



Cruise Weekly today

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

International cruises back in Jeju

INTERNATIONAL cruises will call on Jeju Island again for the first time in more than three years, South Korean newspaper *The Chosun Ilbo* has reported, bringing much-needed tourism revenue to the destination.

The first cruise ship to dock at Jeju since Oct 2019 will be Phoenix Reisen's *Amadea*, when she arrives on 16 Mar.

The ship will be followed by vessels from Japan and Taiwan, with a total of five more ships expected to visit during the month.

By Nov, more than 20 ships are expected to call on Jeju's two cruise ports.

One hundred calls was a piece of cake!

THE new Brisbane International Cruise Terminal welcomed its 100th ship call on the weekend when it hosted Royal Caribbean International's *Quantum of the Seas*.

In the nine months since opening its doors (*CW* 03 Jun 2022), Brisbane Cruise Terminal has welcomed more than 430,000 passengers through its doors.

Port of Brisbane Chief Executive Officer Neil Stephens described the restart of the cruise industry in the city and Queensland as a whole as "exceptional".

"Reaching 100 cruise calls so quickly is a significant milestone and I want to congratulate our team, and all the workers at this world-class facility," he said.

"The Brisbane International Cruise Terminal has 139 bookings for the 2022/23 cruise season, with a current forecast of 199 in 2023/24 - a 43% increase anticipated on this first year.



"Each cruise ship call contributes almost \$1 million to the Queensland economy, providing a welcome boost post-COVID, and over the next decade, cruising from Brisbane is forecast to contribute around \$1.15 billion

to the state's economy." Stephens said this success is a testament to the support of the cruising public, the cruise lines, and the state and local govts. **Pictured** are *Quantum* Captain Arild Hansen and Stephens.

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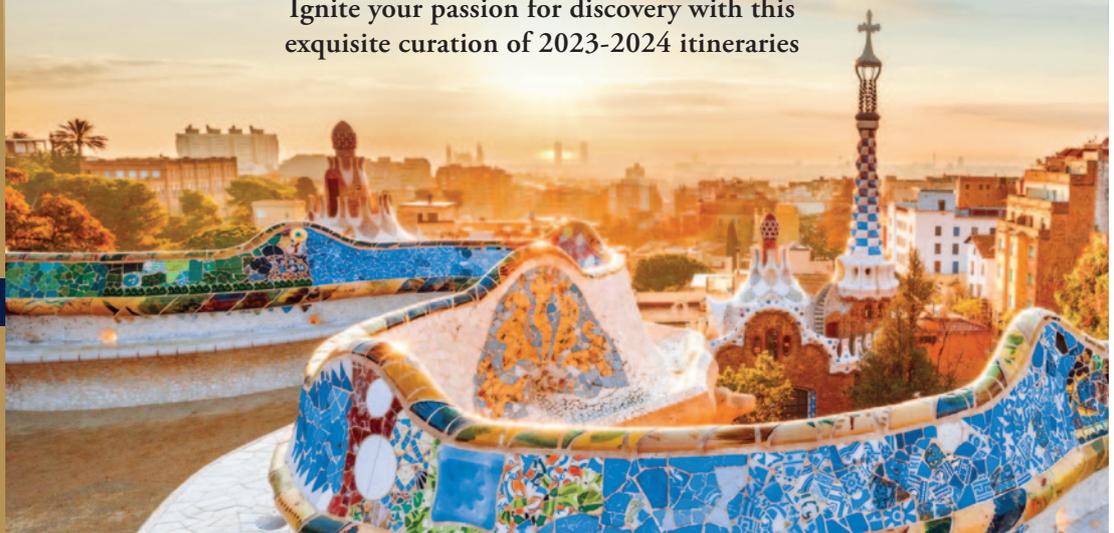
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All singing all cooking for *Vista* christening

CELEBRITY chef Giada De Laurentiis has been named godmother of Oceania Cruises' new ship *Vista*.

Set to debut in May, De Laurentiis will lead the star-studded christening event, which will also feature American singer Harry Connick Jr.

Taking place in Malta, Connick Jr will perform an exclusive concert for VIP guests at the christening event, which will take place during *Vista's* seven-night roundtrip voyage from Rome.

Meanwhile, De Laurentiis will break a bottle of champagne on *Vista's* bow to bestow good luck over the vessel and to all guests and crew who sail on her.

