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

CruiseHQ promo

AGENTS can earn a \$100 e-gift card for every new and deposited Silversea booking made with CruiseHQ before 16 Sep in an exciting incentive from the new wholesaler.

The partnership with Silversea brings with it a range of exclusive fare savings and bonus inclusions, such as free hotel stays and airfare credit.

Albatros goes halal

ALBATROS Expeditions has launched a "halal cruise" to Antarctica in 2026.

The cruise line will operate a fully halal-certified kitchen on the voyage, meaning the food is permitted under Sharia law.

Princess shrinks Park19

PRINCESS Cruises has made the decision not to open three highly anticipated attractions which were set to debut this year on the line's new *Sun Princess*.

Three of the nine activities at the Park19 top-deck family activity zone - RollGlider, Coastal Climb, and Ropes Course - will not enter service after Princess said it was "unable to accept delivery".

"We are actively evaluating these areas for future recreational opportunities to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all our guests," the line told **Cruise Weekly**.

The RollGlider was unveiled last year (**CW** 16 Jun 2023), and was set to be a first for a cruise ship and replicate a hang-gliding experience for travellers.

Seated guests would travel along an overhead track at up to 18km/h for a 90-second lap.

The Coastal Climb was to see



guests navigate an obstacle course as they ascended from Deck 19 to 20 on a set structure.

A Ropes Course, known as 'The Net', teased a variety of balance beams, unstable bridges, cargo nets and z-shaped beams for harnessed guests to navigate.

At the time of its launch, Princess Cruises President, John Padgett, said Park19 was tailored based on guest feedback for more family and group activities spaces.

Park19 precinct will continue to offer five other options for guests including the 'Infinite Horizon' tilt wall, kids splash park, hammock zone, sports court and jogging. **ML**

Eclipse NZ debut

SCENIC Luxury Cruises & Tours' *Scenic Eclipse II* is bringing its ultra-luxury voyages to New Zealand this Nov.

Eclipse II will depart from 'The Land of the Long White Cloud' in 2024 and 2025.

Highlights will include an immersive 'New Zealand In Depth' cruise, an 18-day voyage from south to north, departing on 18 Nov 2024.

Traveltek + Avalon

TRAVELTEK has added Avalon Waterways to its growing network of cruise lines, with travel advisors now able to book the Globus brand on its reservations platform.

Users will now have access to Avalon's cruise content.

Traveltek Director of Revenue & Supply Tracy Sharp said she is thrilled to welcome Avalon.

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PORTHOLE

CRUISE ship libraries are one of the most polarising spaces.

Bookworms love it as a quiet haven outside their stateroom, while others see it as wasted space that could probably be turned into another bar.

One traveller on Royal Caribbean's *Liberty of the Seas* recently went viral on TikTok for sharing a video showing a rather unloved onboard library with an uninspiring collection of books.

A message on the video says "When you were excited to see the cruise ship's library..." and then discovering a near empty room to go with it.

The video has had more than 170,000 views and shares since being posted.



Regent opens 26/27 year

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has unveiled its 2026-2027 voyage collection featuring more than 170 port-intensive sailings including a new World Cruise and four extensive Grand Voyages.

The calendar is helmed by a 140-night global circumnavigation from Miami to New York running from 11 Jan to 01 Jun 2027, which includes three days in the Tahitian capital of Papeete, numerous overnight stays, and transits of both the Panama and Suez canals.

The season also marks the debut of Regent's newest ship, *Seven Seas Prestige*, which is due to be delivered in 2026, however itineraries are not yet available.

New for 2026-27 are additional opportunities to sail Alaska departing from Seattle; and the Caribbean, departing from Galveston and Tampa.

Seven Seas Explorer and *Seven Seas Navigator* will both spend time in Australian waters, offering eight sailings ranging from 10-19 nights, and will include overnights in Melbourne.

In addition, there are four Grand Voyages ranging from 60-82 nights across four different ships,



with the longest sailing travelling from Barcelona to Sydney.

Regent's new season also features eight Immersive Overnight adventures, with each port including an overnight stay to allow guests to enjoy a destination in the evening.

Among these is the 13-night 'Capital City Kaleidoscope' voyage from Rome to London, which calls in Monte Carlo, Barcelona, A Coruna, Paris, and Southampton.

"Our 2026-2027 Voyage Collection Debut is an incredible array of sailings that offer luxury travellers the opportunity to experience new cultures, gain new perspectives, and create unforgettable memories across thousands of nautical miles," said Regent Seven Seas Cruises President, Andrea DeMarco. *ML*

Repeats on Aranui

DISCOUNTS of up to 15% for travellers booking eligible back-to-back voyages on Aranui Cruises are being offered for the first time by the French Polynesia line.

As part of its newly released 2026 season, Aranui will boost its presence in the Austral islands with four voyages in the southern archipelago, along with a five-day sailing to the scenic Tuamotu atolls.

Pandaw updates

PANDAW will refresh its shore excursions in Cambodia as the line looks for new locations to moor its small ships on the Mekong.

Beginning from Sep, voyages visiting Phnom Penh will call at Pak Russei, a small village home to local artisans and producers of silk products, in place of Koh Oknha Tei.

The line will also call in the village of Peam Chi Korng, located north of Phnom Penh, to immerse guests in the local pottery industry, replacing the excursion to Angkor Ban.

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