



Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise news, plus a full page from Riviera Travel River Cruises.

Riviera turning 40

RIVIERA Travel River Cruises is turning 40, but in a surprising twist to this timeless tradition - the line is showering passengers with presents.

Cruisers can score \$1,000 per person off any 2024 or 2025 river cruise of seven nights, and \$1,500 per person off any 2024 or 2025 river cruise of 10 to 14 nights.

As a very special thank you to travel advisors, Riviera Travel is giving a free river cruise to all agents who sell four voyages.

Call Travel The World on 1300 857 437 for more information, or head to **page 4**.

Ponant's Paspaley Pearl open for booking

PASPALY Pearl by Ponant has officially opened its dedicated website and booking centre for the collaboration's 2025 inaugural year of sailing.

The yacht's maiden voyage (**CW 23 Oct 2023**) is set to depart 10 Jan 2025 from Dili to Bali, now bookable on the new *Paspaley Pearl* website.

The newly created platform will continue to evolve, providing guests and travel distributors access to a dedicated Yacht Concierge who can offer personalised assistance with private air charters, pre- and post- accommodation, and more.

The 30-guest expedition yacht (render **pictured**) is currently undergoing an extensive multi-million-dollar renovation, following which she will sail year-round to some of the region's most exceptional destinations (**CW 23 Nov**).



The ship will visit the Kimberley, Arnhem Land and Cape York, as well as East Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea.

Many of the cruises are inspired by the routes pioneered by the pearling company in the 1970s.

"After many months of meticulous preparations behind the scenes, we stand on the threshold of a significant milestone as we proudly announce the official launch of *Paspaley Pearl* by Ponant," Senior

Strategic Advisor and honorary Chair Sarina Bratton said.

"Our vision is to create and deliver bespoke, boutique expedition experiences for few guests, in a safe, comfortable, environmentally sustainable and inspiring environment, allowing our naturalists to showcase the wildlife and cultures in many untapped, remote destinations in and around Australia."

View the newly launched website **HERE**. *MS*

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See website for T&Cs



Cruise to add millions to NT economy

CRUISE ships are set to inject \$65 million into the NT's economy this season, according to a release from the territory's Minister for Tourism Joel Bowden.

Tourism Top End ambassadors were on hand to greet P&O Cruises Australia's *Pacific Adventure* yesterday morning, on her maiden call to Darwin.

The ship is one of more than 100 calls into the NT capital this season, with *Adventure's* passengers and crew disembarking to explore Darwin and surrounds.

Adventure's capacity of 2,660 contributed to the roughly 60,000 passengers who will visit the NT this season.

"We're thrilled to welcome *Pacific Adventure* passengers and crew to Darwin and give them a taste of our fantastic NT," Minister Bowden said.

"The cruise ship industry makes



a significant contribution to the local economy - cruise passengers dine in our cafes and restaurants, shop at local retailers and of course book tours to explore our beautiful tropical city and beyond," he added.

P&O Australia interim President Peter Little said the line was delighted to bring *Adventure* to Darwin for the first time.

"The warm welcome from

Tourism Top End ambassadors reflects the vibrant spirit of this tropical city and we are excited to be showcasing the unique charm of Darwin and its surrounds to all our guests," he said. *MS*

Pictured are NT Government Deputy Chief Executive Scott Lovett, Joel Bowden, Tourism Top End GM Samantha Bennett and Tourism NT Senior Development Officer Sam Waldron.

Anne to be named

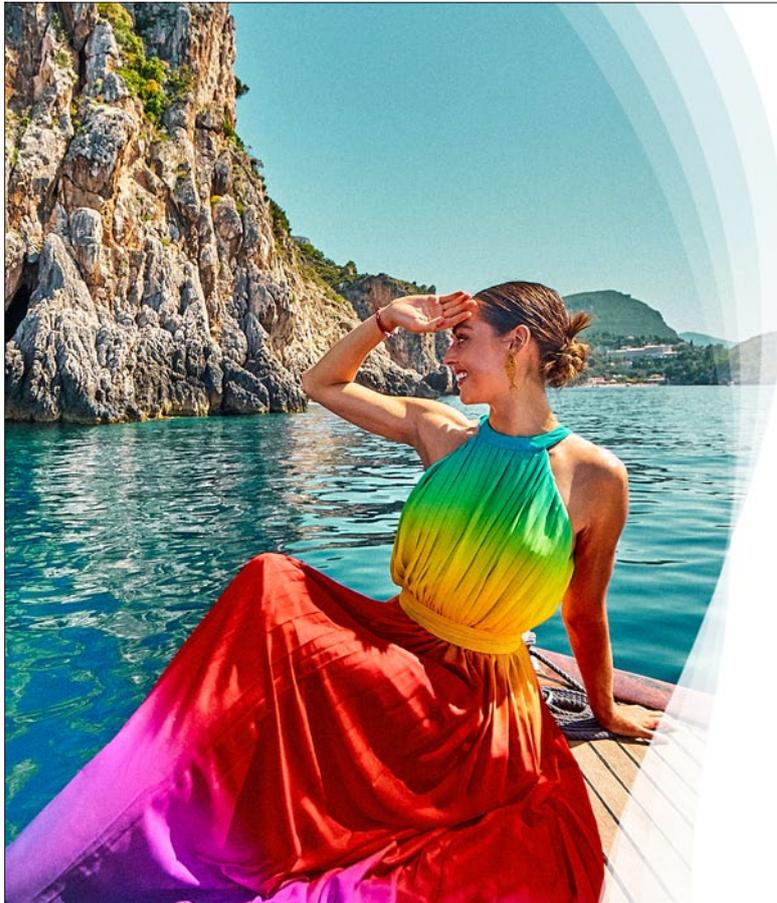
LIVERPOOL has been chosen to host Cunard Line's spectacular naming ceremony for its new *Queen Anne*.

