



Disney days at sea

DISNEY Cruise Line will take guests on extraordinary adventures with the return of Pixar Day at Sea and Marvel Day at Sea early next year.

Setting sail in Jan 2024 through to early Mar from Florida, the exclusive events combine the fun and relaxation of a Disney cruise vacation with one unforgettable day.

During Pixar Day at Sea, which debuted on the *Disney Fantasy* last month, guests are immersed in the ever-unfolding stories of their favourite toys, monsters and superheroes.

It will be offered on nine seven-night Caribbean cruises aboard *Fantasy* sailing from Port Canaveral, departing on Sats from 06 Jan.

Marvel Day at Sea combines the thrills of renowned comics, films and animated series with the excitement of a Disney cruise to unlock the inner-superheroes in lifelong Marvel fans and newcomers alike.

It will be offered on 10 five-night Caribbean cruises aboard *Disney Dream* sailing from Fort Lauderdale on Suns, departing from 07 Jan.

Cunard announces new themed cruises

TV CHEF Karen Martini and former international cricket player Brett Lee (**pictured**) will headline Cunard Line's Australian-themed voyages next year.

The two Aussie icons will set sail on *Queen Elizabeth*, with both seven-night voyages offering onboard talks & events, themed shore experiences, and a celebration of Australian culture through the lenses of food & sport.

Martini will headline the second edition of the Great Australian Culinary Voyage, with the inaugural itinerary having disembarked earlier this week.

While on board, Martini will take over *Queen Elizabeth's* premium dining venue, The Verandah Restaurant, for three exclusive fine dining events.

Martini's food will appear in the Britannia Restaurant with a selection of dishes offered throughout the sailing, and she will also speak in the Royal Court Theatre.

Martini will be joined by additional exciting gastronomic talent to be announced in the coming months.

Departing Melbourne on 05 Jan 2024, the Great Australian Culinary Voyage will see *Queen Elizabeth* chart a round trip itinerary to Adelaide and Hobart.

Meanwhile, Lee, recognised as one of the fastest bowlers in the world during his career, will spearhead the inaugural 'Voyage of Sporting Greats'.



While on board, Lee will regale guests with tales from his impressive career through insightful Q&A sessions and an exclusive activity, to be announced shortly.

Departing on 13 Feb 2024, Cunard's inaugural Voyage of Sporting Greats will sail a roundtrip from Sydney to Tasmania and back over seven nights, with calls in Hobart, Port Arthur, and Melbourne.

Lee will lead a line-up of Australian sports icons, with more talent to be announced shortly.

Commercial Director Katrina McAlpine said she was pleased to be expanding on the success of this year's themed cruises.

"This really is testament to our guests and their desire to discover extraordinary experiences, something Cunard

constantly seeks to create and deliver on," she said.

"To cater for our guests' craving for premium culinary events, we are going to offer a raft of highlights and creative talent during the 2024 culinary voyage."

Costa Asia restart

COSTA Cruises will return to service in Asia from Jun, with a program of charter cruises including a season departing from South Korea aboard *Costa Serena*.

Agreements were signed in Dubai aboard *Costa Toscana* last week, with the cruise line operating in partnership with several Asian associates.

After operating in South Korea, *Serena* will undertake a season in Taiwan.

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PORTHOLE

A WORLD War I-era German U-boat has been found off the United States coast.

A team of divers recently made the discovery of a lifetime off the Virginia coast.

The submarine *SM U-111* was commissioned by the Imperial German Navy in 1917 to aid in its war effort.

The U-boats were so effective they were destroyed by the Allies after the war.

Come and meet the Vikings



VIKING has introduced more than 1,000 travel advisors across the region to its small ships this summer cruise season.

Advisors and their clients have inspected *Viking Orion*, *Viking Mars*, and *Viking Neptune*, as they have called Australian ports this summer.

During a one-hour hosted ship inspection, advisors are guided through the ship's public areas, including the seven indoor and outdoor dining venues, the Nordic Spa and fitness center, the pools, theatre and cinemas, the living room, the Explorers Lounge and several stateroom categories.

Advisors are also invited to join their host for a Q&A session over a beverage or meal in one of the onboard bars or dining areas.

"We know how critical it is for agents to be able to witness a product first-hand to provide their clients with the right information," local Managing Director Michelle Black said.



"We would love to get more agents cruising with Viking, but with full ships, these inspections provide a fantastic opportunity for agents to experience a taster of our multi award-winning ocean ships".

Pictured above enjoying lunch in Manfredi's are Blazenka Cvorak (Adriatic Adventures), Belle Goldie (itravel Penrith), Ana Wilkinson and Chris Cheyne (Goldman Travel), Nathalie Fagan (Viking), Dean Heke (italktravel Blue Mountains), Stephanie Savage (Impulse Travel), Ramon Drew (Viking) and Beverley Bradley (Impulse Travel).

Pictured inset, a number of advisors relaxing in the Viking Explorer lounge.

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	6 Feb
<i>Azamara Quest</i>	6 Feb
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	6 Feb
<i>Europa 2</i>	6 Feb
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	7 Feb
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	7 Feb
PORT ADELAIDE	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	6 Feb
BRISBANE	
<i>Coral Princess</i>	6 Feb
<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	7 Feb
HOBART	
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	6 Feb
<i>Viking Orion</i>	7 Feb
BELL BAY	
<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	7 Feb
BURNIE	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	6 Feb
AUCKLAND	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	6 Feb
<i>Viking Mars</i>	6 Feb
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	8 Feb
<i>Coral Princess</i>	10 Feb
<i>Island Princess</i>	10 Feb
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	12 Feb
<i>Arcadia</i>	13 Feb
CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	8 Feb
WELLINGTON	
<i>Viking Neptune</i>	6 Feb
FIORDLAND	
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	6 Feb
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	6 Feb
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	6 Feb
GISBORNE	
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	6 Feb
GREAT BARRIER 1	
<i>National Geo Orion</i>	6 Feb
TAURANGA	
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	7 Feb

Orion incident

A SMALL fire occurred in a guest stateroom on board Viking's *Viking Orion* while she was docked in Sydney on Fri.

The fire on deck 5 was extinguished within minutes by *Orion's* crew, alongside Fire & Rescue NSW, and there was no injuries or hospitalisations, although two passengers were assessed by paramedics.

As a precaution, decks 5 and 6 were evacuated, with the remainder of *Orion* maintaining normal operations.

Viking is investigating the incident, and early reports indicate the cause of the fire was electrical, possibly from a corded device.

All scheduled operations on board *Orion* have resumed, and Viking said it does not expect any disruption to the current voyage.