



## RSSC unveils its newest ship *Grandeur*

**REGENT** Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has named its newest ship *Seven Seas Grandeur* (render pictured).

With a re-imagined Compass Rose restaurant - RSSC's signature eatery - *Grandeur* will become the sixth member of the cruise line's fleet when it is delivered in the fourth quarter of 2023.

A sister ship to *Seven Seas Explorer* and *Seven Seas Splendor*, *Grandeur* will host just 750 guests, providing one of the highest staff-to-guest ratios in the industry.

The new design of Compass Rose starts outside the restaurant, with a cascading waterfall sculpture, and inside, guests will be greeted by a canopy of interwoven crystal and wood-edge illuminated trees arching overhead, with floor-to-ceiling illumination of its thousands of crystal leaves,



as well as hundreds of twinkling lights surrounding the windows.

"The culmination of a 30-year heritage of perfection, *Seven Seas Grandeur* is the latest evolution in luxury cruising," proclaimed RSSC President & Chief Executive Officer Jason Montague.

"Her refined style, matchless

elegance and breathtaking beauty will exceed all expectations of our discerning guests.

"It's a testament to the expanding demand for luxury cruising that the Regent brand is driving thanks to our perfectly sized ships offering unrivalled space at sea."

### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Dowling honoured

**ROSS** Dowling was last week named Emeritus Professor of Tourism at Western Australia's Edith Cowan University.

He received a testamur in person from Vice Chancellor Professor Steve Chapman, recognising Dowling's "distinguished academic contribution and leadership in the tourism field at Edith Cowan University for more than two decades", as well as "his considerable broader contributions to geotourism, ecotourism and cruise ship tourism in Western Australia, Australia and internationally".

More details in today's issue of *Travel Daily*.

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## Did you know?

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**A FISHERMAN** in the NT is lucky to be unharmed, after an aggressive crocodile bit a hole in his boat while he slept.

The Nhulunbuy man was taking a nap in his vessel during a fishing trip on the Cato River in Arnhem Bay last Fri, when the croc made its move.

"If you sleep in your boat, just remember there are some large crocodiles that we share the water with," the man told the *NT News*.

Words to live by, I think.

## HAL hosts hootenanny



Helen Courias and Archbold (third and fourth from left respectively) with the team from iTravel.

**CARNIVAL** Corporation's Holland America Line (HAL) and Seabourn Cruise Line recently teamed up for an in-depth product update at the Greenwood Hotel in Sydney's northern suburbs.

Attended by more than 80 travel industry fellows, the event was hosted by the pair of brands' Senior Director Sales & Marketing Tony Archbold, who hailed it as an "outstanding success".

"To have over 80 expert cruise advisors attend our update was incredible," Archbold exclaimed.

"Their enthusiasm to know more about Holland America Line and Seabourn was palpable and the energy generated by everyone attending was a boost to us all.

"The passion for selling premium and ultra-luxury cruise remains unabated especially among this crowd".

**Pictured:** Carnival Corp Business Development Manager NSW

## Princess plans

**PRINCESS** Cruises is continuing to plan its resumption of cruising in the United States with sailings departing from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Fort Lauderdale in the northern autumn.

Between 25 Sep and 18 Nov, cruises on board eight Princess ships will take guests to the Caribbean, coastal California, Hawaii, Mexico, and the Panama Canal.

Highlights of the program include *Grand Princess* and *Majestic Princess* sailing from Los Angeles, *Ruby Princess* from San Francisco, and *Enchanted Princess* and *Sky Princess* from Fort Lauderdale, and more.

## More delays

**DISAPPOINTING** news since my last column with the federal government announcing yet another three-month extension to the closure of the international borders through to 17 Sep.

Despite Minister Tehan's well-intentioned comments at the Tourism and Transport Forum conference supporting the commencement of domestic cruising within Australia and to New Zealand, we have seen no relief offered around a more defined plan for a cruise restart.

Unfortunately, this has also meant that with no surety in place, Cunard Line and Seabourn Cruise Line have both cancelled their upcoming cruise seasons in Australia.

Fortunately, better news has come out of the United States to balance this malaise.

Royal Caribbean's *Freedom of the Seas* set sail last weekend from Miami marking the company's first cruise from a US port in 15 months.

Around 650 pax – all company employees who had volunteered – took the two-night cruise touted as a "test run."

The first revenue generating cruise is now set for Jul.

These, along with the multiple sailings occurring across all brands in Europe, will be a great model for restart in Australia.

It will also be interesting to see how the onboard protocols being put in place work out with different "freedoms" currently being offered for vaccinated passengers.

The first sailings are full of complexities but with enthusiasm being shown to get back on the water, we are sure that we will start to see a clearer way forward.

## Silversea resumes

**SILVERSEA** Cruises resumed cruising late last week with the debut of *Silver Moon* in Greece and *Silver Origin* in the Galapagos Islands respectively.

*Moon* sailed from Athens, while *Origin*, Silversea's first destination-specific ship, departed from San Cristobal.

The maiden voyages also mark the launch of the SALT culinary program.

"These initial sailings will transport guests to our most sought-after destinations in the Greek Isles and the Galapagos Archipelago, and we look forward to the further expansion of our offering in July with resumed service to Alaska on *Silver Muse* and Iceland on *Silver Shadow*," said Silversea President & Chief Executive Officer Roberto Martinoli.