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Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover page from **Oceania** *Cruises*.

First Miami cruise

VIRGIN Voyages' *Scarlet Lady* finally embarked on her maiden voyage from Miami yesterday.

During her inaugural season from the United States, *Scarlet* will operate a mix of fourand five-night Mexico and Caribbean voyages.

This first Miami cruise follows a short preview season of sailings from Portsmouth in the United Kingdom (*CW* 13 Aug).

All crew members and passengers must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and will be tested prior to embarking.

Oceania 2023 Europe & America open

OCEANIA Cruises has unveiled its 2023 Europe & North America Collection, now open for sale.

The new season is Oceania's most expansive and diverse offering to date, featuring seven ships sailing 179 itineraries, including the inaugural season of *Vista* (pictured).

Oceania's newest ship will sail 18 voyages in the Mediterranean, the islands of Greece, the Holy Lands, the British Isles, and more. Charting the coastlines of the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, the Baltic states, Scandinavia, Alaska, Canada, and more, the new collection features 190 overnight/multi-day stays, along with hundreds of evening and late-night departures.

Voyages range in length from seven to 56 days, and call at more than 260 ports, including nine new destinations: Kalundborg, Nordfjordeid, Oban, Runavik,



Torbay, Lemnos, Jeddah, Lipari, and Eastport.

There will also be almost 60 Grand Voyages.

Highlighted cruises from the new collection include the 14 Apr 10-day Picturesque Mediterranean aboard *Riviera* from Venice to Barcelona, calling in Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, and France; and the O4 May seven-day Turkish & Hellenic Gems aboard *Marina* from Athens to Istanbul, calling in Ephesus, Bodrum, Antalya, Rhodes, and Mykonos.

To download the launch toolkit see the **cover page**.



Toiscount will vary depending on sail year and destination. Offer correct as at 1 October 2021 and subject to change or withdrawal. Offer ends 2 November 2021 unless extended. For full terms and conditions click here.

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AUSTRALIANS have not been able to cruise for more than 18 months - well, almost all of us.

Ponant National Business Development Manager Craig Farrell is perhaps the only Australian who has been lucky enough to board a cruise since the pandemic.

With Australia often dubbed 'The Lucky Country', Farrell told *Cruise Weekly* he felt like "the luckiest Australian", as he cruises from La Rochelle to Lisbon on *Le Commandant Charcot*, Ponant's newest ship, currently being showcased to a number of the line's loyalists.





P&O Australia Explorer

P&O Cruises Australia has launched a 28-night Australia Explorer itinerary (**pictured**), as part of its 2023/24 program.

Departing in Jun 2024, the cruise is a first-of-its-kind domestic sailing for P&O Australia, giving guests the chance to experience 11 iconic Aussie ports.

Pacific Explorer will host the inaugural voyage, which will depart from either Brisbane or Sydney, and visit Melbourne, Adelaide, Albany, Fremantle, Exmouth, Broome, Kuri Bay, Darwin, Cairns and Airlie Beach, along with a call at Ambon Island in Indonesia.

The cruise also includes scenic cruising of Yampi Sound and Raft Point in the Kimberley.

The sailing is expected to contribute an estimated \$20 million in economic activity, including the combination of guest and crew spending, ship supplies and port-related costs, with opportunities to aid a wide range of rural destinations and suppliers, including farmers, tour operators and entertainers.

P&O's new Australian Explorer cruise and 2023/24 program will go on sale next Wed - for more information, call 13 24 94.

Murray still high!

MURRAY River

Paddlesteamers has released new departures for *Emmylou's* special limited Koondrook expedition cruises, which are now going upstream to Barmah.

With the first three sevennight cruises sold out (*CW* 24 Aug), Murray River Paddlesteamers has now scheduled five new departures during the next two months, with the river expected to remain high.

Koondrook cruises can be booked as one-way or return, and are now departing twice on 15 Nov and once on 18 Nov, from \$1,600 per person.

Toorumbarry Weir cruises, which can be sailed return three nights from Echuca only, will depart on 25 Oct and 01 Nov from \$1,299pp.

Bamrah expedition cruises, also only available from Echuca return, will cruise for two nights on 29 Oct and 05 Nov from \$869pp.

The cruises will be open to all rural Victorians and NSW border bubble residents.



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