

Emerald releases 2023 Azzurra dates

EMERALD Cruises has released its 2023 dates, featuring *Emerald Azzurra's* (render pictured) first itineraries in the Black Sea.

The cruise line released a range of new *Azzurra* images ([HERE](#)) to promote the 2023 brochure, which features the two new Black Sea itineraries, as well her second season of Adriatic, Mediterranean and Red Sea cruises.

A highlight is the new 15-day Mykonos, Gallipoli & Essence of the Black Sea itinerary which sails from Athens to Istanbul, and calls at Canakkale, Bartin, Sinop, Trabzon, Batumi, Sochi, Odessa, Sulina, Varna and Nessebar.

Guests will explore the famous alleyways of Mykonos and the Palaces of Odessa, with prices starting from \$10,994 per person, departing 05 Aug 2023.

Earlybird savings of up to \$2,132 per couple are also currently available.



For a more in-depth exploration, the new 22-day Discover the Greek Islands, Turkey & the Black Sea itinerary extends the 15-day voyage with subsequent calls in Patmos, Kusadasi, Bodrum, Rhodes and Amorgos.

The extra week is filled with guided city and historical site tours, including a hike to the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian, and a folklore show in Amorgos, complete with local

delicacies.

Prices start from \$15,872 per person, departing 29 Jul 2023, with super earlybird savings of up to \$4,896 per couple.

Director Sales, Marketing & Product Angus Crichton said the cruise line witnessed strong demand for *Azzurra's* inaugural 2022 season, with the ship's sophomore year expected to be just as popular with Australians, thanks to a visit to Gallipoli.

Cruise Weekly today

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Losses at \$5b

AUSTRALIA'S cruise losses have now passed \$5b, on the day Cruise Lines International Association released the latest video in its #WeAreCruise series.

The most recent instalment highlights the impact of the suspension on local producers who supply cruise ships, and features national wholesaler Select Fresh Proviadores, one of Australia's key suppliers of fresh fruit and vegetables to cruise lines.

The video sees General Manager Steven Biviano explain the huge effect the suspension has had - the video can be viewed [HERE](#).

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MUCH to the chagrin of ships transiting their bootleg Chanel and Louis Vuitton around the globe, *Ever Given* has sensationally become stuck in the Suez Canal once again.

Ever Given spent six days grounded in the artificial waterway last week on its way to Rotterdam, but just as it was transiting through the English Channel on the way to its final port in the North Sea, one of the crew members realised he had left his pack of gum back in the Suez, and the ship turned back to retrieve it.

Upon re-entering the Canal, and *Ever Given's* bridge agreeing it would be quite unlikely the ship would become stuck again, she was blown off course by strong winds, running aground on the opposite bank of the Suez to last week's grounding.

However, Egyptian authorities stated "there may have been technical or human errors" also - who would've thought!

Murray brochure

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises has released its new *Murray Princess* 2021-2022 cruise brochure.

The 32-page *Murray* brochure focuses on authentic Australian experiences, along with showcasing *Murray Princess' weekly, three-, four- and seven-night* cruise itineraries.

Geographer welcomed



CORAL Expeditions has welcomed its newest ship *Coral Geographer*, with her maiden trip embarking from Cairns y'day.

Geographer, sister to 2019's *Coral Adventurer* (CW 26 Apr 2019) was welcomed to the fleet on Tue in an intimate dockside ceremony in the Far North Queensland city.

She features expansive open deck spaces, lounges and bars; and majority balcony staterooms & suites, featuring a collection of Indigenous Australian art.

Having arrived in mid-Mar, *Geographer* has undergone an extensive fit-out in preparation for her maiden voyage.

Purchasing Manager Gary Wun-Hym, the line's longest-serving staff member, had just completed two decades of service, and so was given the honour of christening the *Geographer* with a bottle of champagne.

The arrival also brings good news to the Cairns tourism industry, with the employment of over 90 new ship and shoreside team members, and the injection of millions of dollars into the

region's economy through supply chain and visitation.

The maiden voyage departed yesterday, taking a small group to explore the eastern states.

Pictured: one of *Geographer's* first-ever guests boards the ship.

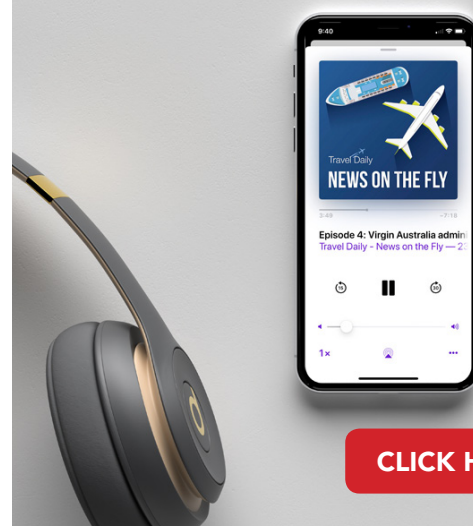
RCI UK return

ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) is the latest cruise line to announce its British homecoming this northern summer, and it will do so by thanking the United Kingdom's first responders.

Anthem of the Seas will set sail from Southampton beginning 07 Jul, with 999 free sailings to be offered to personnel from the armed forces, emergency services, and National Health Service.

The total number of free sailings represents the United Kingdom's emergency telephone number, with cruisers able to choose from a number of voyages ranging from four to eight nights - **CLICK HERE.**

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