

Cruise Weekly today

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

Evergreen goes wild

EVERGREEN Cruises & Tours has released its 2020 Canada, Alaska and USA brochure featuring a range of new wilderness and wildlife exclusive departures.

Sailings include the 14-day Rockies Highlights and Alaska Inside Passage Cruise exploring many of the Canada's iconic natural attractions including the renowned Inside Passage, with wildlife at the forefront such as bears and whales.

The sailing starts at \$4,145 per person twin share or \$5,845 per person solo travel.

For further info about the latest cruises, **CLICK HERE**.

Carnival goes large in Oz for 2021

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has almost doubled the number of Australian sailings offered in its latest round of trips released for the 2021 season.

With 56 cruises on offer, the 2021 program is the largest season in Australia to date, including a 66% increase in the number of shorter "Fun Size" cruises on board *Carnival Spirit* sailing from Brisbane and *Carnival Splendor* sailing from Sydney.

"For the first time ever, we have two ships sailing year-round from Australia," said Carnival Cruise Line Vice President Australia Jennifer Vandekreeke.

"With *Carnival Splendor* sailing from Sydney and *Carnival Spirit* based in her new homeport of Brisbane, we're offering more fun cruise holidays to more destinations than ever before."

"Guests can choose their favourite flavour of fun, ranging



from the tropical South Pacific, close to home in Australia, the adventure and beauty of New Zealand or a cheeky weekend getaway," she added.

Queenslanders will be the major beneficiaries of the 2021 season, with Carnival offering a number of new South Pacific cruises from Brisbane including a maiden call to the tropical Fijian island of Dravuni.

More program highlights for Carnival's 2021 season include a 10-day to the South Island of New Zealand priced from \$1,399ppts departing 15 Mar 2021, a four-night jaunt to Moreton Island setting sail on 18 Feb 2021, as well as a four-night cruise to Airlie Beach from \$599 per person, twin share leaving 21 Feb 2021.

Pictured: Carnival's 2,124-passenger *Carnival Spirit*.



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Viking's seven up

VIKING has launched a collection of seven new cruises sailing Australia, Asia, India, the Middle East and Europe.

Departing in 2021 and ranging from 22 to 41 days in length, the new itineraries include the 27-day In the Footsteps of Antiquities sailing, the 22-day European Highlights exploration, and the 40-day Passage to Ancient Treasures cruise.

Also on offer is the 41-day Jewels of Australia and Asia package, sailing from Sydney to Singapore and taking in nine countries along the way.

Prices for the cruise start at \$21,995 per person departing 13 Feb 2021.

Bookings made by 31 Aug can save up to \$1,000 per couple and earn one-way flight costs of \$395 per person.

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Virgin spices up its suites



VIRGIN Voyages is pulling out all the stops to promote the latest details of its much-hyped RockStar Suites available aboard its upcoming fleet of ships.

The suites will boast daily access to the Redemption Spa Thermal Suite, "bottomless" in-room bars, private limo transfers, high-speed

wi-fi access, and specialist hair and makeup squads.

Spice Girl Geri Halliwell was called upon by the company's founder Richard Branson to road test the trendy suites (pictured), with images of the pop star suggesting the accommodation will Spice Up Your Life.

Splendid excursions

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has revealed 65 new Mediterranean and Northern Europe shore excursions exclusively for guests sailing on the inaugural 2020 season of *Seven Seas Splendor*.

Activities include a helicopter ride above Monaco's countryside en route to a meal at La Bastide de Moustiers, an electric bike tour of La Cadiere d'Azur in France, and a tour of the former mine in Spain to enjoy an underground flamenco performance.

"Many of these excursions are being offered for the first time by our tour operator partners and are new for luxury travellers," said RSSC's President and Chief Executive Officer Jason Montague.

The excursions will be expanded to all Regent ships sailing Europe starting in 2021.

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Shadow says hola



SILVERSEA'S *Silver Shadow* recently set sail from Barcelona on the cruise line's 48-day Mediterranean Grand Voyage.

