



## P&O preps “new concept” in entertainment

P&O Cruises will introduce a “new concept” in family entertainment to Australia when *Pacific Adventure* arrives in 2020.

The ship will feature a suite of new indoor and outdoor family entertainment options, with P&O Cruises President Sture Myrmell suggesting the additions matched the appetites of Aussie families and what they expected from a cruise holiday.

“We spend a lot of time listening to what our guests want from a cruise and have seen a growing demand for family-friendly entertainment areas where family groups can spend... time together,” Myrmell said.

“The new family entertainment area means kids and family groups can have a bit of fun together in some friendly competition over a game or two, listening to great music or hitting the waterslide or indoor-outdoor



pool,” he added.

The suite of attractions available on board *Pacific Adventure* will include two 135m water tubes called Twin Racer (pictured), a waterslide specifically designed for families to race each other.

The vessel will also offer P&O Edge Adventure Park, which boasts thrill rides such as a flying fox, “Walk the Plank” and a rock climbing wall.

Families can choose to dance the day away at P&O’s exclusive family-only deck party, enjoy a

range of games like lawn bowls, table tennis, hop scotch, and order pizza for the family from anywhere on the ship.

*Adventure* arrives in Sydney on Oct 2020, with fares leading in from \$849 per person twin share.

### Cruise Weekly today

*Cruise Weekly* today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus the latest Cruise Month deals from **Seven Ocean Cruises**.



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Today’s issue of *CW* is coming to you courtesy of Viking Cruises, which is hosting a VIP Waterways of the Tsars river cruise from Moscow to St Petersburg.

**ST PETERSBURG** offers an amazing array of attractions, including The Hermitage Museum which has an incredible collection of artworks and antiquities.

Viking’s shore excursion program includes a “Privileged Access” tour allowing its passengers early entry to the exhibits, as well as an afternoon extension to the Hermitage private archives of clothes, furniture and imperial carriages.

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### MSC Cirque du Soleil

MSC Cruises has announced the details of the two new Cirque du Soleil at Sea shows coming exclusively to *MSC Grandiosa*.

The first show, *COSMOS, Journey to the unbelievable*, is set in space and takes guests on a voyage across the galaxy, while *EXENTRICKS, Expect the unexpected* will attempt to shock viewers at every turn with a "high-spirited spectacle".

"When we set out to work with Cirque du Soleil, our objective with this exclusive partnership was to take our onboard entertainment to yet another level," said MSC's Senior VP Product Development & Guest Experience Andrea Gangale.

The new shows will launch on *Grandiosa* from Nov and work is already underway for *MSC Virtuosa's* two shows ahead of her launch in Oct 2020.

Shows can be booked before the cruise departs online.

### Greg is on track

AURORA Expeditions' new *Greg Mortimer* ship is tracking ahead of schedule as it crosses The Atlantic Ocean in preparation for an official Christening ceremony in Argentina and maiden voyage departing 31 Oct.

*Greg Mortimer* was able to maintain 12 knots despite facing eight-metre swells on the journey, with previous non X-BOW ships typically forced to slow down to eight knots during the same conditions.

The ship will undertake a special shack down voyage on 23 Oct, crossing the Drake Passage, running landings in Antarctica, before returning to Ushuaia, Argentina on 30 Oct.

The purpose-built ship uses a patented Ulstein X-BOW which allows for a smoother ride, faster speeds, & lower fuel consumption & air emissions.

THE arrival of Dream Cruises' *Explorer Dream* in Darwin for the first time over the weekend officially signalled the start of the cruise season in the Top End.

The upcoming season is expected to bring more than 64,000 visitors to the region and inject millions of dollars into the NT economy over the next year.

Seventy-six cruise and expeditionary ships are scheduled for the period, with five vessels to port in Darwin on their maiden visits including *Carnival Splendor* (02 Dec), *Boudicca* (14 Jan), *Queen Elizabeth* (17 Mar), and *MSC Magnifica* (30 Mar).

NT Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture Lauren Moss said the cruise sector was particularly

important to the NT because of the timing of the cruise season.

"Crucially, the cruise season runs over the traditionally quieter low season providing a welcome revenue boost for operators and retailers over that period," Moss said.

"Cruise ships stimulate the Territory economy by providing an influx of tourists into our region with passengers and crew undertaking tours, visiting local attractions and shopping at local retail outlets, cafes and restaurants," Moss added.

