



## Whoa, Carnival's halfway there...

**CARNIVAL** Corporation will operate three-quarters of its fleet capacity by the end of the year.

The company has announced sailings on more than 50 ships through to the end of the year across Carnival Cruise Line (CCL), Holland America Line (**pictured**), Princess Cruises, Seabourn Cruise Line, AIDA Cruises, Costa Cruises, Cunard Line and the United Kingdom's P&O Cruises.

Of those brands, Carnival Corp envisions CCL's entire fleet will return to service by the end of the year, while eight of the company's nine total brands have now announced plans to resume guest operations, with the outlier being P&O Cruises Australia, which recently extended its pause until mid-Dec (**CW** 02 Jul).

Nearly half of Carnival Corp's capacity will be represented by ships homeported in the US.

Further brand restart



announcements are expected in the coming weeks, including resumption plans for more ships and itineraries for this year.

"With strong ongoing demand for cruising, we look forward to serving our guests with additional ships announced across eight of our brands and nearly three-

quarters of our fleet capacity returning by the end of this year, marking an important milestone for our company and all those who rely on the strong economic impacts generated by the global cruise industry," said Carnival Corp Chief Communications Officer Roger Frizzell.

### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Viking training

**VIKING** has released another two modules as part of its Warriors of Wisdom training program in the **Travel Daily Training Academy**, run by **Cruise Weekly's** sister publication.

The line is encouraging travel advisors to complete the modules to improve their knowledge to comfortably sell Viking cruises to their clients.

All advisors who complete modules 9 and 10 before the end of next month will have a chance to win one of 10 \$50 gift cards.

For additional information, Viking says advisors should speak to their state Commercial Manager.



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## Virgin Sea-Blazers

**VIRGIN** Voyages is calling out for Sea-Blazers, a program for sailors who voyage with the cruise line this year.

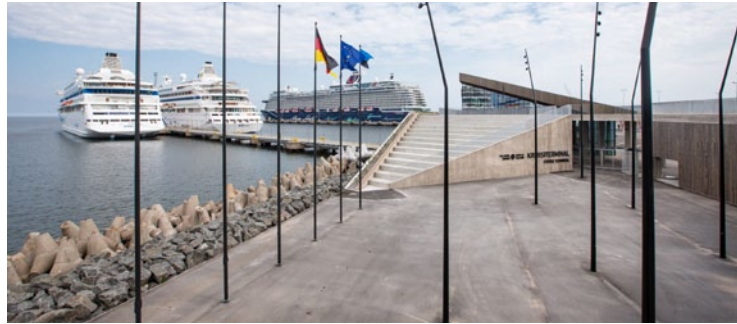
Sea-Blazers will get an extra USD\$125 for each cruise across the life of their relationship with Virgin, when they purchase a USD\$300 pre-paid bar tab.

They will also get USD\$300 off their next sailing next year, which can be combined with any of Virgin's offers, including the 10% pay-in-full discount or the on-board exclusive My Next Virgin Voyage discount.

Sea-Blazers will also receive an exclusive, limited-run welcome gift.

Any paying sailor cruising in the 2021 calendar year is eligible to become a Sea-Blazer, with a few exclusions applying - **CLICK HERE** for more details.

## That's what I'm Tallinn about



**THE** Port of Tallinn has opened a new sustainable cruise terminal (**pictured**), directly connected to new entertainment venues and tourist locations.

The new terminal aims to improve on Tallinn's accessibility with a new promenade, connecting cruise passengers to the Kultuurikilomeeter – a direct walkway between the port and numerous new leisure areas.

This development allows tourists to explore both the UNESCO World Heritage site

Vanalinn, and reach fresh food & drink destinations, and more.

It is the most modern and multifunctional terminal in the region, and has been designed to reduce its environmental impact.

Energy will come from solar panels tailored to suit the Nordic climate, and the facility will be warmed up by sea power using a heat pump.

Both adaptations will allow the facility to operate outside the cruise season, hosting events, concerts, and conferences.

## A whale of a time

**HURTIGRUTEN** Expeditions has strengthened its partnership with California Ocean Alliance to study and protect whales in Antarctica.

A pilot trial will see research gather evidence supporting the understanding and management of whale behaviour in Antarctica.

The trial was initially launched in late 2019 but paused due to the pandemic.

