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## Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a full page from **Cruise Lines International Association**.

## Lindblad offers

**LINDBLAD** Expeditions has set a course for up to 25% savings on *National Geographic Orion* across APAC.

Travel advisors are being offered bonus commissions on new bookings, with savings able to be accessed by the end of Feb.

A bonus commission of \$1,250 per person for *Orion's* APAC season is on offer, which will visit the dramatic landscapes of Australia's Kimberley region.

All details are available **HERE**, and for more information, call 1300 361 012.

## CLIA Awards countdown

**THERE'S** just one week left for agents to submit a nomination for the 20th Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Awards, with entries accepted up until 11.59pm AEDT on Wed.

CLIA's local Managing Director Joel Katz noted of the total 18 categories to be awarded at the ceremony next year, 11 are open for self-or peer-nomination.

He said the Awards are an open field, and nobody should rule themselves out.

"Every entrant is a strong contender this year, and no effort is too humble," he said.

"We're not simply celebrating sales - this year's awards are all about recognising the strength, resilience and ingenuity of our travel agent community, and so we want to hear people's stories," Katz said.

"We want as many nominations as possible in these last remaining

days - we're looking for every CLIA travel agent who deserves recognition for their efforts.

"We want to hear about their cruise promotions, their Cruise Month campaigns, or the rising star working in their team."

After a formal judging process, the winners will be announced on 11 Mar at Big Top Sydney, with actor Tim Campbell hosting.

The awards are open to all current CLIA members, with categories recognising outstanding cruise agencies, consultants, promotional activity, and sales representatives.

Individual and full table tickets are now available for booking via [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au), while full details of the categories and the nomination process are available by **CLICKING HERE**.

Meanwhile, a CLIA membership offers exclusive benefits and the support you need - **page 4**.



On location in Antarctica

Today's issue of *Cruise Weekly* is coming to you courtesy of Viking, aboard the brand new *Viking Polaris*.

*VIKING Polaris* is currently gliding her way back to South America across the Drake Passage, with plenty of activities available on board.

Guests interested in wildlife can participate in scientific studies such as bird counts and analysing water samples, while there has also been an opportunity to help prepare BRUVS (Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems) for the next cruise.

*Polaris* will remain in Antarctic waters until Apr, with a total of eight polar voyages scheduled.



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## Celebration caps off 50 years for CCL

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line (CCL) has christened its new flagship *Carnival Celebration* (pictured) in Miami, culminating the brand's year-long 50th anniversary festivities.

*Celebration* arrived at her newly redesigned and expanded Terminal F at PortMiami, where she was christened by American model Cassidy Gifford earlier this week.

The innovative, Excel-class sister to the groundbreaking *Mardi Gras*, *Celebration* is launching year-round service from its hometown of Miami.

Attendees of the christening were treated to an impromptu performance by American television presenter and mother of *Celebration's* godmother, Kathie Lee Gifford, who sang the memorable tune to the now-legendary commercials which helped to popularise the CCL



brand in the 1980s.

Guests were also treated to a preview of *Celebration's* spectacular entertainment program, including an aerialist performance.

The night was capped off by a concert by American R&B band Kool & The Gang, which included a fitting rendition of its classic, *Celebrate!*

The ship's first guests to board from Miami departed a special six-day Thanksgiving cruise, with visits to Grand Turk, Amber Cove

and Nassau.

On Mon, *Celebration* will begin a rotation of week-long Eastern and Western Caribbean sailings that depart every Sun, and visit popular destinations, such as the Dominican Republic, St. Thomas, and Mexico.

"This naming ceremony of our new flagship *Carnival Celebration* is the perfect culmination of our 50th birthday as this spectacular ship honours our past and signifies the fun and growth ahead," said President Christine Duffy.

"*Carnival Celebration* builds on the success of our incredible *Mardi Gras* and the many innovations we introduced with our Excel-class, including a top-deck roller coaster, and offers unique features all her own that give guests a truly incredible new cruise experience to have fun and make memories."

