

### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features three pages of the latest cruise news.

### Dress code relaxes

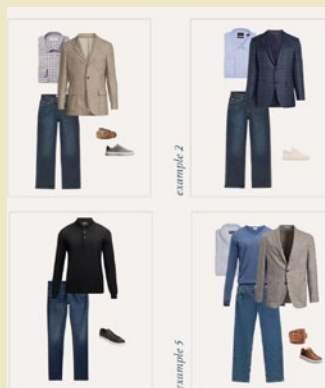
**REGENT** Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) will be expanding its 'elegant casual' evening dress code next month.

Refined denim and dress sneakers will now be welcome in all public areas after 6 PM.

Jeans should be "sophisticated and stylish", with no rips, tears or distressing, while sneakers should be in good condition, in neutral or classic colours.

"This expanded dress code ensures we maintain the sophisticated ambiance of our restaurants, bars and lounges in the evening, while reflecting the stylish, modern desires of today's luxury travellers," an RSSC EDM read.

Guests who still wish to dress in formal attire are welcome to do so, RSSC noted.



## Viking crosses the Circle



**VIKING** has opened bookings for its 2027-2028 ocean and expedition voyages, including a new Antarctic Circle cruise.

The sailing dates include voyages on the line's newest ocean ship *Viking Lyra*, which is scheduled to join the fleet in 2028, and will spend her inaugural season in the Mediterranean and Scandinavia.

One of the highlights of the season will be Viking's new expedition, 'Into the Antarctic Circle', which will offer travellers the opportunity to achieve this exploration milestone while travelling to the White Continent.

The 15-day cruise, departing from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, will see travellers navigate narrow channels by Zodiac, kayak icy waters, and participate in meaningful science with resident

experts from partner institutions.

Another highlight will be the 'South America & the Chilean Fjords' 18-day itinerary from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, which will see travellers visit Port Stanley, sail through the Strait of Magellan, and experience Chile's vibrant capital city Santiago.

"Our guests are curious travellers who like to connect with the destinations they visit in a meaningful way," described Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Torstein Hagen.

"We have always crafted journeys that are designed to bring our guests closer to history, culture and nature in each destination," he added.

"We are pleased to offer an even wider selection of itineraries and departure dates in the years to come." *MS*

### Emerald webinar

**EMERALD** Cruises will be hosting a live webinar on Fri at 10.30am AEST to showcase its Mediterranean cruises.

Hosted by Senior Business Development Managers Zena Dalton and Amanda Todd, the short webinar will spotlight the Emerald experience.

Attendees will discover how guests will island-hop through the Mediterranean, and explore historic ports in destinations such as Croatia, the Greek islands, Turkey, France, Italy, and more.

The webinar is aimed at both travel advisors and guests - to register for the webinar and for more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

### Explora revs up

**EXPLORA** Journeys has opened reservations for *Explora I* for next year's Formula 1 Grand Prix de Monaco (**CW** 18 Jul).

Guests will experience the exhilaration of race weekend from aboard *Explora I*, docked in the heart of Monte Carlo's Port Hercule.

Guests can also choose to enhance their experience with three-day access to the grandstand for the race.

Explora spent its first Grand Prix weekend in Monaco this year, hosting an exclusive edition of the Vanity Fair Club aboard *Explora II* (**CW** 27 May).

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### Ambassador's 100k

#### AMBASSADOR Cruise

Line last week welcomed its 100,000th guest on board *Ambience* since she first set sail in 2022 (CW 25 Jun 2021).

Guest number 100,000, known only as Mr. Upton, was marking his 80th birthday, boarding the ship with his daughters for a six-night 'Scandinavian Explorer' cruise.

This voyage will not be Mr. Upton's last either, as he is also booked on a three-night 'French Escape' in Aug.

Mr Upton was welcome by *Ambience's* Hotel Director and a number of crew members.

"To have welcomed 100,000 guests aboard *Ambience* in such a short time speaks volumes about the amazing community that's grown around our cruises," Chief Marketing Officer Gordon Nardini said.

"It's the dedication of our friendly crew, the exceptional service and the memorable journeys that keep guests like Mr. Upton coming back."

### Haiti suspended

ROYAL Caribbean has extended the suspension of its visits to Labadee in Haiti, with the country having been under a state of emergency since last year, due to an increase in crime and gang violence (CW 15 Mar 2024).

