

Cruise Weekly today

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

PortMiami record

PORTMIAMI is celebrating its busiest passenger day in history, when it welcomed 67,594 passengers in one day last month.

Eight ships docked in Miami on 09 Apr: Carnival Cruise Line's *Carnival Celebration* and *Carnival Horizon*, Royal Caribbean International's *Explorer of the Seas* and *Oasis of the Seas*, MSC Cruises' *MSC Seascope*, Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Encore*, Seabourn Cruise Line's *Seabourn Ovation* and Virgin Voyages' *Scarlet Lady*.

The record is well-timed, with Miami recently dethroned by Port Canaveral as the world's busiest port.

Loren to name her 19th MSC vessel

ITALIAN actress Sophia Loren will name her 19th MSC Cruises ship in Copenhagen, when she christens *MSC Euribia* (pictured), the brand's most "environmentally advanced" vessel to date.

The second LNG-powered ship to join the MSC fleet will do so on 08 Jun, with the cruise line bringing together local dignitaries, key travel partners, international media, and more.

Danish model Sarah Grunewald will serve as the master of ceremonies, which will see the time-honored tradition of breaking a bottle of champagne over *Euribia's* bow, followed by a gala dinner, as well as live entertainment and performances, including a special DJ set to top off the night from French record producer Bob Sinclar.

After the event, *Euribia* will commence sailings in Northern



Europe with seven-night cruises from Kiel and Copenhagen to the fjords of Norway, including Geiranger, Ålesund, and Flam.

Euribia is "built for the future", according to MSC; she will feature additional state-of-the-art environmental technologies, including advanced onboard wastewater treatment systems,

waste management handling, energy efficiency measures, and innovative underwater radiated noise management systems to reduce the potential impact on the marine environment.

Copenhagen was chosen as the launch location for *Euribia* due to its rich maritime heritage and dedication to sustainability.

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THE mystery of a missing Australian ship has been solved after 50 years.

Blythe Star, which was carrying 10 crew members and some beer, mysteriously vanished off Tasmania in Oct 1973, while on her way from Hobart to King Island.

That was until researchers from the CSIRO and the University of Tasmania, who were on a 38-day voyage on-board *Investigator* to study an underwater landslide, found *Blythe Star* last month.

The ship was discovered about 10.5 kilometres west of South West Cape, at about 150 metres.

The disappearance sparked what was the largest Australian maritime search ever.

The seven-day hunt found no trace of the ship or her crew, who were presumed dead, but later were found to have escaped into an inflatable life raft.

Magic in Virginia

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has begun Norfolk's biggest-ever cruise season, with *Carnival Magic* to embark 100,000 guests in Virginia through Oct.

The ship will operate a series of 26 cruises, ranging in length from four to 10 days.

Magic will visit popular ports in the Bahamas and Bermuda.

Explora Owner's suite



EXPLORA Journeys has unveiled the design of its Owner's Residence (**pictured**) on board *Explora I*.

The largest living space on board, this accommodation features multiple spaces to relax, entertain, and unwind while enjoying panoramic ocean views from the private outdoor terrace, which extends the full length of *Explora I*'s width.

The space spans more than 280m², comprising a spacious suite area of 155m² and a 125m² outdoor terrace, complete with an infinity whirlpool and a dining table for eight guests.

Guests staying in the Owner's Residence will enjoy unpacking and packing services, itinerary and transport planning, private in-suite dining, and a dedicated private butler service by the Residence Manager.

They will also have unlimited priority reservations for all culinary venues and a complimentary treatment at the spa Ocean Wellness.

Guests staying in the Owner's Residence will enjoy round trip home to airport ground transfers,

a complimentary pre- or post-journey hotel night, and round trip transfers from and to the hotel and port.

They will also have one private driver ashore subject to availability.

The Owner's Residence is available for a maximum capacity of three adults, or two adults and one child under 18 years old.

Atlas Antarctica

RESERVATIONS are now open for Atlas Ocean Voyages' 2023-2024 Antarctica season aboard its newest yacht *World Voyager*.

Eighteen expeditions are now open for reservation aboard *Voyager*, which is a sister ship to *World Traveller* and *World Navigator*.

Voyager begins sailing in Antarctica on 08 Nov.

Noteworthy highlights of Atlas' visits to the White Continent include Deception Island, Paradise Harbour, the Lemaire Channel, Port Lockroy, and more.

Culinary voyage

CUNARD Line has assembled culinary royalty for its Great Australian Culinary Voyage, with Mark Olive, Darren Purchase, Gary Mehigan, and Katie Spain to join Karen Martini for the cruise.

Departing Melbourne on 05 Jan, the five chefs will celebrate Australian produce and culinary excellence through engaging activities, including special interactive dining events, live talks, and on board and shore experiences.

The seven-night Great Australian Culinary Voyage will see *Queen Elizabeth* chart an itinerary to some of Australia's most vibrant foodie destinations, including Adelaide, Hobart, and Melbourne.

The four sea days will boast a raft of culinary experiences, and the port calls will offer guests the chance to explore the local food and drink scene through bespoke excursions.

Fares start from \$2,529 per person in a twin share Balcony Stateroom - **CLICK HERE**.

HAL adds Starlink

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has installed SpaceX's Starlink on its first ship in Alaska.

The next generation internet launched on *Koningsdam*, with preliminary success, with guests and crew members having thus far been using it for four weeks.

Starlink was installed during a dry dock last month.