

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a full page from **Crystal Cruises**.

Crystal upgrades

CRYSTAL Cruises' new upgrade offer provides its passengers with more space.

Book a client in an Aquamarine Veranda Suite on selected sailings this year, and Crystal will upgrade them to a Sapphire Veranda Suite.

Travel advisors can also earn 5% bonus commission for guests new to Crystal.

The cruise line is highlighting a number of itineraries, including a round-trip from Dover across eight nights from \$10,400 per person aboard *Crystal Symphony*.

To book your clients or to find out more, visit **page 3** of **Cruise Weekly**.

Aman holds keel-laying for new yacht

AMAN has held the keel-laying ceremony for its ultra-luxury yacht project Aman at Sea at the T.Mariotti shipyard in Italy.

The 50-suite, all-balcony vessel is being built in a joint venture with Cruise Saudi, and is set to debut in 2027.

The ceremony saw Aman at Sea Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Wilson, Cruise Saudi Chief Executive Officer Lars Clasen, and T.Mariotti Chief Executive Marco Ghiglione lower the first 200-ton steel block for the new yacht.

A long-standing maritime tradition, representatives also placed newly minted coins on the steel to bestow good luck on the vessel during both construction and future sailings.

"Today signifies a momentous step forward in the development of Aman at Sea and my strategic vision to create a new category of ultra-luxury superyachts,



which will provide exceptional travel experiences alongside Aman's core values of privacy, peace, generosity of space and unparalleled service," Aman Chair Vlad Doronin said.

"This represents a significant milestone for the brand as we continue to diversify our geographical portfolio on land, with a strong pipeline of projects, and bring the renowned spirit and architectural distinction of Aman to the world's oceans for the first time."

The vessel will be one of the first dual fuel-powered newbuilds, using marine diesel oil and methanol to run.

She will be home to an array of dining options, a relaxed club & lounge, a serene and spacious Aman Spa complete with a Japanese garden, two helipads, and an expansive Beach Club, which will offer guests direct access to the water at the stern of the yacht.

The vessel's name and journeys will be announced soon. *MS*

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A PHOTOGRAPHER has taken to TikTok in tears, claiming a cruise line lost her luggage in the sea and didn't inform her.

Lindsey said her suitcase full of clothes, toiletries, and camera equipment ended up in the ocean, and that she only found out when someone in Amsterdam called her to say he had fished it out of the water.

Making matters worse, she described how the ship's crew members didn't believe her, with one even saying "there's no way that happened".

Lindsey has since posted an update on TikTok to say she is still yet to be reunited with her bag, which is expected to remain in Amsterdam for a further nine days.

She said the cruise line only offered \$400 in credit and two laundry vouchers.

A day with Four Seasons



AFTER an eight-month delay, construction has finally begun on Four Seasons Yachts' first vessel (render **pictured**), with the keel-laying ceremony taking place at Fincantieri's shipyard in Ancona.

Attended by executives from Fincantieri and Marc-Henry Cruise Holdings - owner/operators of Four Seasons Yachts - the event saw three specially selected coins welded to the bottom of the hull in line with maritime tradition.

Four Seasons I is the first of two ultra-luxury yachts to sail for the brand and is due to be delivered by the end of next year, and enter service in Jan 2026.

The ship will be 207 metres long and offer 95 suites with terrace or balcony decks ranging from six to 13m² in size.

Accommodations are crowned by the four-deck Funnel Suite, which will cater to up to five adults across three bedrooms, with facilities including a private pool, outdoor gym, fully equipped kitchen with dining room for six, and private elevator.

Four Seasons Yachts recently announced its maiden ship will debut in the Caribbean (**CW** 28 Mar), with its first season of

seven-night voyages to explore St. Barthelemy, Nevis, Grenadines, St Lucia, Barbados, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Curacao, and Aruba from Jan to Mar 2026.

The ship will then cross the Atlantic to spend the northern summer in the Mediterranean, cruising Portugal, Spain, Italy, Turkiye, Croatia and more. **ML**

Traveltek + Viva

TRAVELTEK has announced a new partnership with Viva Cruises, which will allow travel advisors access to flat file pricing, itineraries, and ship content for the line.

"I am delighted to announce that Viva Cruises has chosen to partner with Traveltek as an important addition to our cruise product offering and part of our river cruise portfolio expansion," Traveltek Global Director of Revenue and Supply Tracy Sharp said.

"This partnership will benefit our customers who are responding to the surge in demand in European river cruises," she added.

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY		
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>		14 Jul
<i>Carnival Splendor</i>		17 Jul
BRISBANE		
<i>Pacific Encounter</i>		13 Jul
BROOME		
<i>Seabourn Pursuit</i>		12 Jul
<i>True North II</i>		12 Jul
<i>Coral Discoverer</i>		15 Jul
<i>Heritage Adventurer</i>		15 Jul
AIRLIE		
<i>Pacific Adventure</i>		17 Jul
AUCKLAND		
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>		17 Jul

RCI's Utopia is here

'**THE** Ultimate Short Getaway' has arrived, with Royal Caribbean International's *Utopia of the Seas* (**pictured**) making it to Port Canaveral earlier this morning ahead of her inaugural sailing.

Utopia is set to debut next week, sailing three-night weekend and four-night weekday getaways to The Bahamas, before which newly revealed Godmother Meghan Trainor will take the stage to name the ship (**CW** 08 Jul).



Canal expansion

A NEW reservoir will be built in the Panama Canal designed to ensure up to 36 ships per day can utilise the passage.

The project is expected to be completed over six years and comes with a price tag of more than US\$1 billion.

The new Indio River reservoir will become part of the canal's existing system of artificial lakes that help ships connect the Atlantic with Pacific oceans.

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