The ship will be named at Cunard's "spiritual home" on 03 Jun, with the event to take place at the city's Waterfront during a celebratory "lap of honour" voyage around the British Isles.

The hosts for the momentous spectacle will be English musician Matt Willis, and his wife broadcaster Emma Willis.

Queen Anne is expected to arrive in Liverpool soon after sunrise, on what promises to be the most eagerly awaited port of call on the exclusive 14-night voyage.

Plans are being made for her arrival to include a special salute to Liverpool, where Cunard's transatlantic service launched in 1840.



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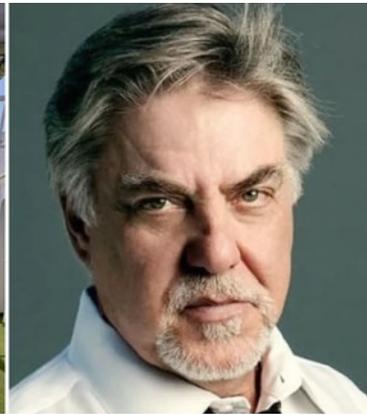
PORTHOLE

CORAL Expeditions' Kimberley cruise is set to star in a new travel documentary, which will air nationally on Network Ten.

The documentary, *Expedition Kimberley*, will air on Sun, showcasing the iconic 10-night voyage traversing the remote Kimberley coast between Broome and Darwin on board *Coral Discoverer*.

The series will make its debut at 3:30pm on Sun, and for those who miss the broadcast, it will be available on 10Play and the *Coral Expeditions* website afterward - **CLICK HERE** to view the trailer.

Crystal themed cruises



CRYSTAL Cruises has announced its themed voyages for this year, which will sail aboard *Crystal Symphony* and *Crystal Serenity*.

The calendar will include film and theatre, golf, and Broadway, promising to deliver unforgettable experiences for aficionados of a range of interests.

Guests aboard *Symphony* for her 12-night Film & Theater Enthusiasts cruise from Laem Chabang to Hong Kong will be treated to an extraordinary line-up of talent from the world of the stage and screen.

Joining the cruise, which departs 16 Feb, will be *Hamilton's* Christine Allado who, will grace the stage for a number of exclusive performances.

The cruise will also be joined by Broadway musical historian Steven Friedman, former Columbia Pictures executive Andrew Friedenberg, and American actor Bruce McGill (**pictured**), known for movies such as *Law Abiding Citizen*, *National Lampoon's Animal House*, and *Timecop*.

Renowned golf instructors David

Leadbetter and Roberto Borgatti will be aboard *Symphony's* 12-day Golf Enthusiasts cruise from Lisbon to Dover, to guide guests looking to perfect their swing.

Leadbetter is known for his work with legendary players such as Nick Faldo, Greg Norman, and Ernie Els, and has a track record of coaching 26 players to a Major Championship title, while Borgatti leads clinics for players of all skill levels, helping aspiring candidates pass the PGA Player Ability Test.

The Golf Enthusiasts cruise will be the second voyage to depart, sailing from 18 Jul.

The final themed voyages of the year will see fans of Broadway cruise with American actress and singer Rachel York, known for her iconic stage roles in productions such as *City of Angels*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and *Les Miserables*.

York will bring her unparalleled talent to the Crystal stage in a number of performances, with additional special guests into be announced soon.

The Broadway Enthusiasts cruise will depart twice on board *Serenity*, on 14 Sep (10 nights) and 24 Sep (eight nights). *MS*



CLIA UPDATE

with Joel Katz
MD, CLIA Australasia

CLIA LIVE close to sell-out

CLIA Live kicks off next month in Brisbane, marking the start of a packed program of in-person training opportunities for CLIA members this year.

With so much happening in the world of cruising, this year's CLIA LIVE will be loaded with new insight and inspiration to help agents capitalise on the thriving global cruise sector.

Running from Mar to May, CLIA LIVE will visit six major cities across Australia and NZ.

Each two-day event will give agents the chance to hear from multiple cruise lines in a single forum, helping them to understand the latest evolutions in cruising and gain valuable advice from each brand.

It's one of our most popular initiatives of the year and tickets are already scarce.

East coast cities and New Zealand have sold out, leaving just a few places still available in Adelaide on 10-11 Apr and Perth on 16-17 Apr.

CLIA LIVE is exclusive to CLIA members who have the option of attending one or both days, and attendees will receive 30 CLIA points per day.

After the success of this week's Ocean Debut Virtual Showcase, we're delighted by the hunger agents are showing for practical cruise training - **CLICK HERE** to visit CLIA Events for more.



Croatia heritage

EXPLORE Croatia's cultural heritage and natural sites on a new small ship cruise sailing with Sail Croatia.

The seven-night itinerary visits five of Croatia's UNESCO protected sites, as well as national parks and places of historical interest.

Guests will spend the mornings relaxing as they sail along Dalmatia to their next port, before they spend the afternoon and evening soaking in a new destination.

The cruise departs from Split, and will travel to Trogir, Sibenik, Zadar, and more.

CLICK HERE for further information on the cruise.

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