

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

U should celebrate

U RIVER Cruises is offering 20% off select 2020 cruises, with eight-day itineraries starting from US\$2,999 per person (A\$4,378).

Scenic Euro offer

A **EUROPE** bonus offer is currently available with Scenic, expiring Fri.

Guests can fly for \$95 on the Hidden Gems of Europe itinerary in 2020, while 10% off Balcony Suite upgrades are also on offer on select departures.

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MSC Cruises makes a big bang

MSC Cruises has lit up Hamburg's Elbe River in its christening event for *MSC Grandiosa*, shortly before announcing it would be the first global cruise line with carbon neutral marine operations.

All carbon dioxide emissions from MSC's fleet will be offset from 01 Jan, with the announcement coming as part of a broader vision to support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, in tandem with continued investments in advanced environmental technology allowing for zero-emissions ship operations.

The declaration came on the occasion of the cruise line's largest-ever christening event, with *Grandiosa* (pictured) set to visit eight countries and 11 ports across 127 days, engaging with over 14,000 travel agents.

With special guests including



European celebrities Annemarie & Wayne Carpendale, Michelle Hunziker, Emma Lanford, Mousse T and Jochen Schropp, godmother Sophie Loren named her 15th MSC Cruises ship, with *Grandiosa* "the most environmentally friendly" flagship the line has built.

Grandiosa will now embark on a tour to Southampton, Lisbon, Portugal, Barcelona, Spain, Marseille and Genoa before commencing seven-night cruises on 23 Nov.

The line also revealed details of its 2022 world cruise last week, which will pay visit to 43 ports.



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MTA finds Europe gems



A GROUP of MTA - Mobile Travel Agents advisors recently enjoyed a cruise from Amsterdam to Nuremberg aboard *Travelmarvel Diamond*, visiting Utrecht, Cologne, Bruhl, Rudesheim, Miltenberg, Wurzburg and Bamberg.

Pictured with Captain Punisa Grbovic are Pam Braithwaite; Marlene Nolan; Courtney Carland; Jenny Magee; Joanne Baxter; Tatiana Parry; Jeffrey James; Julie James; Emma Poultney; Michelle Edwards and Michelle McCann.

Carnival in Bahamas



CARNIVAL Corporation has pledged to help fund the restoration of the Rand Memorial Hospital, the main hospital on Grand Bahama Island.

Having suffered severe damage in Hurricane Dorian, the company has signed a memorandum of understanding with the government to repair the building and replace damaged medical equipment for the Freeport institution.

Set to be up and running by Mar, the project will also see the completion of a new kitchen, which was under construction when it was damaged by the storm.

The agreement will see the two parties work alongside Direct Relief, the Grand Bahama Shipyard, the University of Miami and World Central Kitchen, among others.

"In support of overall recovery efforts in The Bahamas, we have worked with government and community leaders to determine meaningful ways we can help that will deliver a lasting impact, and our shared mission to support the restoration of Rand Memorial Hospital exemplifies that commitment," said Carnival Corporation VP of Global Ports and Caribbean Government Relations Marie McKenzie.



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Taste of Bordeaux

EHLERS Estate will host a Taste of Bordeaux wine cruise through the city from 14-21 May.

The winery's vintner Laura Diaz Munoz and wine educator Peg Melnik will host exclusive wine dinners and education seminars on the seven-night cruise, which sails aboard AmaWaterway's *AmaDolce*.



THE inaugural Australian sailing of *Explorer Dream* (CW 28 Oct) marked the start of Dream Cruises' expansion outside of Asia, but it also marked the start of something else.

The world premiere of *After Dark: Dream Boys* is believed to be the first "adults-only" show on a cruise ship.

Described as "a ladies night where your fantasies will really come to life", with five "sexy and muscular" male dancers performing "powerful, hot and seductive moves", the show promises to "melt you down".

If you're a bit disappointed you missed it, never fear - the *Dream Boys* are supposedly here all summer.



A Dream lunch



DREAM Cruises recently hosted regional agents from Biloela, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Tannum Sands and Yeppoon for lunch aboard *Explorer Dream*.

The group was joined by local

media for a walk over of the ship, followed by a meal in the dining room, to promote the ship's regional itineraries she will be sailing until Dec.

The group is pictured.

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New Pandaw trip

PANDAW River Expeditions will host a short river cruise from Saigon to Phnom Penh.

Sailing for three or four nights, the twice-weekly departure opened in Sep, departing aboard *Indochina Pandaw*.

Originally part of a larger seven-night cruise from Saigon and Siem Reap, the itinerary covers the Mekong Delta, and includes a trip through the Gao Giong bird sanctuary.

The itineraries include all meals, daily excursions, cultural performances, movie nights and mountain bike hire to explore the rural villages, temples and countryside.

Leading in at \$1,811, travellers can currently save up to 10%, with no single supplement on selected dates.

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Carnival Tampa

CARNIVAL Cruise Line is celebrating 25 years of sailing from Tampa, Florida.

The line recently held a reception and luncheon aboard *Carnival Legend*, with a commemorative plaque presented from the company to Port Tampa Bay President and Chief Exec Paul Anderson.

Half a mil for Lupo

P&O Cruises Captain Salvatore Lupo recently achieved his 500th cruise ship transit of Brisbane, in over 10 years of sailing in and out of the city - congratulations!