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### Cruise Weekly today

**Cruise Weekly** today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover wrap from **Celebrity Cruises**.

### Sail beyond!

**CELEBRITY** Cruises is inviting guests to "Sail Beyond" with its newest promotion - more on the **cover page**.

### Uniworld incentive

**UNIWORLD** Boutique River Cruise Collection is inviting agents to join parent company The Travel Corporation's 100th anniversary with a \$500 bonus for every passenger booked before 31 Mar.

Agents can also offer their clients 30% off select 2020 departures - **CLICK HERE** for full details.

## RCL reverses its coronavirus policy

**ROYAL** Caribbean Cruises (RCL) has reversed its ban on Chinese passport holders (**CW Mon**), originally imposed amid coronavirus fears.

Last week's initial ruling from the company stipulated no Chinese, Hong Kong or Macao passport holder would be allowed aboard the company's ships, across its Azamara, Celebrity and Royal Caribbean International brands, but the ban has now been lifted after accusations of discrimination from passengers.

The embargo is now just 15 days, and applies to those who have travelled from, to or through China, Hong Kong or Macao.

The cruise line said it initially made the decision due to "governments around the world restricting travel for Chinese passport holders...now that these governmental restrictions have been clarified, we are able to



clarify our own policies".

**MEANWHILE**, RCL has cancelled two more cruises due to the coronavirus outbreak, and cleared one other for departure.

*Quantum of the Seas'* (**pictured**) 15 and 24 Feb departures from Singapore will now no longer

take place, the cruise line has informed guests, who will be provided full refunds.

However, *Anthem of the Seas* has departed New Jersey, with none of a group of 27 passengers who were tested for coronavirus returning positive.



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# Silversea Grand Voyage



**SILVERSEA** Cruises has opened sales on its 2021 51-port Grand Voyage to the Arctic.

Sailing 16 Jul 2021, *Silver Cloud* will journey between Tromsø and Nome over 63 nights, visiting Norway, the United Kingdom, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, Canada and the United States.

The voyage incorporates a crossing of the Northwest

Passage, and two maiden calls in Norway, at Nordfjordholmen and Lysebotn.

Also available on the cruise will be lectures, Zodiac tours, shore activities, guest speakers and a range of bespoke events.

Fares for the Grand Voyage start from \$119,000 per person, twin share, in a Vista suite, and including an early booking bonus.

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Prizes include flights to Dubai with Emirates and weekly travel vouchers from Expedia.

## Titan's Discovery

**TITAN** Travel has unveiled its new chartered river cruise ship, *River Discovery II*.

To sail in 2021, the ship is available to book now, and will operate a number of cruises along the Danube River.

The three-deck ship measures 135 metres long and can accommodate 176 passengers across six cabin classes, including Single cabins, Double cabins, Deluxe suites and one Owners suite.

"As part of our continued aim to deliver the best river cruises available, *River Discovery II* will provide guests with a more premium offering, complete with spacious lounge areas, as well as our greatest range of cabin options suiting all budgets, including dedicated single cabins," said Titan Travel Managing Director Andy Squirrel.

## Oman on the up

**OMAN'S** cruise tourism sector has grown significantly recently, with the Ministry of Tourism revealing a 43.6% growth in cruise ship tourists in 2019.

The Ministry attributed the surge to government initiatives, including infrastructure developments, and the ongoing and reinforced tourism campaigns that focus on Oman's culture, heritage, diverse adventures, and popular attractions.

A total of 284 cruise ships are scheduled to call the country's three main ports for the 2019-20 season, including 162 at Port Sultan Qaboos in Muscat, 75 at the Port of Khasab, and 47 at the Port of Salalah.

The highest amount of arrivals are expected in the winter period from Oct to Apr, with the Ministry revealing it has been collaborating with both the government as well as the private sector to grow cruising.

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## ecruising's beauty

**TAKE** in the North American wilderness with ecruising's 21-night Rail & Sail: First Passage to the West & the Great Alaskan Explorer journey.

The journey comprises a seven-night tour, including two days on the Rocky Mountaineer, and a 14-night cruise through Alaska and British Columbia aboard Holland America Line's *Maasdam*.

Beginning 20 Jul, the trip also incorporates a pre-stay in the Hyatt Regency Calgary, as well as stays at The Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff and the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

Priced from \$9,599 per person twin share, the journey includes Economy airfares, all accommodation and meals, a bonus \$100 merchandise credit onboard Rocky Mountaineer, and all transfers and touring as per itinerary.

For more information, call ecruising on 1300 369 848.

## Cruiseco in lights

**CRUISECO** is inviting travellers to experience the polar lights in Estonia, Finland and Norway.

Departing 16 Dec, the Norway in a Nutshell Voyage takes guests over 17 nights aboard *MS Finnmarken*.

