

### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Silversea in Asia

**SILVERSEA** Cruises will deploy three ships to Asia for the first time, in the southern summer 2021/22 season.

17 new sailings will be available in the region, with the brand new *Silver Moon* to operate between Hong Kong and Singapore via Vietnam.

*Silver Muse* and the reimagined *Silver Shadow*, which are heading to Australasia (**CW** 04 Jun) will also cruise in Asia, with *Muse* offering round trip voyages from Tokyo, while *Shadow* will offer a range of itineraries including extended stays in Yangon and Ho Chi Minh City

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## Hurtigruten recommences cruising

**HURTIGRUTEN** has become the first ocean cruise line to recommence operations, with the departure of the newly-updated *Finnmarken* (pictured, **CW** 12 Jun) on the line's Original Coastal Voyage from the port of Bergen earlier this week.

The 12-day itinerary does not leave Norway's waters, and departed with mostly Norwegians and Danes on board.

"Gradually restarting operations in Norway is the natural first step towards a return to full operations," said MD Asia Pacific Damian Perry.

He noted throughout the pandemic the company had continued to sail two ships along the Norwegian coast, providing an essential service, but this is the first time since coronavirus hit the full coastal itinerary has been available.

"This is also welcome news for



our staff and crew returning to work, and the local communities we support along the coast."

Hurtigruten CEO Daniel Skjeldam was on board the first cruise, which implements a range of health and safety initiatives.

All ships operating 2020 northern hemisphere summer sailings will run at 50% capacity, with digital restaurant menus accessed via a QR code, and social distancing, sanitising and

screenings also implemented.

There are also extra dining sessions, contactless purchases and compulsory handwashing outside all restaurants and public areas.

There have been no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 on board Hurtigruten vessels.

Full details of Hurtigruten's new guest, staff and crew embarkation and onboard health and safety policies can be found **HERE.**

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"IT'S gettin' hot in here..."

That was probably the catchcry inside a Norwegian navy submarine which was spotted in a fjord off the coast yesterday.

The vessel surfaced - not to take a peek at the world up top - but to allow its crew to cool off in the North Sea.

The Norwegian defence ministry posted a photo to its Facebook page (pictured), saying "our soldiers also need to cool off in the summer heat".

"These guys spend a large part of their lives underwater...this weekend they took a dive for a well-deserved break, some fresh air and a cool dip."



## Carnival to sell six ships

**CARNIVAL** Corporation has confirmed preliminary agreements are in place for the sale of six vessels which are expected to leave the fleet in the next 90 days, with additional disposals also in the works.

The fleet reduction was flagged in a financial update overnight which said the cruise giant expects to report a US\$4.4 billion quarterly loss, including US\$2.4b in cash and US\$2b in writedowns.

Carnival didn't detail which vessels were being sold or the brands they are sailing under, but across all of its brands, the cruise

line is currently burning about US\$650m per month in cash.

The last three months has seen over 260,000 passengers repatriated and "substantially all" of the crew still on board ships are expected to be able to return home by the end of this month.

As of 31 May about half of customers on cancelled sailings across the various Carnival brands had requested cash refunds, but new bookings are coming in for 2021, both from future cruise credit and fresh reservations.

## Paul is restarting

**PONANT** offshoot Paul Gauguin Cruises is resuming its French Polynesia & Tahiti voyages next month.

The line will offer the seven-night voyage on 11 and 18 Jul, as well as a 10-night trip, with a comprehensive COVID-safe protocol being implemented in collaboration with the Institut Hospitalo-Universitaire Mediterranee Infection of Marseilles, said to be one of the world's leading centres in the field of infectious diseases.

## Scenic out till Nov

**SCENIC** Group has extended the temporary suspension of departures for guests from Australia and NZ through until 31 Oct, including all Scenic, Evergreen and Emerald's river and ocean cruises.

"Due to the continued Government travel restrictions and international border closures, it continues to be impossible for us to operate our schedules for guests with bookings departing from Australia and New Zealand," an agent update yesterday said.

Customers who choose not to take up the option of Scenic's 110% future travel credit offer, allowing rebooking through to 30 Jun 2023, can opt to cancel bookings under standard terms and conditions, and then consult with their travel insurance company to enquire if a claim can be lodged.



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This month Cruise Weekly has partnered with Celebrity Cruises to give you the chance to WIN a free cruise for two people onboard *Celebrity Solstice* departing Sydney.

Just like you, we're dreaming of seeing new shorelines on the horizon. Until then, we want to ensure you are looking after yourself because a little bit of self-love goes a long way!

How to enter:

1. Snap your best wellness selfie (whatever that means to you)
2. Post the shot in *Celebrity's Trade Facebook Group*
3. Include the hashtags #ModernLuxury and #CruiseWeekly

The most creative entry which features both hashtags will win!



## Set sail with Celeb

**CELEBRITY** Cruises is offering a free classic beverage package as part of a range of incentives to encourage cruisers to book.

Savings of up to \$600 in any stateroom are accessible when you book a cruise-only rate, while bookings in The Retreat attract up to \$1,500 savings, prepaid tips, unlimited wi-fi and more.

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