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CRUISE Weekly today features two pages of the latest cruise industry news, a cover wrap from **Regent Seven Seas Cruises** and a full page from **Windstar Cruises**.

RSSC Exotics sale

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises' (RSSC) The Exotics Edition sale is offering up to 45% off select sailings with the line.

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Cruiseabout 2.0 pulls up the shutters



WESTFIELD Whitford City in Perth is now home to Australia's second coming of Flight Centre's Cruiseabout brand, with doors opening at the reinvigorated retail division's first store yesterday.

After five years dormant, Flight Centre says the return of the cruise specialist label marks the company's renewed focus on the booming cruising sector.

The opening of the maiden

store comes two weeks after the launch of CruiseHQ, FCTG's new cruise wholesaler (**CW** 17 Apr).

Flight Centre Travel Group Global Leisure CEO, James Kavanagh, said the relaunch of Cruiseabout is a foundational part of its overall cruise strategy.

"Today's store opening in Perth (**pictured**) signals the beginning of an exciting chapter for Flight Centre Travel Group (FCTG) as

we invest in our strategy to grow market share in the cruise sector.

"Cruising is firing on all cylinders and it's showing no signs of slowing down."

Additional Cruiseabout stores are in the pipeline and will begin popping up in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and the Gold Coast.

Each store will be armed with teams of specialist cruise agents trained in all segments of ocean, river and expedition voyages.

Cruiseabout General Manager, Brad Kennedy, said the brand will be the only one of its kind with both an in-store and online footprint dedicated to cruising.

"We're doing something that's unique here in Australia. Our national retail network of specialist cruise experts, local call centre and online marketplace will give customers something they've been missing out on," Kennedy said. *ML*

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Sell three, sail free

WINDSTAR Cruises has relaunched its popular 'Sell Three, Sail Free' trade incentive for agents booking 2024 departures by 31 May - more details on [page three](#).

Princess changes course

ONGOING volatility in the Red Sea and the east Mediterranean has forced Princess Cruises to revise itineraries for its two World Cruises scheduled for next year, including one sailing ex Australia.

Following consultation with security experts and government authorities, Princess will scrap the Middle East and Asia from both itineraries, with new ports in Africa and Europe to be added.

Crown Princess will be the largest ship to embark on a global circumnavigation when she sets sail from Auckland on 31 May 2025 and Sydney on 04 Jun 2025.

Now bypassing the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, the 113-day journey will sail via Africa instead of Asia and the Middle East, with a new ports roster coming soon.

Revisions to Princess' other world cruise onboard *Island Princess* will now see the ship head south after visiting Sydney, calling into Melbourne and Perth enroute to South Africa.

The 116-day odyssey departs from Fort Lauderdale on 20 Jan 2025 and will resume its original schedule once it reaches Valetta on 09 Apr prior to its eastbound

crossing of the Atlantic.

"These global events beyond our control have necessitated these reroutings but we are pleased to continue to ensure these world cruises retain destination-rich itineraries with incredible stops along the west Africa coast and the Mediterranean," said Princess Cruises Chief Commercial Officer, Terry Thornton. *ML*

Utopia sea trials

ROYAL Caribbean

International's sixth Oasis class ship, *Utopia of the Seas*, will next week embark on sea trials ahead of next month's delivery.

Utopia of the Seas' maiden voyage - a three-night journey to Nassau and Perfect Day by CocoCay - is scheduled to sail from Port Canaveral on 19 Jul.

Sea trials mark the first opportunity for a new ship to stretch her legs and test all onboard systems at full steam before passengers board for the first time, with shipyard staff and crew members learning about their new toy.



WE'VE all seen a driver try to parallel park into an impossibly tight spot, and Disney Cruise Line showcased the cruise equivalent online.

A video ([CLICK HERE](#)) posted on YouTube shows the line's ship *Disney Wish* manoeuvring out of her shipyard and along the Ems river in Germany - not a waterway typically plied by ocean vessels.

Wish is at one point assisted through an s-curve of the river near the town of Mitling-Mark by two tugboats, in a manoeuvre which looks destined to fail at several points, if not for the skill of the seafarers on board the vessel, and the tugs' assistance.

Fortunately *Wish* made the conveyance successfully, and now sails out of Port Canaveral.




On location in Ecuador

Today's issue of *CW* is coming to you courtesy of HX, which is hosting us aboard *Santa Cruz II* this week on a cruise around the Galapagos Islands.

TODAY is our last day on the Ecuadorian mainland before we fly out to Baltra Island to start our Galapagos Islands cruise.

The day begins with a tour of Quito, before heading to Middle of the World City, located just outside the capital.

The group will then reconvene later in the night for dinner at Raices South American Fine Cuisine, as we toast to the success of the cruise.



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