## Polished *Diamond*

**PRINCESS** Cruises' *Diamond Princess* has set sail with a season of Mexico and Hawaii sailings from San Diego.

The newly refurbished *Diamond* has welcomed guests on board for its inaugural sailing from its new homeport, from where she will offer a series of new cruise itineraries ranging from five to 16 days, calling at ports along the Mexican Riviera, Coastal California, and Hawaii.

In addition, *Diamond* will sail a 20-day cruise to Central America on 27 Nov.

"The Port of San Diego is proud to welcome the *Diamond Princess*, its Captain, crew and guests," said Port of San Diego Board of Port Commissioners Chair Dan Malcolm.

"We are also happy to welcome Princess Cruises back as a homeported line".



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**HOT** on the heels of Australia's plan to perhaps eliminate invasive carp from the Murray-Darling basin (**CW** yesterday) comes the story of a British fisherman in France who has caught what must be one of the world's largest goldfish.

The 32kg monster (**pictured**) was pulled up by 42-year-old Briton Andy Hackett, who was fishing in the French region of Champagne.

The fish is nicknamed "the Carrot" and was actually introduced into the Bluewater Lakes fishery, which is a commercial operation offering opportunities for fishers to make a big catch.

A spokesperson for the Lakes said "the Carrot" was stocked 15 years ago "as something different for the anglers to catch" - with the brightly coloured creature actually caught about nine times last fishing season, each time being measured and then released.

The well-fed fish has continued to gain weight, coming in at about 30kg the last time it was caught in Feb.



## Rivers of the World '24

**UNIWORLD** Boutique River Cruise Collection has announced a new 'Rivers of the World' cruise for 2024.

The 55-night voyage takes travellers from Lima to Saigon, aboard four Uniworld 'Super Ships'.

It will depart 03 Oct 2024, taking travellers to three continents, and 10 countries, combining both cruise and land.

The cruise is limited to only 68 travellers, and will include a range of exclusive experiences and special surprises throughout the journey.

Guests begin their cruise in Peru with a stay in the Country Club Lima Hotel, where they will enjoy a gala welcome dinner.

The group will then spend six nights cruising the Amazon River on board the brand-new *Aqua Nera*, visiting Cusco and Machu Picchu along the way.

Guests will complete their time in South America with two stays at Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls, where they will visit Iguazu Falls from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides.

There will then be a final night at the Copacabana Palace, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro before the group flies to Amsterdam to cruise the Rhine, Main, and Danube on board *Beatrice*.

After seven nights in France, the group will head to Hanoi, staying at the Sofitel Legend Metropole, before an overnight cruise in Ha Long Bay, to see some of its 1,600 islands and limestone pillars.

Guests will then have exclusive

access to Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom in Siem Reap, before embarking on Uniworld's brand new Super Ship *Mekong Jewel* to experience the Mekong River.

The fourth and final cruise will disembark in Ho Chi Minh City, where guests will experience a once in a lifetime gala grand finale event at the Ho Chi Minh City Opera House.

"At Uniworld, we always have innovation top of mind and strive to continuously take steps forward in fresh and exciting ways," President & Chief Executive Ellen Bettridge said.

"We're so proud to present our latest Rivers of the World 2024 itinerary, our longest and most action-packed sailing to date with incredible exclusive experiences in Peru, Brazil, Europe, and Southeast Asia.

"It's an itinerary like no other and will be the holiday of a lifetime".

The cruise starts at \$91,099 per person twin share, all-inclusive.

**CLICK HERE** for more information, or call Uniworld on 1300 780 231.



**CRUISE WEEKLY**  
On Board: *Viking Polaris*

### The Restaurant

The Restaurant is one of two onboard specialty eateries, offering the ship's ultimate dining experience accompanied by magnificent views. The menu showcases a range of popular "always-available" classics, along with nightly specialty items. As with all of Viking's dining options, there is no additional charge to eat in The Restaurant, but advance reservations are recommended.

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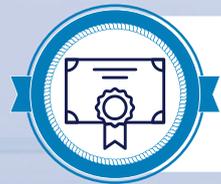
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