The all-suite vessel departed on 11 Jun after an overnight in the Catalonian capital, bound for 39 different destinations in nine countries.

The night prior to embarking, guests were treated to a

welcome gala in the Garden Room of the Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos I Hotel (**pictured**), with two French and Greek-inspired nights to follow on board.

A Mediterranean Grand Voyage is also planned for *Whisper* in 2020, sailing from and to Barcelona for 37 days, departing 03 Aug and visiting 28 destinations in nine countries.

Azamara Ventures Beyond



AZAMARA has launched the largest range of pre- and post-voyage land programs in its history, introducing more than 1,700 options for cruise guests.

The major expansion of its land offerings was motivated by a desire to further enhance its commitment to bringing guests "closer to the heart of a destination".

As part of its Venture Beyond the Sea push, Azamara has also removed the "Club Cruises" from its name, reinforcing its commitment to "destination immersion".

The change is designed to complement the brand's immersive voyages via longer

port stays, more overnights and night touring.

"Our passion for land has allowed our destination immersion programming to evolve over the past 10 years, from 'You'll Love Where We Take You' to 'Stay Longer', Experience More' to now 'Explore Further'; Destination Immersion," said Azamara President and Chief Executive Officer Larry Pimentel.

"This is just the beginning, we expect our land programming to grow even more as we continue to augment our services...and expand our strategy," he added.

All of Azamara's land packages include explorations by local experts and tour directors.

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Creative incentive

CRUISE wholesaler Creative Cruising is rewarding agents who book and deposit Crystal Cruises, Regent Seven Seas, and Silversea Cruises between 21 Jun and 31 Jul with two bottles of French Champagne.

Creative Cruising's packages include special offers such as bonus 5% commissions and fly free Business class fares on select Silversea sailings until 30 Jun - call 1300 362 599.

P&O returns to Mofo



P&O Cruises' Pacific Explorer arrived in Hobart yesterday with more than 2,000 passengers and crew who will be visiting Tasmania's iconic Dark Mofo festival which wraps up this Sun.

The cruise line brings the single largest group of interstate visitors to the moody event, with P&O Cruises President Sture Myrmell confirming that *Pacific Explorer* will be returning to visit Dark Mofo for a third time in 2020.

"A P&O Cruise provides guests from around the country with an easy and convenient way of accessing Tasmania's popular winter solstice celebration," Myrmell said.

"Our guests love discovering new and unique events, and cruising offers a convenient, value-packed and fun-filled way for people to experience this iconic Australian festival which has fast become a favourite and mainstay of the national circuit," he added.

In line with the cruise line's Main Events itineraries, guests on this year's P&O Dark Mofo cruise

received a priority pass to the event's Winter Feast and return ferry transfers to MONA as part of their cruise fare.

The next Dark Mofo cruise departs Sydney 18 Jun, 2020, starting from \$599 per person quad share.

Seabourn magazine

LUXURY cruise line Seabourn has launched a new digital magazine called *Current*, a publication covering off on the line's cruise experiences offered around the world.

"We're thrilled to launch our first-ever digital magazine, creating an avenue for guests and travel advisors to discover the beauty and culture of Seabourn's luxury travel experience," said Seabourn's Senior VP of Global Marketing & Sales Chris Austin.

With high quality photography at the forefront, *Current* explores what Seabourn offers in the way of culinary experiences, as well as details about the cultural attractions on offer in the destinations it visits.

View the digital mag **HERE**.



AS THOUGH cruising wasn't exciting enough, some pax are now adding an extra layer of intrigue to the journey.

The bizarre phenomenon of secreting rubber duckies in the cracks and crevices of giant cruise ships has now become a global social media craze.

The game of duckie hide and seek is believed to have been started by a 10-year-old girl and has since grown to the point where thousands of cruise travellers are posting their hidden duckies online.

One should never stand in the way of cruise passengers having a good time obviously, but those who don't want to participate and keep their beaks out of it, we are totally fine with that too.



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