Carrying up to 2,800 passengers, *Explorer Dream* will follow up her maiden visit by returning in Mar for an overnight stay.

**Pictured:** Darwin.



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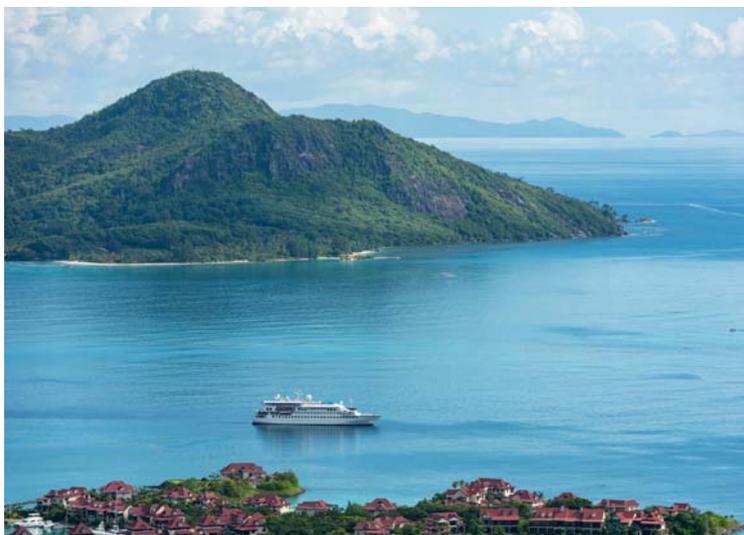
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## Esprit deployment reveal



**A GREEK** Isles focus, more Holy Land exploration, a return to Mediterranean rivieras, the Seychelles and the Arabian Peninsula are all on the agenda for Crystal Cruises' *Crystal Esprit* in 2022 and early 2023.

In all, the period will see *Esprit* embark on 55 sailings, including 11 new itineraries, with the newly announced voyages for the 62-passenger, all-suite vessel available to book from this Wed.

*Crystal Esprit* departures feature private butler service and fully-fitted marinas complete with complimentary water skis, wakeboards, paddle boards, kayaks, jet skis and snorkel gear.

Also available for an excess fee are deep water adventures of up to 1,000 feet in the yacht's private submersible.

"The scope of choices available

to *Crystal* yacht guests in 2022 and into 2023 blends some of the world's most famously captivating destinations with less visited spots, including harbours not accessible by larger vessels," said Crystal Cruises Senior Vice President & Managing Director Australasia Karen Christensen.

"We continue to listen to what our guests want most and are thrilled to add more voyages in those regions.

"*Crystal Esprit* was made for destinations like the Seychelles, the Italian Riviera, the islands of Greece and Cyprus and Capri – places ideal for exploring in the carefree atmosphere of a private yacht, with the exceptional onboard experience and service for which *Crystal* is celebrated."

**Pictured:** *Esprit* cruising Eden Island, Seychelles.

## Burnie cuts greeting

**BURNIE** Council has softened a proposal for its councillors to meet and greet cruise ship passengers during the 2019/2020 season.

Many councillors argued the original motion, which stipulated they must greet at least four ships during the period, was of little benefit because passengers were already being welcomed by Mayor Steve Kons.

Burnie City Council recently voted instead for every councillor to "attempt to accompany the mayor in greeting the cruise ships".

The Tasmanian port city is expecting 39 visits this season.

## Cyprus restoration

**THE** first cruise ship to sail between Egypt and Cyprus completed its journey last week following a 10-year hiatus.

Cyprus-based Salamis Cruises sailed its *Salamis Filoxenia* vessel to Alexandria, a voyage that saw Alexandria Governor Abdel Aziz Qansouh greet 500 pax on arrival.

"This trip was based on an agreement signed 10 months ago," Qansouh said.

"There is coordination with the mayor of Paphos to see to it that the *Salamis Filoxenia* visits Alexandria twice a week, and that the two cities will be linked to a low-cost airline after six months," he added.

Cyprus has been working to deepen tourist ties with Egypt.

