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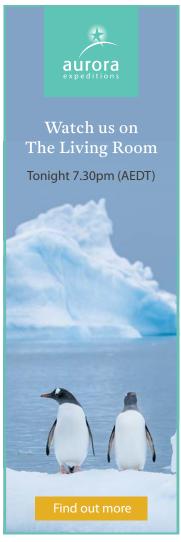


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## Amping it up soon!

**ROYAL** Caribbean is reminding agents that there is now only one day until its newly amplified Voyager of the Seas arrives in Sydney.

See front cover for further details of her arrival.



## CMV adds two more ships



**CRUISE** & Maritime Voyages (CMV) has announced the purchase of outgoing P&O ships Pacific Dawn and Pacific Aria.

Only this week, P&O revealed it would be bidding farewell to Aria and Dawn from its fleet in 2021 as part of a ship replacement strategy (CW 26 Nov), with CMV today confirming it would take the vessels, boosting its capacity by 30% to 9,000 berths.

CMV has already flagged plans to officially rename the duo when it takes delivery of the ships in mid-2021, following a planned dry docking in Singapore where some minor upgrades to amenities and the ships' livery will be completed.

The new ship names will be initially unveiled in late Dec, and be inspired by CMV's explorer theme which aims to reflect "a more traditional cruise experience that can access harder-to-reach ports".

"The introduction of two more ships to the global ocean fleet is the next exciting chapter of our

strategic growth objectives," said CMV's CEO Christian Verhounig.

"This will enable us to service increasing market demand for our traditional brand of cruising, generated by our expanding international network of in-house sales offices and developing source markets," he added.

Aria will be deployed to the German market under the TransOcean Kreuzfahrten brand, while Dawn will service the UK region from late May.

CMV has now acquired five cruise ships in five years and are on course to carry 200,000 passengers by 2021.

The inaugural 2021 programs will go on sale during Q1, 2020, with launch incentives planned to encourage early bookings.

Pictured: Pacific Dawn.

## Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of the latest cruise industry news plus a full page from Royal Caribbean International.

## Shop with Carnival

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line has launched an online retail store selling a range of products such as Xmas jumpers and cruise-themed ornaments.

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# The science of cruising



**HURTIGRUTEN** Cruises will continue to build on its sustainability program by welcoming a raft of scientists on board its ships during the 2019 and 2020 seasons to help support marine conservation projects.

Speaking with CW, the company's Managing Director APAC Damian Perry said the line was well positioned to help make a valuable contribution to data collection initiatives.

"We're very heavily engaged in the science and we are doing so much research and so much work because we are going to remote areas which aren't easy to access and we are using our facilities and our ships to continue science programs and actually share that data and information with

universities around the world," Perry said.

Scientists from environmental organisation Oceanities will be welcomed aboard two MS Fram trips to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica from 30 Dec, where they will use the ship to monitor and analyse penguin and bird populations in the warming Antarctic Peninsula.

Further projects include a collaboration with scientist Allison Cusick from the SCRIPPS Institution of Oceanography, who will be on board Roald Amundsen in Antarctica to collect phytoplankton through the Citizen Science project FjordPhyto, to determine the impact of increasing melt-water on phytoplankton populations.



Galapagos experts

**SILVERSEA** wrapped up its third Expedition Training Academy, with five experts from Silver Galapagos and two Academy trainers.

The month-long training started 05 Oct with a fiveday Zodiac operations course outside Annapolis, Maryland, before the group headed to Fort Lauderdale to board Silver Cloud for a 19-day voyage to Callao, Peru.

The team were trained on a number of topics to "further enhance their wealth of knowledge and experience".

Among the experts were Biologists Paulina Aguirre and Leandro Vaca, who will welcome guests aboard Silversea's new Silver Origin from Jul 2020.

## MSC improves access

MSC Cruises has flagged plans to roll out its accessible shore excursions program to eight more ports over the next 12 months.

To cater for less mobile guests, land tours will be completely step-free and accessible to wheelchairs wherever possible, as well only travelling over short distances for abbreviated lengths of time.

"We have always been sensitive to the needs of our guests, and constantly strive to offer the best possible service, meeting international accessibility standards," said MSC Cruises Head of Shore Excursions Jean-Pierre Joubert.

Destinations on offer in MSC's Accessible Tours Program include San Juan, Puerto Rico, Marseilles, France, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.





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## Viking by the dozen

VIKING Cruises has selected 12 existing cruise itineraries across river and ocean to be part of its 12 Cruises of Christmas promotion.

Each of the dozen cruises have been combined with special offers to mark the upcoming holiday season, such as complimentary flights, beverage packages, stateroom upgrades and city extensions.

