



Canals a-okay

EUROPEAN Waterways' canal barge cruises have been less impacted by the continent's historic drought than other river lines in the region.

The design of the man-made waterways helps to maintain their consistent levels, as the historic drought conditions in Europe dry up many of the continent's major rivers, impacting vessel traffic.

However, there is no natural flow of water subject to nature in a canal, and large reservoirs keep the channels "topped up."

As a result, European Waterways has been able to operate its many luxury hotel barges in Europe with less disruption than cruise lines on the larger bodies of water, such as the Rhine and the Danube.

Here comes the Queen

CUNARD Line has confirmed the pending arrival of its *Queen Elizabeth* (pictured) in Australia, with the ship to be hosted in Fremantle on 07 Nov in her first local call since the onset of the pandemic.

Queen Elizabeth will undertake a record 121-day local deployment, with the season including special themed cruises such as the inaugural Great Australian Culinary Voyage (**CW** 17 Aug), a five-night roundtrip from Sydney departing on 28 Jan, featuring local produce and menus created by celebrity chefs Matt Moran, Mark Olive, and Darren Purchase.

There's also Cunard's first ever Gardening Journey ex Melbourne on 04 Feb 2023, a seven-night sailing featuring TV cultivators Graham Ross and Jamie Durie.

Queen Elizabeth will also make an inaugural circumnavigation of



Australia, with local personalities Peter Cosgrove, Dawn Fraser and Nova Peris inspiring guests with onboard presentations from their many and varied careers.

A range of select sailings are currently available with savings of up to 25%, such as the around-Australia voyage priced from \$7,029 per person twin share (instead of \$10,349) in a Balcony Stateroom.

The cruises include Cunard's signature experiences including daily Afternoon Tea, Gala Balls, dance classes, deck games and art deco-inspired public spaces.

More info at cunard.com.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise news.

Costa simplification

COSTA Cruises has introduced new simplified protocols for its voyages in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, and the United Arab Emirates.

Vaccinated pax will be able to embark without any further COVID-19 tests from 08 Oct.

Unvaccinated guests on Mediterranean and Caribbean cruises who return negative pre-embarkation RATs will also be able to embark.

Costa protocols are consistent with measures currently in place in the destinations visited by the its ships, and if they are adjusted accordingly, guests will be informed - **CLICK HERE** for full health protocols.

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SORRY kids, but there's bedtime even on holiday!

Carnival Cruise Line has applied a curfew to its minor guests, as part of its "commitment to safety", with youths now requiring adult supervision if they want to stay out late.

Passengers who are under 18 are no longer allowed to explore the ship after 1am without adult supervision, a representative for Carnival confirmed to *Fox Business*.

Unfortunately, your (slightly) older sibling will not count as an adult either; guests under 17 who are out past curfew will need to be accompanied by a travelling companion 21 years of age or older.

P&O bonus comm

P&O Cruises Australia is offering 10% bonus travel agent commission for its trade partners across Australia and New Zealand.

Valid for bookings made 20 Sep-06 Oct 2022, the deal applies to P&O Value and Value Plus fares.

The offer automatically applies to select departures when booking via the P&O call centre or POLAROnline - info at flagship.pocruises.com.au.

Viking's deal of the week

VIKING'S deal of the week is a Grand European Cruise Amsterdam to Budapest or vv.

Travellers can save up to \$5,600 per couple on the 15-day cruise, which is now priced from \$3,995 twin share.

More details on 138 747.



FRANCE'S Port of Le Havre has announced the development of a major new passenger cruise terminal, with capacity to process 13,000 guests daily and accommodate three mega-ships, all with shore power connections.

Le Havre is the gateway to Paris, with the €100 million project aiming to position the Port as a leading destination in the region.

Local officials said about 600,000 cruise guests are expected annually by 2030, with the terminal development to feature a large park with the potential to host concerts and other major events.

