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October 2026 to April 2027

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Cunard is launching a varied collection of new voyages sailing on the Cunard Queens. From epic adventures in South America on Queen Anne to a remarkable Full World Voyage on Queen Victoria including voyages to and from Sydney; from sun-drenched beaches in the Caribbean to colourful medinas in Morocco and a chance to spot the Northern Lights in Norway.

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On sale from 11pm AEDT 16 October 2024

General Public:
Available to book from 11pm AEDT 17 October 2024

Highlights of Cunard's new 2026 and 2027 voyages



South America on Queen Anne

In 2027, Queen Anne will embark on her 82-night maiden South America Discovery. Guests can join this remarkable adventure and experience an epic overnight in Rio de Janeiro or sampling exquisite steaks in Buenos Aires.



Voyages to and from Sydney

Guests can discover exotic destinations with Queen Victoria's 2027 voyages to and from Sydney. Highlights include a Panama transit and overnights in Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Singapore, Cape Town and Funchal on Madeira.



Queen Elizabeth's Caribbean season

Queen Elizabeth's Caribbean voyages bring with them sunshine, adventure, and perhaps the odd rum punch. From quintessential Dutch architecture in Aruba and steel pan bands in the Turks and Caicos Islands, to fish cutters dripping with hot sauce in Barbados.



Queen Mary 2 voyages in 2027

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Cruise Weekly today
CRUISE Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover wrap from **Cunard Line**, and a full page from **Disney Cruise Line**.

Luxury cruise a focus for Signature

LUXURY cruise is becoming a bigger focus for Signature Travel Network, as it further invests in the sector.

The luxury travel co-op recently launched its SIG Cruise Pro program in the Australian market (*CW* 09 Aug), offering Signature's members a range of exclusive benefits with 12 cruise lines.

President & Chief Executive Officer Alex Sharpe, who knows the luxury cruise sector well from his almost 15-year spell with Regent Seven Seas Cruises, said Signature's expansion in the sector is about ensuring it always offers its members as much value as possible.

"These 12 are the easy ones where we can show the most value...[they're] higher priced, so generally, the value adds they offer to us as a good partner are more rich, and richer than what's available in this marketplace,"



Sharpe told *Cruise Weekly*.
The Signature head, who is on his first trip to Australia since its establishment in the local market, said his co-op is the largest seller of luxury cruise in the world.

Last year was Signature's best year ever, said Sharpe (pictured with local MD Lisa Harrison), up 17%, while this year, the business is up another 10%.

"Some of that is increased capacity from the cruise perspective, but a lot of it is our members are just better prepared," he added.

"They're more effective and efficient, they're using technology better, they're charging fees, they're efficient through technology, so [I'm] proud about where we are." MS

Disney Magic Ahoy

TRAVEL advisors can embark on Magic Ahoy, a virtual voyage with Disney Cruise Line, to learn all about the brand's offerings, and go in the running to win prizes. Participants will learn all about Disney's rotational dining, onboard entertainment, and more. There are three levels to complete, after which advisors will go in the draw to win a stateroom for them and a guest on a Disney voyage, which will sail from Sydney - see **page 5** for more info.

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Regent to reunite

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has revealed its first Reunion Cruise in six years, which will this year sail to the Caribbean.

The seven-night 'Rhythms Under The Sun' voyage aboard *Seven Seas Mariner* will round trip from Miami on 11 Dec, visiting Roatan, Harvest Caye, Cozumel, and Key West.

The sailing will feature a group of the cruise line's retired crew members, including Captain John McNeil, General Manager Davor Josipovic, and Cruise Director/Assistant Cruise Director duo Jamie and Dana Logan.

The voyage will also be attended by past guests who have attained the Seven Seas Society level of Commodore, with more than 2,000 nights sailed with the cruise line.

There will also be an orchestrated series of exclusive shore excursions for the landmark sailing, as well as themed trivia and commemorative events.

"This Reunion Cruise represents a convergence of Regent's past and its bright future," President Andrea DeMarco enthused.

"It offers our esteemed guests an extraordinary opportunity to reconnect with cherished Regent personalities and fellow travellers, all while revelling in the unmatched luxury for which our brand is celebrated," she added.

"This voyage embodies our unwavering commitment to crafting unforgettable moments," DeMarco added.

Cunard unveils 2026/27



CUNARD Line has launched new voyages sailing from Oct 2026 to Apr 2027, featuring more than 40 new cruises.

The new itineraries include a visit by *Queen Victoria* to Australia during her World Voyage - one of almost 60 countries Cunard will visit during the season.

The cruise line will call 101 destinations in total, two of which Cunard has never visited before: Ferrol and Acajutla, both of which *Queen Victoria* will sail through on her World Cruise.

The season will see *Queen Anne*, Cunard's newest ship, make her maiden visit to South America, on her 78-night South America Discovery voyage, which includes an overnight stay in Rio de Janeiro (**pictured**).

Queen Anne will also make her maiden call to Casablanca and Bridgetown, among other ports.

Meanwhile, *Queen Elizabeth* will continue to operate her

Caribbean program from Miami in late 2026 and into 2027, with a variety of seven-, nine-, and 14-night voyages.

Other highlights include 22 overnight port calls and 26 late evening departures.

Cunard World Club members will have early access to bookings, with those who make a reservation on one of the new voyages between 16 Oct and 09 Dec to receive a 10% early booking saving.

"We are hugely excited to reveal our exciting new program from Oct 2026 to Apr 2027, offering exceptional choice for every traveller," President Katie McAlister said.

