



Cruise Weekly today

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

Cunard food cruise

CUNARD Line is celebrating Australian food and wine with its inaugural Great Australian Culinary Voyage.

Acclaimed chefs and industry personalities will spoil food aficionados onboard *Queen Elizabeth* on a five-day cruise from Sydney on 28 Jan 2023.

The sailing takes in a number of Australia's culinary hotspots, sailing to Melbourne and Burnie before arriving back in Sydney on 02 Feb.

Culinary royalty will ensure a vibrant program of curated events and dinners, demonstrations, talks and on-shore experiences.

Guests will also be able to taste exceptional creations, learn about indigenous ingredients and local produce, and sample local drops.

"Australia isn't just known for world-class beaches and stunning places, its unique produce and talented people have earned us a reputation as one of the world's leading foodie destinations," said Commercial Director Katrina McAlpine.

To book the special launch fare starting from \$1,349 in a twin share inside stateroom, [CLICK HERE](#).

BPCL singing new tune

BAHAMAS Paradise Cruise Line (BPCL) will be rebranded to Margaritaville at Sea, through a new partnership with Margaritaville Hotels & Resorts, the company owned by singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett.

The cruise line's flagship *Grand Classica* will be rebranded as *Margaritaville Paradise*, and will offer an "offshore resort" and "floating island at sea" experience, with the newly badged ship to depart on her first passenger sailing on 30 Apr from Palm Beach to Grand Bahama Island.

Following a multi-million-dollar investment and refurbishment, *Paradise* will include 10 passenger decks and 658 cabins in various stateroom categories.

Paradise's cabins and common spaces will feature Margaritaville's "casual-luxe" design, with subtle nautical details and colours influenced by the sea, sand, and sky.

The ship will feature gourmet food and beverage options, including JWB Prime Steak & Seafood, Frank and Lola's Pizzeria, Port of Indecision Buffet, LandShark Sports Bar, and Margaritaville Coffee & Pastry Shop, as well as the Euphoria Lounge, Sunset Bar, and 5 o'Clock Somewhere Bar.

Paradise will also offer leisure activities and entertainment, including the Par-A-Dice Casino, a Stars on the Water Theater, St.

Somewhere Spa, Fins Up Fitness Center, pools, and more.

"We're excited about this new partnership as we launch Margaritaville at Sea out of the Port of Palm Beach," said Oneil Khosa, who will move from his role as Bahamas Paradise Chief Executive Officer to Margaritaville at Sea CEO.

"We are incredibly proud of what we've built at Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line and are appreciative of our loyal customers and trade partners who have stood by us.

"The collaborative concept will add a different dimension to the cruising industry, appealing to a new audience of travellers...the experience will be complemented by an unmatched, personalised approach to guest service from start to finish via valet service and exclusive cruise terminals for smoother embarkation and disembarkation."

Buffet added: "to me, the only thing better than being on a beach by the ocean, is to be on the ocean...now you can follow in our wake."

Travel agents with an account with Bahamas Paradise's Travel Advisor Portal are invited to register for a new account [HERE](#).

Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville features more than 25 hotels and resorts, two gaming properties, RV resorts, vacation clubs, as well as more than 60 food and beverage venues & more.

Welcome Back

VIKING'S Welcome Back to the World sale ends soon, with savings of up to \$8,000 per couple, including flights.

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PORTHOLE

THE Ford Bronco may not have the best name, due to its use in an infamous car chase, but it is attempting to rehab some of its reputation, following the announcement it will be the first vehicle to use components from 100% recycled ocean plastic.

Ford said the "ghost gear," so named because it originates from discarded nylon fishing equipment, was collected from the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea.

The move is the next step in Ford's goal to build its vehicles using 100% sustainable materials in the future.

P&O pumps up the fun



A HIGH ropes experience, a tropical themed mini-golf course (render *inset*), and a water splash zone (render *pictured*) will all form part of a new top deck "Altitude" experience on *Arvia*, P&O Cruises newest ship, to be launched in Dec 2022.

The vessel will feature a number of "adventure firsts" set high up on the top deck, including Altitude Minigolf, which will feature water hazards, tiki huts, "hippos" and night-time illuminations.

The nine-hole course will be open throughout the day and evening.

Other highlights include Altitude Splash Valley, which will be a cooling aquazone for all the family with water jets, shaded areas and ocean views; and Altitude Skywalk, P&O's first-ever high ropes experience set 54 metres above the ocean, with varying courses to suit all abilities.

There will also be a Sports Arena, with an outdoor court for soccer, basketball, tennis or cricket.



"These thrilling new Altitude experiences will have fun and excitement at their heart," President Paul Ludlow enthused.

"Holidays are about trying new things, being with friends and family and of course capturing the perfect holiday photos.

"Whether it's the perfect putt, getting soaked by the jets or putting on a brave face with the Skywalk, there will be action and adventure images for everyone as we push new boundaries with *Arvia's* top deck."

Powered by liquefied natural gas, *Arvia* has been designed as the United Kingdom's most sustainable ship.

Crystal single sup

CRYSTAL Cruises has launched its first-ever Zero Single Supplement promotion.

Offered on 15 *Crystal Symphony* Caribbean and Mediterranean sailings next year, fares start at \$3,213, with savings of up to \$4,000 per stateroom.

Specific dates included in the promotion are available at crystalcruises.com.

We're back, baby!

THE entire MSC Cruises fleet will be back at sea next year, the line has announced.

Fourteen of MSC's 19 ships will be deployed in the Mediterranean, the cruise line's biggest-ever offering in the region, sailing 40 different itineraries.

MSC Virtuosa, one of the cruise line's newest ships, will return to Northern Europe from a season in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, homeporting in Southampton.

Virtuosa will sail a range of itineraries, including to the Norwegian fjords and the Baltic capitals.

In total, there will be almost 500 departures to choose from.



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