New ocean cruises include a 17-day Sydney to Bali voyage departing 20 Mar 2020 and priced from \$7,995ppts, as well as 15-day sailing from Bangkok to Hong Kong leading in at \$8,995ppts and departing 31 Mar 2021.

River options feature a 15-day Grand European Tour from Budapest to Amsterdam, priced from \$5,995ppts and leaving 14 Nov 2021.

For more info call 138 747.

## Peregrine 30% off

**PEREGRINE** has introduced its new Sail Away deal offering guests up to 30% off select Antarctica 2020/21 voyages and 2020 adventure cruises.

The promotion is valid for bookings made by 08 Dec and includes a Best of Antarctica sailing departing 04 Nov 2020, representing savings of \$2,569 per person twin share on the regular price of \$3,985ppts.

## Magnifica Oz dates

For more info, CLICK HERE.

MSC Cruises is reminding agents that MSC Magnifica will be arriving in Australia from 14 Mar.

The Musica Class 2,550-pax Magnifica will visit Hobart on 14 Mar, Sydney on 16-17 Mar, Cairns on 24 Mar, & Darwin on 30 Mar.

Further details will be revealed in 2020 - for enquiries email events@msccruises.com.au.

## Action on board: **Culinary Arts Kitchen**



**SHIPS:** Seven Seas Explorer and Seven Seas Splendor.

LOCATION: Deck 11. COST: \$89 per person.

TIRED of having all your meals cooked for you? There's only one other way to eat, and that's to cook for yourself!

Offered on board Seven Seas Explorer and Seven Seas Splendor, the Culinary Arts Kitchen is a fresh take on the traditional cooking class.

The "classroom" features 18 culinary workstations that are fully equipped with top-ofthe-line induction cooktops, stainless steel sinks and a comprehensive collection of cooking essentials - along with incredible ocean views.

Budding chefs will receive

individualised, hands-on instruction and select from a wide curriculum of classes, catering to all levels of aptitude, from beginners to experienced cooks.

Sample classes include the "Mediterranean Melody", which takes a virtual trip around the region and celebrates the cuisine of Greece, Israel, France, Spain, Italy, Turkey, and Morocco, while "The Perfect Pair" sees students cooking a selection of recipes and then pairing them with wines to explore how different varietals compliment the dishes.

It's certainly a delicious and creative way to expand your regional knowledge.





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IN A stunning act of innovation last month, a farmer in Tennessee turned his homegrown 400kg pumpkin into a boat...because what else would you do with a giant pumpkin?

Farmer Justin Ownby, who has been trying to grow a 1,000lb (450kg) pumpkin for the past four years, hollowed out the pumpkin to harvest the seeds, and then took the makeshift boat out for a spin in his pond, with his kids and wife joining in on the fun.

Apparently Ownby wasn't the first to come up with the idea though, with pumpkin boat races taking place in Morton, Illinois in Nov each year - who would've thought?



# Do you see what icy?



SILVERSEA Cruises has released its top 10 images from a recent trip across the Northwest Passage on Silver Explorer, with the cruise line capturing a host of breathtaking images.

Sailing from Nome, Alaska to Tromso, Norway, the expedition traversed some of the Arctic's most remote destinations,



allowing its passengers to take in the icy waters, isolated townships and impressive wildlife.

Polar bears frolicking on an ice sheet near Ayon Is (pictured top), old wooden shacks of the Tikhaya Bay Polar Station on Hooker Is (inset above), & an icebreaker forging a route through the ice for Silver Explorer (inset left) were just some of the sights to see.

## Venice protests

**THOUSANDS** of activists have staged a protest in Venice to voice concerns that cruise ship arrivals are contributing to frequent flooding in the city.

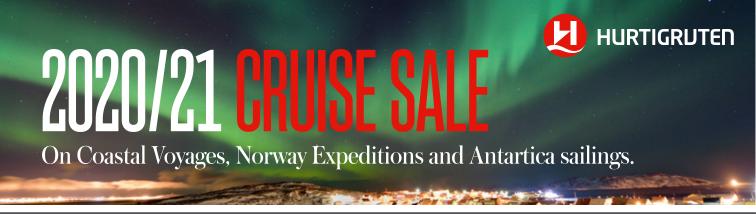
Media reports suggest demonstrators are calling out the frequent docking of cruise ships in Venetian lagoons as a significant cause of erosion of the city's foundations - in turn exacerbating flooding.

The protest march also saw the chanting of "Venice resist", calling for Mayor Luigi Brugnaro to resign over a number of concerns, namely corruption and an over-budget infrastructure project.

#### Euro river trends

**THE** European river cruise market is undergoing a shipbuilding boom, according to the CEO of European nautical management firm Rivertech Johan Rijfers.

Purchasing trends noted by Rijfers include lines asking for more ships with balcony rooms and second restaurants.





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