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### Cruise Weekly today

**Cruise Weekly** today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, a front cover from **Ponant** and a full page from **Norwegian Cruise Line**.

### New Egypt ship

**INTERNATIONAL** Karma Group has made its first Egyptian acquisition with *Karma Karnak*, a cruise ship set to cruise the Nile River.

The elegantly styled 55-cabin ship offers guests the chance to immerse themselves at the heart of Egypt, and its gathering of world-famous landmarks, including the Valley of the Kings, Karnak, Luxor, the Tomb of Tutankhamun, and more.

*Karma Karnak* will make her debut after the heat of the Egyptian summer in Oct.

The ship's spacious cabins are decorated in traditional wood, and furnished with twin beds, air-conditioning, and ensuite facilities.

*Karma Karnak* also features a collection of bars and restaurants, a swimming pool, and a rooftop deck.

### Sea Cloud adds booster shot

**SEA** Cloud Cruises has extended its mandatory vaccination requirement to include a booster shot.

For the upcoming start of the Mediterranean season in Apr, Sea Cloud will require proof of a booster to its requirements for passengers and crew members.

As has been standard practice since the last summer season, all Sea Cloud passengers must complete a COVID test before boarding, and all guests undergo a PCR test immediately before departure.

## Wonder arrives in the US



**ROYAL** Caribbean International's (RCI) *Wonder of the Seas* (pictured) arrived in the United States this week, ahead of her official debut on 04 Mar in Fort Lauderdale.

*Wonder* will first set sail on a seven-night cruise to the Caribbean, including RCI's private island destination, Perfect Day at CocoCay in the Bahamas.

She will then head to Barcelona and Rome to kick off her northern summer vacations in the Mediterranean in May.

In Nov, *Wonder* will return to the tropical shores of the Caribbean and the Bahamas from her year-round home, Port Canaveral.

Vacationers of all ages have in store a combination of new adventures and returning favourites across eight unique neighbourhoods, including the newest Suite Neighbourhood.

*Wonder* will feature a new southern restaurant and bar The Mason Jar, serving up southern staples and new twists on classics for brunch, dinner and late night; as well as Wonder Playscape, an all-new interactive outdoor play area.

Also on deck are signature experiences such as The Ultimate Abyss, the tallest slide at sea; the FlowRider surf simulator; rock-climbing walls; and the Central Park neighbourhood, which is lined with more than 20,000 real

plants.

Australian guests inspired by *Wonder's* arrival can get in on the fun themselves, with Royal Caribbean's epic end of month sale.

The four-day event includes guest savings and on board credit to spend on speciality dining, Vitality Spa treatments, or at the unique boutiques on board.

Sale highlights include 30% off each guest, and onboard credit of up to USD\$900 per booking.

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### Ponant teams up

**PONANT'S** *Le Commandant Charcot* is working together with research ship *Sir David Attenborough* in their joint mission to support the International Thwaites Glacier Collaboration.

When it was realised both ships would coincidentally meet in Carroll Inlet at 73°15 south, it offered the perfect opportunity to combine the capabilities of the vessels to work in tandem.

*Le Commandant Charcot* features a unique PC2 hull design, with the ability to sail in "double-acting mode", enabling the ship to tackle thicker and more dense ice by sailing backward.

This then opened a channel for *Sir David Attenborough* to follow behind, working to widen the channel.

Meanwhile, Ponant is currently offering a bonus flight credit of \$2,500 per person for a limited time.

The offer is applicable on itineraries such as Emblematic Antarctica - see **cover page**.

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**IT'S** Antarctic wedding season again, with Atlas Ocean Voyages performing the first legal nuptials in Antarctica last week.

The bride and groom exchanged vows on Danco Island during a 15-minute ceremony, officiated by British Antarctic Territory-registered Marriage Officer Bryan Clark, and witnessed by eight guests.

Throughout *World Navigator's* current nine-night Antarctica expedition, Atlas has performed four weddings and three vow renewals.

**MEANWHILE**, the first wedding on continental Antarctica since the pandemic was witnessed by *CW* late last month at Coughtrey Peninsula.

The couple (**pictured**) was aboard Aurora Expeditions' *Greg Mortimer*, and decided to tie the knot in a spur-of-the-moment decision - lucky they both had their penguin suits with them!

Serving as a celebrant was Aurora Expedition Leader David Berg, with the whole ship able to watch on, both on the ice and from the ship.

To cap off the occasion, each guest was treated to a glass of Dom Perignon - served ice cold, of course!



## FACE-2-FACE: Angela Middleton

Senior Manager Sales AUS/NZ, Norwegian Cruise Line



### 1. What is your favourite part of your job?

Providing my team with the tools and strategy to be the very best they can be, both in their careers and as a partner to our travel agents. I'm a passionate leader and I find mentoring – both acting as a mentor and being a mentee – is one of the most fulfilling parts of my job. It's the reason I've been so closely involved with the TIME program for a number of years now, and why I advocate for my team to take part too.

### 2. What attracted you to a career in the cruise industry?

After 16 years in the tourism industry working in hotels, airlines and coach tours, cruising really was the next frontier for me to make my mark on! I started back in Dec 2019 – before we knew a pandemic was lying ahead – but I have learned so much along this journey which will continue to shape how I approach the future, and I've fallen in love with cruise.

### 3. What is key to success in the cruise industry?

It's a competitive landscape, but I believe the keys to success are building strong relationships, finding your

sense of purpose and investing in yourself. No matter where you are in your career, finding a mentor is so valuable. Whether it's through a program like TIME or informally among senior colleagues, there is so much to gain, such as better negotiation skills when promotions are on the table, and importantly, job satisfaction.

### 4. How has COVID-19 changed the way you do your job?

It's challenged me to find new ways of doing business when faced with lockdowns and travel restrictions. It also requires a different mindset to ensure my team feels engaged and motivated during challenging circumstances.

### 5. What is the best thing to say to people who are hesitant to cruise?

One of the most important jobs we can do right now is ensure that people feel confident to cruise. With the extensive health and safety protocols implemented in our industry we believe there is no safer (or fun) way to travel and explore your bucket list destinations.

### 6. What was your best family trip?

Hosting a group of top achievers in Southern Italy.



## CLIA UPDATE

with Joel Katz  
MD, CLIA Australasia

### Clear progress for cruise

**AFTER** more than a year of persistent work with state and federal governments, our industry's efforts are now showing clear signs of progress as we strive for cruising's revival in Australia.

National Cabinet's announcement that the major eastern states will work with the federal government and cruise industry to achieve a resumption has been a welcome breakthrough, and we are already in a new series of discussions aimed at finalising detailed plans.

In the past week CLIA and cruise lines have had positive meetings with the NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet, who has taken the lead role in pushing for a cruise revival.

We've also met with other key leaders, health authorities and other govt officials from the eastern states and Canberra.

Though we still have more work to do, there is now a clear political will to achieve results and we are hopeful the most recent extension of Australia's cruise ban will be our last.

With extensive experience from cruising's revival in other countries, we know the cruise industry has the most stringent protocols of any area of travel.



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