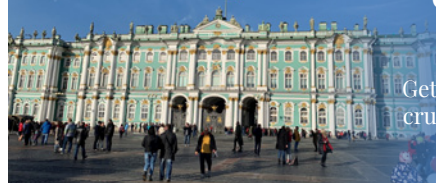
The offers are valid from now until 12 Mar - **CLICK HERE**.



IN A somewhat unusual, but perhaps clever solution to reach its goal of a zero-emission fleet by 2026, a transport company in Victoria, Canada has announced its intention to use organic waste from cruise ships to create "hydrogen fuel cell buses".

The company, Pacific North West Transportation Services (PNWTS), which runs the cruise ship shuttle service between ships and tourism destinations, made the announcement after Victoria City Council "brought forward stricter requests for environmental action in the cruise ship industry".

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Legends' flippin' fun



THE 2019 Norwegian Cruise Line Legends famill got a little wet on its last day on the Island of Hawaii, when they were treated to a snorkel by Seaquest Hawaii, thanks to Hawaii Tourism, with attendees lucky enough to spot a shark, swim with a turtle, and observe pods of dolphins. Many dubbed the day the best

of the famill to date, however, with the ship calling Nawiliwili in Kauai tomorrow for a helicopter tour and rum safari, that may change!

Pictured are Norwegian Cruise Line's Business Development Executive Jacinta Baker, NSW & ACT Business Development Manager Aaron Christian and Marketing Executive Jemma Lee.

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