Included as part of the voyage is Economy class airfares to Oslo, returning from Helsinki; 11 nights of hotel accommodation including one night in a glass igloo; daily breakfast, six lunches and 11 dinners, including one Viking Plank dinner in Flam; an English-speaking guide; city tours of Oslo, Bergen, Helsinki and Tallinn; a Flam Railway journey; a visit to Siida; reindeer and husky experiences; a Santa Claus Village visit; a First class coach from Kirkenes to Helsinki; and the return ferry to Tallinn.

## Heritage's celebrations



**HERITAGE** Expeditions recently brought sister vessels *Akademik Shokalskiy* and *Spirit of Enderby* together in the Ross Sea in Antarctica for a special celebration of the 200th anniversary of what is widely regarded as the first sighting of the frozen continent, by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen.

Guests on board both

expeditions enjoyed landings on Ross Island for a visit of Cape Evans and Hut Point, Shackleton's Hut at Cape Royds and Antarctica's largest Adelie penguin colony.

However, celebrations were gatecrashed by a local (**pictured**), who observed the team as they set up, who in turn observed their new flightless friend.

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**THE** Salem witch trials may be nigh on 350 years old, but some spooky happenings are beginning to reoccur in Oregon's capital.

A "ghost wagon" recently appeared in Detroit Lake, while water was being drawn down for dam maintenance.

Thought to be from the 19th century, the wagon inexplicably appeared in the middle of the lake upon its drainage, thought to be left behind from a town which previously occupied the site of the reservoir.

The lake has been refilled, and the wagon...has disappeared!



## FACE-2-FACE: Diane Lanz

General Manager - Sales,  
Captain Cook Cruises Fiji

### 1. What is your favourite part of your job?

The destination I work for, Fiji; the camaraderie of my colleagues at work; and the international trips with my Fiji family.

### 2. What attracted you to a career in the cruise industry?

I love the sea and need a daily dose of "vitamin sea".

Small ship cruising offers a watery immersion in an amazing country – my role is probably more about the culture of Fiji, which I really relish.

### 3. What is the key to success in the cruise industry?

Ensure a point-of-difference with the experiences offered on board and ashore.

Environmental statements and crew personalities are also important. Fijian crew create a community on board immediately.

### 4. What is the biggest challenge facing the industry?

Global warming and rising tides, as well as communities who don't benefit from cruise passengers.

### 5. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Hopefully still selling small ship cruising with Captain Cook Cruises Fiji, and swimming



at Bilgola Beach with the dolphins.

### 6. What is your advice for up-and-comers?

Enjoy and listen to client feedback and colleagues.

You can learn many skills and how to handle situations from your colleagues.

Keep your ears open and make friends.

### 7. What was your best family trip?

The 11-night Lau cruise was AMAZING – the welcome from the remote communities was incredible and the scenery and underwater world were pristine.

Just mind blowing.

### 8. How do you wind down after a busy week?

I enjoy walking my two dogs either locally or down to the water – hopefully with the family.

### 9. What should the cruise ship of the future look like?

They should have ocean plastic removal systems, be carbon neutral, and offer jet packs for shore visits.

### 10. The celebrity you would most like to cruise with?

Laurel Beachley.



## NZCA UPDATE

with Kevin O'Sullivan  
CEO, NZCA

### NZ's small ports

**DEBRIS** in the water from severe flooding recently closed Milford Sound, which is one of the highlights of a New Zealand cruise.

The Captain of the Holland America Line's *Noordam* commented that guests were very sad to miss such an iconic destination and asked if the ship could call to Stewart Island, another of New Zealand's most sought-after destinations.

It is becoming more popular every year, particularly with New Zealanders, who often mention that visiting Stewart Island is on their bucket list, and have been turning to cruise to satisfy that dream.

On this occasion, despite several obstacles, such as biosecurity and customs' control requirements, the agencies worked with the ship, the shipping agents, and the Regional Harbourmaster to allow the visit.

The passengers had a great time at Stewart Island, and Islanders pulled out all the stops to make the call enjoyable.

It's an example of the "can-do" attitude we see in smaller ports, where everyone works together.

## Scenic preview

**SCENIC** has unveiled a preview of its 2021 Europe river cruise program.

Those booking a suite before 30 Apr on a number of cruises of 11 days or longer will have access to included flights to Europe, and 50% off for solo travellers.

Those booking a Sapphire or Diamond Deck suite can also upgrade to Business class for \$3,995 per person including taxes, when booking a selected cruise of 11 days or longer.

For more information, contact Scenic on 138 128.



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