

Cruise Weekly today

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

TUI hits the river

TUI River Cruises' *TUI Maya* set sail in Germany last weekend, marking the company's river cruising debut.

The naming ceremony for *Maya* took place in Mainz, with godmothers Rosie Brooks and Catherine Hawkins taking up their honorary roles.

Guests then embarked on an overnight sailing to Boppard and Rudesheim on the Rhine.

Meanwhile, *TUI Skylar* will no longer be sailing this season, because of continued doubts surrounding the imposition of restrictions.

All customers who are impacted will be contacted.

Norwegian Prima floats out in Italy

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's (NCL) *Norwegian Prima* (pictured) has floated out, marking a major construction milestone, touching water for the first time.

Prima was floated out from her drydock at Fincantieri shipyard in Marghera, and to celebrate the occasion, a commemorative coin was welded to her in a traditional maritime ceremony presided over by NCL Vice President International Business Eamonn Ferrin, and Fincantieri Shipyard Director Antonio Quintano.

The float out signifies the completion of external works to *Prima*, including the hull artwork, designed by Italian graffiti artist Manuel Di Rita.

Work now continues on *Prima's* interior fittings and guest accommodations, before she is officially delivered to NCL, and commences sailing in the northern summer of 2022.



NCL President & Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer said this float out was particularly special. "We've worked closely with our partners at Fincantieri to deliver a truly remarkable vessel," he said. "Their passion, skill and

craftsmanship has brought to life one of the most stylish and innovative ships to ever set sail. "I'm thrilled we're now one step closer to welcoming our guests onboard in just 12 months' time." Watch the milestone **HERE**.


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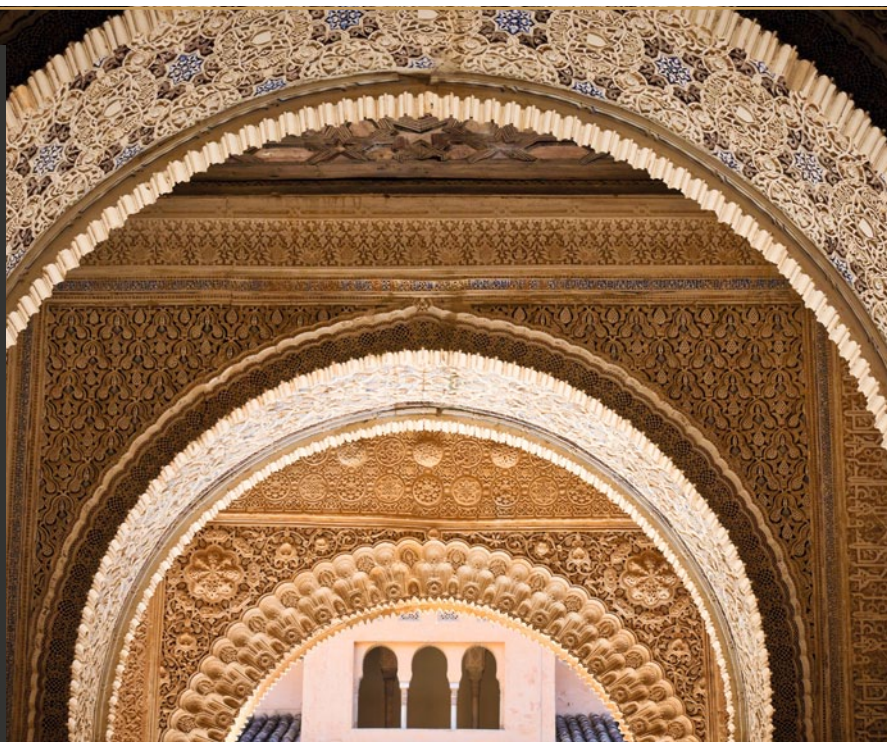
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THERE have been many transatlantic crossings over the centuries, but *Ocean Revival* recently became the first crew to row from New York City to London.

The crew set off from the Brooklyn Bridge on 31 May and crossed the finish line at Tower Bridge on Thu, for a voyage of 72 days.

All four rowers in the crew are current or former members of the United Kingdom's Marines.

The crew said the emotional ups and downs of the challenge were far worse than the physical, due to all the setbacks faced because of poor weather.

The team originally set itself the target of completing the voyage in 70 days, but the bad weather meant it just missed it.

Some have dubbed the transatlantic crossing "the world's most dangerous row", with just 57 people having completed a recorded voyage.

Venture soon to begin



SEABOURN Cruise Line's *Seabourn Venture* (pictured) has reached another milestone, with her launch ceremony in Genoa.

The formalities are an enduring maritime tradition which calls for a *madrina* to preside over the celebratory events, and serving in this role was Seabourn Senior Manager of Expedition Staffing Jarda Versloot-West, who first joined the cruise line nearly a decade ago.

She was joined during the ceremony by Seabourn President Josh Leibowitz and T. Mariotti Shipyard Managing Director

Marco Ghiglione, with a bottle of celebratory champagne broken against the hull to commemorate the milestone.

Venture will now move from her dry dock to her outfitting dock at the shipyard, where she will undergo final construction until she is delivered.

After a recent revision (**CW** 10 Aug), *Venture*'s inaugural season will now begin on 10 Apr 2022, when she will explore the United Kingdom on her maiden voyage.

A second yet-to-be-named sister expedition ship is also under construction at T. Mariotti, with both to be designed and built to PC6 Polar Class standards for diverse environments.

They will also both include modern hardware and technology that will extend their global deployment and capabilities, such as two custom-built submarines, 24 Zodiacs, kayaks, and a 26-person expedition team.

"This ceremony carries on a rich shipbuilding tradition, representing a significant step toward the launch of our first purpose-built ultra-luxury expedition ship," Leibowitz said.

Norwegian deal

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's deal of the week is a Great Getaway Offer providing up to US\$3,100 in value for a range of sailings, including a Christmas 2022 voyage on the completely refurbished *Norwegian Spirit*.

Available until the end of the month, the promotion provides all stateroom categories across all ships and destinations with US\$200 onboard credit, in addition to receiving all five of its popular Free at Sea offers - call 1300 255 200.

Dream returns

DISNEY Cruise Line has set sail from Port Canaveral for the first time since the pandemic.

The cruise line's *Disney Dream* sailed out for the Bahamas last Mon carrying a reduced load of passengers after successfully completing a test sailing in Jun (**CW** 08 Jun).

Vista COVID cases

ALMOST 30 passengers on board Carnival Cruise Line's *Carnival Vista* tested positive for coronavirus last week.

A total of 27 positive cases were reported, 26 of whom were crew members and one passenger.

All positive cases have been isolated and contact tracing has ended, with no additional positive cases found.

The infected are isolating, and do not pose a threat to others passengers or crew members.



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