President Frank Del Rio Jr said De Laurentiis' casual-yet-sophisticated style and devout love of quality cuisine are the "perfect recipe" for *Vista*.
"As the world's leading culinary-



focused cruise line, bringing Giada into the Oceania Cruises family was an easy decision," he said.

"We are thrilled that Giada and Harry are joining us to welcome *Vista*, our first new ship in more than a decade.

"Harry's laid-back, classic style and impressive back catalog will

provide the perfect soundtrack to an important evening in our 20-year history."

The debut of the 1,200-guest *Vista* is highly anticipated by loyal and new guests alike, with her inaugural summer season in the Mediterranean already sold out.

Pictured: De Laurentiis and Del Rio Jr.

Ship tours back

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has announced its popular Behind the Fun tour will return, rolling out across a number of the brand's ships from next month.

Guests will once again be able to get a close-up look at how a cruise ship operates, with Brand Ambassador John Heald revealing the tour is returning to a number of Carnival's vessels on 06 Mar, and the remainder on 01 Apr.

The tour, which is one of the last onboard activities on hold since the pandemic, can only be booked on board.

Behind the Fun takes guests behind the scenes into operational areas of the ship, showing how crew members live and work on board, and how different essential tasks get accomplished, such as laundry, navigation, cooking, and more.



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THERE'S a new tequila on deck at Carnival Cruise Line, with the premium Santo Tequila pioneered by Guy Fieri and ex-Van Halen singer Sammy Hagar now available on the brand's American sailings.

Santo will be available at every bar on every Carnival ship sailing in the United States.

Meanwhile, at Guy's Pig & Anchor Smokehouse Brewhouse, guests can sip on Fieri's Caliente Margarita made with Santo Blanco, triple sec, cilantro, jalapeno, lemonade, and lime.

If Santo proves popular in the United States, perhaps it will soon be rolled out to Australia.



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Poesia's first Sydney visit



MSC Cruises yesterday celebrated *MSC Poesia's* inaugural visit to Sydney yesterday on her 119-day World Cruise (**CW** yesterday) with an onboard plaque exchange.

The occasion, which also marked only the third MSC ship to visit Australia, was attended by a number of the cruise line's trade partners and travel advisors, with Port Authority of NSW Chief Executive Officer & Director Philip Holliday offering a plaque from Sydney to *Poesia* Hotel Director Giuseppe Pane, who in turn presented him with a crest marking the arrival of the vessel (**inset**).

Attendees were invited to toast the occasion, before heading off for lunch at Le Fontane, and a ship tour.

Commercial Director Australia Lisa Teiotu also shared details about the launch of MSC's new flaship *MSC Euribia* (**CW** 24 Feb), which is set to debut in



Copenhagen in Jun.

Yesterday was *Poesia's* second day of her overnight call into Sydney, with the ship set to arrive into Brisbane tomorrow.

Following her call in the Queensland capital, she will sail farther north to Cairns, before heading for Papua New Guinea. "We are thrilled to welcome *MSC Poesia* into Sydney," Teiotu said, adding "having a ship in port provides a great opportunity for our trade partners and media to experience our Mediterranean hospitality."

Pictured are *Poesia* Events Manager Elena Bukhmastova, Pane, Chair Lynne Clarke, Teiotu, and Cruise Program Administrator Gabriele Cuccu.

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	28 Feb
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	28 Feb
<i>Queen Victoria</i>	1 Mar
<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	1 Mar
<i>Viking Orion</i>	1 Mar
NEWCASTLE	
<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	1 Mar
MELBOURNE	
<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	1 Mar
PORT ADELAIDE	
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	1 Mar
PORT LINCOLN	
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	28 Feb
BRISBANE	
<i>MSC Poesia</i>	1 Mar
AIRLIE BEACH	
<i>Majestic Princess</i>	1 Mar
CAIRNS	
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	1 Mar
TOWNSVILLE	
<i>Silver Whisper</i>	28 Feb
AUCKLAND	
<i>Nat Geo Orion</i>	28 Feb
CHRISTCHURCH	
<i>Grand Princess</i>	28 Feb
WELLINGTON	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	28 Feb
<i>Grand Princess</i>	1 Mar
DUNEDIN	
<i>Viking Mars</i>	1 Mar
KAIKOURA	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	1 Mar
PICTON	
<i>ms Noordam</i>	1 Mar
TAURANGA	
<i>Europa</i>	28 Feb
TIMARU	
<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	28 Feb