



Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news including a photo page from **Abercrombie & Kent**.

Magic in China

CHINA'S first locally built large cruise ship, *Adora Magic City*, has been delivered.

The 5,246-passenger ship was built by China State Shipbuilding Corporation's Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding, based on Fincantieri's Vista-class design, and completed her test voyage earlier this year (**CW** 14 Sep).

Magic City will commence her maiden voyage from Shanghai next month, operated by her namesake Asian cruise line Adora Cruises.

She will service the Chinese domestic market with four-to-five day sailings.

Carnival loss narrows as demand returns

CARNIVAL Corporation has posted a smaller-than-expected loss of US\$48 million while beating its revenue estimates thanks to steady cruise demand.

The result is compared to the prior corresponding period's loss of US\$1.6 billion, thanks to record fourth quarter revenues of US\$5.4 billion.

Carnival's full-year incomes hit an all-time high of US\$21.6 billion, as the company enters the new year with its best booked position on record for both price and occupancy.

The company's shares jumped 7% after it estimated its earnings for the next quarter would more than double from a year earlier, thanks to strength in the market, which is driving Carnival's fare prices higher.

Carnival also noted booking volumes for the two weeks around Black Fri and Cyber Mon hit an all-time high.



"We entered the year with the best booked position we have ever seen, and now have nearly two-thirds of our occupancy already on the books for 2024, at considerably higher prices," Chief Executive Josh Weinstein (**pictured**) said.

"For our peak summer period, all major products are better booked at higher prices benefiting from improving trends in both occupancy and price during the fourth quarter.

"We continue to experience

strong bookings momentum across the board."

Carnival expects net yields in the first quarter to be up 16.5% year-on-year and is forecasting a net income for the 2024 fiscal year of US\$1.2 billion.

However, Carnival forecasted its adjusted loss per share for the quarter of 22c would be higher than the estimate of 12c, as costs rise due to higher occupancy levels and increased advertising spend heading into the wave season. *MS*

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Australian Advisors Have Been Crystal-ised

FOLLOWING her multi-million-dollar make-over - under the leadership of A&K Travel Group - Crystal ship *Symphony* showcased her new look last week during her inaugural visit to Australia.

As she charted a course from Perth via Adelaide to Melbourne, then Sydney to Auckland, travel advisors were invited onboard to find out just why Crystal is 'exceptional at sea'.

Playing host to the event, Managing Director, A&K, Deb Fox, along with Tony Archbold, VP Crystal, Michelle Mickan, VP Marketing A&K & Crystal, and Jacqui Tufala, Key Account Manager Crystal, showed close to 200 agents around the recently refurbished ship, as well as members of A&K VIP Chairmans Club, and hosted a media event.

"The response from trade to *Crystal Symphony* has been overwhelming," Archbold said.

"Advisors were thoroughly impressed by *Symphony's* classic sense of luxury, world-class culinary offering, exceptional level of service, and of course the crew," he said.

The highlight for many was an intimate dinner in the only Nobu restaurant at sea, Umi Uma.

For more information on Crystal, please contact the Australian-based Crystal reservations team on 1300 503 640.



LYN Murphy, Claremont Cruise and Travel; Ingrid Boucaut, New Farm Travel; and Katrina Thirkell, A&K.



JULIE Donaldson, Cruise Traveller; Alexa Papoulias, A&K; and Andrew Minto, Home and Afar.



CHRIS McIlroy, Travel Inspirations; Jacqui Tufala, Crystal; Judy Quigley, Toorak Village Travel & Cruise; Deb Fox, A&K and Crystal.



CHOCOLATE Tea Time at the Palm Court with Alexa Papoulias, A&K and Cherie Bowman from LUXE by itravel.



DEB Hilton from FBI travel and her husband Gabor Hilton.



ANN-MARIE Chapman, A&K ; Maha Noore, Savenio; Melinda Ford, Savenio; Adam Bold, Savenio; Libby Orrock, Savenio; Peter Dick, Savenio; Richard Davey, Savenio; and Jacqui Tufala, Crystal.



JULIE Avery, Brighton Travelworld and Ian Mollison, Helloworld Balwyn North.



JACQUI Tufala, Crystal; Ingrid Hay, New Farm Travel; Katrina Thirkell, A&K.

HANNAH Taylor, A&K; Chris McIlroy, Travel Inspirations; and Judy Quigley, Toorak Village Travel & Cruise.



AUSTRALIAN agents sailing from Perth to Adelaide.

Sydney hosts *Silver Muse*



SILVERSEA Cruises laid out the red carpet for travel advisors, guests, and trade media yesterday onboard *Silver Muse*, which was docked at White Bay Cruise Terminal in Sydney.

The group was given a grand tour of the 11-deck ship, which was built in 2017 and features the fully-equipped Zagara Beauty Spa, a jogging track, fitness centre, and a number of different restaurants serving a variety of cuisines, including La Dame, Indochine and Atlantide.

There is a range of accommodation, from the Classic

Veranda Suite at 36m² featuring large glass doors to the private outdoor area and a spacious layout, to the opulent 129m² Owner's Suite that includes separate living and dining areas, a private veranda, and a whirlpool bath, and more.

There is a wide variety of other accommodation options in between, including accessible rooms for guests requiring additional space.

Silversea recently doubled down on its commitment to the Australian region, particularly in the Kimberley (**CW** 04 Dec). *DF*



HURTIGRUTEN has submerged another 4,500 sparkling wine bottles into the ocean, following the initial success of its Bubbles of the Sea concept (**CW** 15 Nov). The bottles have been submerged outside the Norwegian coast to be served next year.

The concept began late last year when 1,700 bottles of sparkling wine were submerged at 34 metres for six months (**CW** 22 May).

The new vintage includes 4,200 standard 0.75cl bottles and 300 magnum-sized 1.5-litre bottles.

Merry Christmas!

TODAY will be the last issue of *Cruise Weekly* for the year.

The first **CW** of 2024 will be published on Tue 02 Jan.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all of our readers, and thank you for all of your support throughout the year.

A Norwegian Xmas

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has launched a new year's sale, offering guests up to 50% on all cruises with a bonus \$500 off sailings until 04 Jan.

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Celebrity Edge</i>	22 Dec
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	22 Dec
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	22 Dec
<i>Silver Muse</i>	22 Dec
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	23 Dec
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	23 Dec
<i>Disney Wonder</i>	24 Dec

MELBOURNE	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	22 Dec
<i>Resilient Lady</i>	23 Dec
<i>Seven Seas Explorer</i>	24 Dec

BRISBANE	
<i>Disney Wonder</i>	22 Dec
<i>Regatta</i>	23 Dec

BUSSELTON	
<i>Azamara Journey</i>	22 Dec

BURNIE	
<i>Resilient Lady</i>	22 Dec
<i>Resilient Lady</i>	24 Dec

HOBART	
<i>Le Laperouse</i>	23 Dec
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	23 Dec
<i>Star Breeze</i>	24 Dec
<i>Silver Muse</i>	24 Dec

AUCKLAND	
<i>Coral Geographer</i>	22 Dec
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	23 Dec
<i>Noordam</i>	24 Dec

CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	22 Dec
<i>Viking Orion</i>	24 Dec

WELLINGTON	
<i>Viking Orion</i>	23 Dec
<i>Europa</i>	24 Dec



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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