Marine works have already started, with the terminal set to open by the end of 2025, constructed using the latest techniques and materials, including large solar panels on the roof, to ensure the building is carbon neutral.

The recent *Norwegian Prima* inaugural voyage (**CW** 02 Sep) visited Le Havre, with many passengers taking the opportunity to visit the French capital, or take excursions to the nearby historic beaches of Normandy, as well as the picturesque town of Honfleur about half an hour away.




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Join the NCL team for a walking challenge like no other in October.

For this year's challenge we're promoting health and wellbeing within the travel industry, while also celebrating the all-new Norwegian Spirit's inaugural Australia & New Zealand season.

Get active and track your steps alongside your travel industry friends as we journey around an interactive map of Norwegian Spirit's voyage to New Zealand from Hawai'i. There'll be fun weekly challenges and \$16,000 worth of prizes up for grabs too — our highest value prize pool to date!

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Registration ends 30 September.







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Super Cruise deal

ROYAL Caribbean International is offering 55% off fares on this year's Super Cruise music festival at sea.

The offer applies to all staterooms aboard *Ovation of the Seas* for the special departure from 09 Nov to 16 Nov with headline acts Suzi Quatro, The Angels, Lee Kernaghan, John Williamson and more - details [HERE](#).

World Europa's spectacles



MSC Cruises' *MSC World Europa* will offer new innovative onboard entertainment, including new shows, immersive experiences, and much more.

Guests will be able to enjoy awe-inspiring entertainment from morning to night, including three new concert-style shows in the multipurpose onboard 'Luna Park Arena' (pictured).

The 300-seat multifunctional entertainment venue will host films, game shows, kids' activities and a range of themed parties.

During the day, the venue will host a new VR Drone Academy, a Digital Dance Academy with three bespoke Dance with Flavia classes, Doremi's 'Wake Up Rave' for the ship's youngest guests, and two new large-scale interactive game shows.

There will be five new full-scale theatre productions in the World Theatre focused on exploration, travel, the sea, theatre, and sustainability.

Shows include *Eko, A Night on Broadway*, featuring classic theatre show tunes; *Cadmo*

The Landwalker, and *Yellow Submarine*, which will feature amazing circus and magical elements based on Beatles songs.

There will also be four themed experiences in the Panorama Lounge, located at the aft of the newbuild, with this venue's floor featuring unique designs that will transform the space and changing screens that reflect the theme of the night.

Not only can shows and be enjoyed in the dedicated venues aboard *World Europa*, but there will also be a variety of surprise moments throughout different areas of the ship.

MSC World Europa will be christened in Doha this Nov.

Virgin adjustment

VIRGIN Voyages last week adjusted its 'Dominican Daze' itinerary, swapping out its stop in Puerto Plata for Costa Maya.

The change is in response to the currently active Hurricane Fiona, which recently made landfall in Puerto Rico.

CLIA UPDATE



with Joel Katz
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Cruise momentum builds

WITH Cruise Month in full swing, excitement is building around the coming season and the dozens of ships about to return to Australian waters.

Last week Melbourne had a taste of what's to come when it welcomed its first ship, Princess Cruises' *Coral Princess*, which on Mon also became the first to visit Kangaroo Island.

Other ports will reach similar milestones over coming weeks as more ships return.

In all, more than 20 CLIA cruise lines will operate in Australian waters over coming months, bringing millions of dollars in economic opportunities as part of a summer cruise renaissance.

Expedition cruising will play a key part in this revival and is the subject of this week's Cruise Month theme, highlighting the extraordinary experiences available to expedition guests.

Throughout Cruise Month, our overarching message is cruise fans should book via a CLIA certified travel agent to get the best possible guidance.

To reinforce this, CLIA's Cruise Month competition offers a chance to win \$1000 towards a cruise booked through a CLIA certified agent.

Encourage your clients to get involved – see www.cruising.org for competition details.



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