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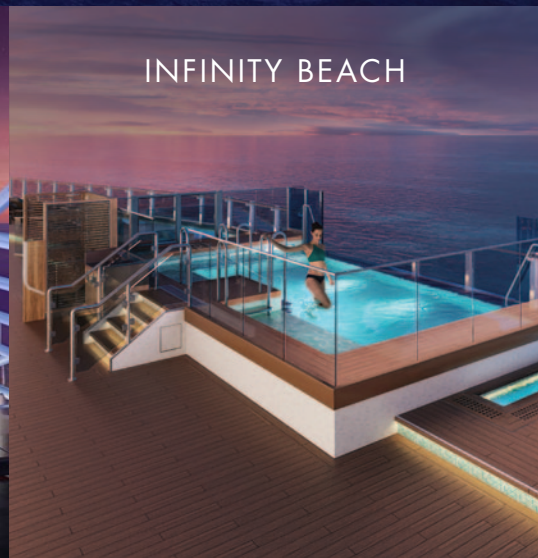
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### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Hurtigruten

**HURTIGRUTEN** has confirmed an incident off the coast of Norway yesterday when its *Fritjof Nansen* suffered minor damage after running aground in strong winds while en route from Lofoten to Flam.

Local media reports indicate that a single watertight compartment was involved, with some light hull damage.

*Fritjof Nansen* sailed under her own power to a safe harbour, with no injuries reported to the 165 crew or 233 passengers, who have disembarked.

## Norwegian unveils new ship Viva

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line has introduced *Norwegian Viva* (pictured), the next ship in the cruise line's brand-new Prima-class.

Launching in Jun 2023, *Viva* will have homeport in four Mediterranean destinations: Lisbon, Venice, Rome, and Athens, and is open for sale now.

*Viva* will then sail the Southern Caribbean for her 2023-2024 northern hemisphere winter season, offering warm-weather getaways from San Juan.

Mirroring the upscale design and structure of her sister ship *Norwegian Prima*, *Viva* will also be built by Fincantieri, and will accommodate 3,219 guests, who will travel in the cruise line's most varied and spacious accommodation, including its largest Inside, Ocean View and Balcony category staterooms.

*Viva* will offer the highest



staffing levels and space ratio of any comparable cruise ship.

The Prima-class' variety of recreational activities will make their comeback on *Viva*, with exclusive experiences including The Rush and The Drop, the fastest freefall drop dry slides at sea, and the Viva Speedway, which builds upon the race track concept introduced aboard the Breakaway-class.

She will also boast eye-catching hull art designed by Italian graffiti and sculpture artist 'peeta', who

will also illustrate *Prima*.

"*Viva* sets the standard in the premium segment, illustrating our commitment to pushing boundaries in four main areas: wide open space, service that puts guests first, thoughtful design, and experiences beyond expectation," explained Norwegian Cruise Line President & Chief Executive Harry Sommer.

"We have taken everything our guests love to the next level with this brand-new class of ships designed with them in mind."



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**THE** cost of living in Australia has been skyrocketing since the turn of the century, but one British woman may have found a solution.

The female told *The US Sun* she had saved £20,000 living on a boat for the past three years.

The 33-year-old first bought her narrowboat *Leviathan* for £3,800 in 2019 and has even spent an extra £12,000 on renovations and decor over the past two years, which includes just £96 a month for her boating licence.

"My bills are extremely minimal, I've gone from paying £1,200 a month with rent, gas and electric to just £254 a month on the boat," she said.

"The rent for my marina spot at Mancetter is £120 a month, but it allows me to use the facilities, so that's been quite nice during the winter as I've been able to get hot showers – as I've not managed to get the gas and hot water sorted yet."

## Eclipse II coming to Aus

**SCENIC** Luxury Cruises & Tours has announced its maiden season in Australian waters, with the unveiling of its 2023/24 Worldwide Voyages Collection.

The program will see the new *Scenic Eclipse II* sail locally in 2024, with the momentous event celebrated with an exclusive Chairman's Voyage personally hosted by the Scenic executive team including Chairman and founder Glen Moroney.

The itinerary will set off from Newcastle, where Scenic was founded 36 years ago, and cruise up the east coast where a series of exclusive events will take place.

Activities will include a special ANZAC Day lunch on Whitehaven Beach in the Whitsundays, after guests watch the sunrise in a dawn service in Gladstone.

Passengers will also be able to explore the depths of the ocean in the on-board submarine, or soar above it in *Eclipse II's* two helicopters on Scenic's first ever heli-safari.

Based on the 22 Apr 2024 departure, super earlybird prices for the Chairman's Voyage start from \$11,425 per person.

"Bringing *Scenic Eclipse II* home to Australian waters is a major moment for our guests and the Scenic team, and will set the new benchmark for ultra-luxury cruising in the region," enthused General Manager Sales & Marketing, Anthony Laver.

"With Australians now wanting domestic six-star immersive experiences and the overwhelming response and demand for our 2021 postponed Kimberley program, we're confident these ultra-luxury voyages will be very popular."

Savings of up to 20% on 2023/24 voyages are available when booked and paid in full 12 months prior to departure, with all new bookings covered by Scenic's Flexible Booking Policy until 31 Mar 2022, allowing guests to defer their cruise to another date or itinerary, or cancel up to 60 days prior to departure.

The Voyage Collection also includes cruises in the Caribbean, Melanesia, the Arctic, Antarctica, Scotland and more - to see the promotional TVC go to [cruiseweekly.com.au/videos](http://cruiseweekly.com.au/videos).

## Clouded future...

**GENTING** Hong Kong says the refusal of its loan from Germany (**CW** yesterday) was based on a negative business review into the five-year outlook of the company, citing factors it did not think were "fair and reasonable".

The firm yesterday filed an insolvency petition for its MV Werften shipyard, after the refusal of a state bail-out based on various "stress scenarios" affecting the Group, including a persistent and sustained reduction in business activities as a result of COVID-19.

"The group does not consider the assumptions used in the business review as fair and reasonable," Genting said.

With the loan rejected, the company said there was "no guarantee that the Group will be able to meet its financial obligations".

While the insolvency only affects the German subsidiaries, travel advisors across the globe are deeply concerned, with clients still owed significant refunds by Genting's cruise line brands.

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