



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Cunard cancels

CUNARD has extended its pause on voyages due to COVID-19 to 31 Jul, and has cancelled the entirety of its Alaska season aboard *Queen Elizabeth*.

The cruise line believes maintaining a shorter summer season in Alaska would not be viable, seeing Cunard's season for the region cancelled to 08 Sep.

Voyages have also been cancelled for *Queen Mary 2* and *Queen Victoria*, with neither ship to sail until the end of Jul.

Cunard will be communicating with everyone affected by the cancellations.

## Tassie gets in the Spirit with Geelong

THE Spirit of Tasmania is moving from Station Pier, Port Melbourne to Corio Quay, Geelong, in 2022.

The company has long been in discussion to move from Melbourne to the other side of Port Phillip Bay (CW 06 Mar), with concerns of "price-gouging" regarding the Station Pier lease.

TT-Line also made note of its two new ships, slated to enter service over the next two years, saying, "we have outgrown our home port at Station Pier," with the company to now work with GeelongPort to build a 12-hectare purpose-built facility (render pictured), to open in 2022.

The facility will provide parking, state-of-the-art boarding technology, comfortable & accessible passenger lounges, public amenities, a cafe, a children's play area, and a pet exercise area.

TT-Line Chairman Michael



Grainger added congestion at Port Melbourne has and would continue to be disadvantageous to Spirit of Tasmania, especially once the company's new ships come into service.

"Pax feedback on this part of our operations has been critical,

with passengers citing boarding queues of up to two-and-a-half-hours, which in turn impacts the sailing schedule," he said.

Grainger said the Corio Quay solution ticked the key boxes of ease of location & check-in, and lack of traffic.

These are extraordinary times, however all of us at P&O are looking positively toward the future.

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You, more than anyone, understand the gravity of what is happening in the travel sector and we are standing with you during these challenging times.

A big thanks for your past, present and future support.

We look forward to working with you in welcoming guests back onboard soon

We will all get through this together.



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**THE** cruise industry has been on everyone's lips the past month, and Celebrity Cruises Captain Kate McCue is maintaining the chatter - for all the right reasons.

The *Celebrity Edge* Skipper, who is the first American woman to ever captain a cruise ship, recently posted a "hope-inducing" video to her TikTok account, which has since gone viral.

Titled '*Fight Club, TikTok Edition*', the video features McCue cutting a rug while at the helm of *Edge*, set to the musical stylings of Rachel Platten's *Fight Song*.

Being the responsible global citizen she is, McCue is of course wearing her facemask.

See the video **HERE**.

## Pandaw new deals



**PANDAW** is offering special deals and discounts on a number of dates of its Pagan and the Upper Irrwaddy itinerary.

Travelling through Myanmar from Pagan to Katha over 10 nights aboard one of the

cruise line's three river vessels, the expedition explores the temples of Pagan, the highlights of Mandalay, and the remote features of the Upper Irrwaddy.

Currently available is a 10% discovery discount and no single supplement, with under-18s able to travel for free.

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## Steaming ahead

### MURRAY River

Paddlesteamers is "steaming ahead" with a new six-night cruise for 2021.

Sailing from Echuca, the All the Rivers Run itinerary pays homage to its namesake novel, visiting Perricoota Station, embarking on onshore tours, and partaking in a viewing of the movie adaptation, starring *Emmylou* as the *PS Providence*.

Cruise dates and prices will be released soon, with the itinerary also available for private group charters on a limited basis.

Those interested can contact [info@mrps.com.au](mailto:info@mrps.com.au).

## Carnival's thanks

**CARNIVAL** Australia President Sture Myrmell has provided a video update, thanking the Illawarra community for their understanding of *Ruby Princess'* situation.

As *Ruby Princess* sails from Australia, Myrmell confirmed the ship was never going to leave until the health and well-being of the ship's crew was in a manageable position.

"Their health has now been stabilised, and it's a complex undertaking as *Ruby Princess* now leaves Australia," he said. View the video **HERE**.

## Hurtigruten offer

A **NEW** onboard credit offer is available for Hurtigruten's Original Coastal Voyage.

Australian and New Zealand pax can currently access between \$200 and \$500, even if they are rebooking, and the offer is available on a number of itineraries, such as the six-day Southbound Voyage from Kirkenes to Bergen, the seven-day Northbound Voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes, the 11-day Voyage of Discovery from Bergen to Kirkenes and south to Trondheim, and the 12-day roundtrip voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes and return to Bergen.

Bookings must be made before 30 Jun for departures up to the end of 2021.



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