However, as Hurtigruten Expeditions restarts for the 2021/2022 Antarctica season, scientists will be aboard several sailings to the Ice onboard *Road Amundsen*, the world's first hybrid electric-powered expedition cruise ship.

The team will collect acoustic data to study ambient noise conditions, the myriad sounds made by marine animals.



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## Did you know?

Travel & Cruise Weekly's fortnightly consumer magazine called *Keep Dreaming* is specially designed for agents to send their clients.



**THEY** say nature heals itself, and that is certainly taking place right now in New South Wales' Far West.

Floodwaters in Menindee Lakes are seeing long-absent native species return.

The floodwaters, enough to fill Sydney Harbour twice, have transformed the Lakes from a vast, dry expanse of cracked dirt into a freshwater oasis in the middle of the Outback.

Dozens of species, such as tiny, red-capped plovers, pelicans, swans, emus and kangaroos, are benefiting, while some native bird species, whose numbers have steadily diminished, are beginning to breed once again.

The water has also caused yabbies, in a deep sleep for years underground, to re-awaken and climb to the surface.

It is a far cry from the mass fish deaths reported in 2019 along the Darling River, downstream of the Lakes.

## Spirit of Adventure named



**SAGA** Cruises has marked the United Kingdom's Freedom Day with the symbolic naming ceremony of its new cruise ship *Spirit of Adventure* (pictured).

The vessel was named with a traditional bottle-smashing ceremony at Portsmouth International Port, the first time in history that a new cruise ship was named at the port.

The ship was handed over in Sep, and was due to take to the waters last year but has remained anchored because of coronavirus ahead of her inaugural cruise on Tue from Tilbury.

*Spirit of Adventure* will sail on a round-Britain cruise, taking in Newcastle, Belfast, the Isle of Man, Liverpool, Holyhead, Bristol, Lundy, North Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly, and Falmouth, before returning to Tilbury.

In recognition of the service of medical professionals during the pandemic, *Spirit of Adventure* will be named by the recently retired Head of the UK's Royal Navy

Medical Service Inga Kennedy.

*Spirit of Adventure* has 10 passenger decks offering 554 all-balcony cabins, including 109 single balcony cabins.

She features five restaurants including The Main Dining Room, The Grill, The Supper Club, Khukuri, and Amalfi.

The North Cape Bar is the ship's main bar, and the Living Room offers coffee and snacks as well as a full drinks service.

Outdoor facilities include an observation deck, full wraparound promenade and terrace, a pool, a sports area and deck games.

Entertainment and wellbeing facilities include The Playhouse, a 444-seat theatre, the signature Britannia Lounge with a dance floor and live entertainment, the library with refreshments, craft and card rooms, the spa with hydrotherapy pool, sauna, steam and treatment rooms, the salon, a gym, shop and medical centre and more.



### North stars

**THE** northern region of Australia will be well represented, with two enthusiastic new members joining the Australian Cruise Association.

Returning for another stint with the Association is the Marine Division of Experience Co, Australia's leading adventure tourism operator.

It has a long history of working with the ground operators such as Bob Wood, Intercruises, Inchcape and A&K, as well as directly with the cruise companies to organise ship-to-shore transfers in Cairns, Yorke's Knob and Port Douglas.

Additionally, they provide snorkel and diving tours for passengers with sole charters and groups on *Reef Magic* to their Outer Reef platform.

Fitzroy Island tours are also popular as day tours.

Our other new member, Nautilus Aviation, offers an extensive array of experiences for cruise passengers and has bases at Cairns, Port Douglas, Townsville, Darwin and also Horn Island in the Torres Strait Islands.

It offers scenic flights as well as packages which take in the local sights - Great Barrier Reef and Rainforest from Cairns; Kakadu and the wetlands as well as HeliFish and even Heli Pub Crawls from Darwin, and can also create high end bespoke tours for the luxury vessel passengers.

Nautilus Aviation and Experience Co tell us they have both enjoyed amazing opportunities working with the cruise industry in the past and see great value in supporting our Association to help develop a roadmap for a cruise re-start.

Welcome aboard!

## TTW SH 2022 offer

**TRAVELLERS** can save up to 20% on next year's Swan Hellenic (SH) cruises with Travel The World (TTW).

Additional benefits include US\$300 per person spending money, and subject to availability, no single supplement.

The offer is valid until the end of the month, and to enquire or make a booking, call TTW on 1300 857 037.



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