"Whether you're soaking up the excitement in Rio during Carnival or toasting New Year's Eve in Amsterdam, Cunard's voyages allow you to explore the world in unparalleled luxury."

Head to the **cover page** of today's **CW** for more info. *MS*

Avalon insurance

AVALON Waterways, through its parent company Globus family of brands, has partnered with Allianz Global Assistance, and is offering a launch incentive of 10% off all insurance plans through to the end of Nov.

Plans with Allianz include a range of covers, such as 24/7 overseas emergency assistance - **CLICK HERE** for more.

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CCL expanding from South Florida

CARNIVAL Cruise Line (CCL) is adding more 2026/27 sailings to the Bahamas and the Caribbean, with *Carnival Magic* (pictured) and *Carnival Sunrise*'s sailing schedules from Miami extended.

Both ships will offer an array of sailings connecting Miami with popular destinations across the region, including CCL's upcoming exclusive destination, Celebration Key (CW 26 Sep).

Magic will sail six- and eight-day cruise options, most of which will visit Celebration Key.

Six-day eastern Caribbean cruises will depart on Sun, and include visits to ports such as Amber Cove, Grand Turk, and Celebration Key, or Half Moon Cay, another of Carnival Corporation's private islands.

There will also be six-day western Caribbean cruises, featuring stops in Montego Bay and Grand Cayman, as well as



Celebration Key.

There are eight-day southern Caribbean itineraries exploring Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao, while eight-day eastern Caribbean routes visit ports such as San Juan, St. Maarten, St. Thomas, and Half Moon Cay.

Meanwhile, *Sunrise* will provide four- and five-day cruises, also to Bahamian and Caribbean ports.

Sunrise's four-day cruises are aimed to offer the ideal long weekend escape, typically

departing on Thu, and including stops at Half Moon Cay, Princess Cays, Celebration Key, or Nassau.

The ship will also sail various five-day itineraries, and one six-day cruise, with select sailings featuring ports like Grand Turk, Grand Cayman, and Ocho Rios.

"These sailings build on our strong deployment plan from the 'Cruise Capital of the World' for 2026/27," Vice President Itinerary Planning Fred Stein said.

"Year-round from PortMiami, our guests have an incredibly diverse range of itineraries to choose from as they plan their next fun and memorable cruise vacation," he added.

MEANWHILE, Carnival is actively monitoring Hurricane Milton, and has modified the itineraries of a number of its ships, including *Sunrise*, *Carnival Paradise*, *Carnival Elation*, *Carnival Glory*, and more. *MS*

Cruise stocks up

CRUISE stocks are on the rise in the United States, as brokerage Citi remains upbeat about the industry's strong growth indicators.

Companies such as Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings (up 11%) surged overnight, with Citi upgrading it from "neutral" to "buy", Reuters reports.

Meanwhile, Royal Caribbean Group's (RCG) shares reached an all-time high of US\$263, after rising as much as 5%.

Carnival Corporation was also up, surging 9%.

Cruise traffic last month was also among the best on record, while pricing data remains consistently positive when looking to next year and beyond, Citi said.

Both Norwegian and RCG are expected to grow capacity at a 6% annual clip, Citi added.

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CARNIVAL Cruise Line (CCL) President Christine Duffy is set to skydive to raise money for Hurricane Helene relief. Her fundraising goal of US\$50,000 will benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation, supporting active military, veterans, first responders, and their families.

The attempt will be a part of CCL's first-ever Special Forces Legacy Initiatives cruise, with Duffy to tandem skydive with the Round Canopy Parachute Team and members of the USSOCOM Para-Commandos.

"I'm always ready to jump at the chance to prove it," the Carnival head enthused.

"I've never jumped from an airplane before, so I think this effort is worth at least US\$50,000 for the Gary Sinise Foundation and their efforts to support military and first responders assisting with hurricane relief," she said.

Ambassador unveils 26/27



AMBASSADOR Cruise Line has unveiled its 2026/27 season, which will feature a range of sailings across the United Kingdom, the Mediterranean, the Nordics, and the Americas.

Highlights will include solar eclipse sailings, Caribbean cruises, a number of Northern Lights voyages, and more.

The Ambassador fleet will sail 84 itineraries and call at 146 ports (27 of which are new) in 48 countries across three continents.

"Since *Ambience* sailed for the first time in early 2022,

and following *Ambition's* inaugural voyage in spring 2023, Ambassador has welcomed over 100,000 guests on board, completed more than 100 cruises, visited over 60 countries and called at 200 ports," Chief Executive Officer Christian Verhounig said.

"In that time, we have cemented our position as the preferred cruise company for thousands of people - indeed, 94% of those that sail with us would recommend us." - more ambassadorcruiseline.com. *MS*

HAL blows bubbles

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has unveiled its own exclusive sparkling wine.

The drop will be available fleetwide, and has been created in partnership with Four Feathers Wine Services.

The Holland America-branded wine will be available for purchase by the glass and bottle in all restaurants and bars on all ships this month.

It will also be featured at key events, including the Captain's toast and marine reception, and can be purchased for in-stateroom gift packages.

The sparkling wine is crafted using 'Methode Traditionnelle', the same technique used for producing French champagne.

"Our goal was to create a wine that elevates a sense of luxury on board," Senior Manager Beverage & Dining Operations Drew Foulk said.

"Whether our guests are celebrating a special occasion or simply indulging during their voyage, we aim to provide them with something truly exceptional," the HAL executive said.



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