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## Cruise Calendar

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

| SYDNEY                      |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| <i>Carnival Spirit</i>      | 21 Oct |
| <i>Ruby Princess</i>        | 23 Oct |
| <i>Golden Princess</i>      | 25 Oct |
| <i>Radiance of the Seas</i> | 26 Oct |
| <i>Explorer Dream</i>       | 27 Oct |
| <i>Celebrity Solstice</i>   | 27 Oct |

| MELBOURNE              |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| <i>Golden Princess</i> | 27 Oct |

| BRISBANE                  |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| <i>Pacific Dawn</i>       | 22 Oct |
| <i>Pacific Aria</i>       | 25 Oct |
| <i>Celebrity Solstice</i> | 25 Oct |
| <i>Pacific Dawn</i>       | 26 Oct |

| TOWNSVILLE     |        |
|----------------|--------|
| <i>Maasdam</i> | 21 Oct |

| CAIRNS                |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| <i>Maasdam</i>        | 22 Oct |
| <i>Sun Princess</i>   | 22 Oct |
| <i>Explorer Dream</i> | 23 Oct |

| DARWIN              |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| <i>Sun Princess</i> | 25 Oct |
| <i>Maasdam</i>      | 26 Oct |

| ADELAIDE            |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| <i>Sea Princess</i> | 25 Oct |

| HOBART              |        |
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| <i>Sea Princess</i> | 27 Oct |

## Food to Eclipse the rest



**THE** vast array of dining options on board *Scenic Eclipse* include cuisines from 14 nations and 10 unique dining experiences ranging from causal to fine dining. "We have a total of 2,500 recipes...you would need to be on board for one-and-a-half months to eat every dish," claims Executive Chef for *Scenic Eclipse* Tom Goetter.

Scenic said they were ahead of the game when it comes to food, with Goetter commenting, "we have a lot of toys in the kitchen which I believe other cruise ship companies are not using yet",

these include dehydrators, oven smokers and even an onboard Urban Cultivator herb garden.

There are eight restaurants that cater for a range of tastes, including *Yacht Club* - a poolside grill and buffet & bar, *Lumiere* - a contemporary French dining & champagne bar, and *Koko's* which serves a range of Asian fusion dishes and also boasts a sake bar.

Other culinary extras include 24-hour in-suite dining available and a dedicated cooking school.

**Pictured:** Onboard food maestro Tom Goetter.



**WELL** it's true what they say, some people like to live life on the edge - but we really wish this woman chose not to.

The unnamed guest (pictured risking her life below) of an *Allure of the Seas* cruise in the Caribbean was snapped posing in a Zen state for a photo beyond her cabin's balcony, resulting in the woman earning a life ban from Royal Caribbean.

The photo was taken by fellow cruise passenger Peter Blosic, who promptly posted the image online along with the caption, "an absolute IDIOT".

Blosic was also the person who alerted crew to the woman's dangerous antics, who tracked the daredevil down and promptly kicked her off at the next port in Falmouth, Jamaica.




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### 14 Night Fly, Cruise & Stay package

- Economy airfare to Darwin, return from Broome
- 2 nights 5-star accommodation in Darwin with breakfast
- Full Day Litchfield National Park Tour
- 10 night Kimberley Coast Cruise onboard *Le Laperouse*
- Main meals, entertainment & Open Bar (pouring wines, house champagne, alcohol except premium brands) onboard
- 2 nights 5-star accommodation in Broome

**\$14,459** Prestige Stateroom  
per person twin share



## ISLANDS OF THE GALAPAGOS

Departure date 15 March 2020

### 11 Night Fly, Cruise & Stay package

- Return economy airfare to Baltra, Galapagos Islands (via overnight in Quito)
- 1 night 4-star accommodation in Quito with breakfast+
- 1 night 3-star accommodation on Santa Cruz Island with breakfast+
- 7 night Galapagos Outer Loop Cruise onboard *Celebrity Flora*
- All meals, select complimentary beverages & internet access onboard
- 2 nights 4-star accommodation in Quito with breakfast+

**\$15,899** Deluxe Guarantee  
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## ANTARCTIC EXPLORER

Departure date 1 March 2021

### 11 Night Fly, Cruise & Stay package

- Economy airfare to Punta Arenas, return from Ushuaia
- 1 night 4-star accommodation in Punta Arenas with breakfast
- Flight from Punta Arenas to King George Island
- 9 Night Antarctica Cruise onboard the *Greg Mortimer*
- All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage & beer, house wine and soft drinks with dinner | All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises
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