The cancellations will run until Oct and impact 23 cruise itineraries aboard five ships - *Adventure of the Seas*, *Radiance of the Seas*, *Freedom of the Seas*, *Icon of the Seas*, and *Oasis of the Seas*.

Itineraries will now be adjusted to maintain the cruise duration and provide other experiences, such as visits to Nassau or Grand Turk, which offer beach access and shore excursions, but not the private destination appeal of Labadee.

## Ponant gives agents a kick



PONANT Explorations recently showcased its luxury small-ship offering in Darwin and Sydney with its key trade partners.

NSW & ACT State Manager Kristina Sambaher enjoyed an exciting week of engagement with the industry, starting with two exclusive ship inspections in Darwin, and concluding with a night of football and networking in Sydney.

Ten key agency partners joined across both events, including representatives from Helloworld, itravel Travellers Choice, Travel The World, Atelier Travel, CruiseHQ, and Travel Associates.

Sambaher welcomed advisors aboard *Le Soleal* (pictured) and *Le Jacques Cartier* for in-depth ship tours, offering a first-hand look at Ponant's onboard experience.

Advisors on *Le Soleal* explored the wide selection of accommodation categories across all decks before concluding with champagne and canapes in the main lounge.

Guests then boarded *Le Jacques Cartier* for another immersive inspection, with a highlight being the visit to the Blue Eye Lounge, a multi-sensory space unique to Ponant's Explorer-class ships.

The inspection included a walk-through of all major suite categories, allowing advisors to compare differences.

Sambaher wrapped up the week at Engie Stadium in Sydney, hosting five trade partners for

the AFL's 'Battle of the Bridge' between the Sydney Swans and the GWS Giants.

Joining Sambaher were Pamela Spencer, Travel The World; Laurie Head, Atelier; Carina Mullen, CruiseHQ; Danielle Cush, Travel Associates; and Allan Hopper, Hopperound Cruise & Travel.

Attendees enjoyed the game from a luxury box, where they also received a surprise visit from legendary former Swans Head Coach John Longmire, who now serves in a front office position with the club.

Unfortunately for the six Swans fans in attendance, the team was trounced by their cross-town rivals 102-58. MS

### Azamara inclusions

AZAMARA Cruises is elevating its suite experience fleet-wide with new inclusions.

Guests staying in Azamara's top suites, including the club world owner's suites, club ocean suites, and spa suites, will enjoy the line's ultimate beverage package; the chef-curated, multi-course Acamar Experience Dinner; unlimited wi-fi; unlimited laundry; dedicated butler service; specialty dining; and more.

The new inclusions will apply to guests sailing with Azamara from Apr.

"Our suite guests are looking for seamless, elevated travel experiences," VP of Hotel Ops Simon Blacoe explained.

"Before finalising these enhancements, we reached out directly to many of our suite guests and carefully listened to what they value most," he added.

"Their feedback played a key role in shaping this elevated suite experience, one that delivers greater convenience, personalisation, and added value from the moment they step on board."

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**ONE** experienced nudist has just disembarked from an infamous Bare Necessities voyage and "revealed all" in a Reddit post.

Unfortunately, if you are looking to travel au naturel with hot young things, you will be disappointed.

"Generally speaking, the crowd was older and not particularly attractive; however, there were attractive people too," the nudist wrote.

It also turns out there are limitations around being a responsible nudist.

"No nudist would place her or his butt on a surface before laying a towel down first."

Nudity is also not allowed in some restaurants on board.

"Some of the restaurants required clothing, but not all did," the naked traveller said.

"Yes, it's a little strange to be eating naked but you only live once."

## Aman's suite life revealed



**AMAN** at Sea has revealed the suite concept for its inaugural vessel *Amangati* (render **pictured**), as she prepares to launch in 2027 (**CW** 10 Apr).

*Amangati*, which opened for charter bookings today, will style her suites based on the distinctive Japanese ryokan home.

Each stateroom will include dedicate lounge and seated areas, as well as a king-sized bed, curved ceilings, full-height windows, and timber-toned interiors.

The guest experience will feature a range of dining concepts, including Nama,

Aman's signature Japanese restaurant; an informal all-day Mediterranean space; an Aman Grill; and a Jazz Club.

*Amangati* will also include a serene and spacious Aman Spa, complete with a Japanese garden; while the stern of the yacht will be home to an expansive Marina, providing access to the water.

**MEANWHILE**, Aman at Sea has appointed a new Senior Vice President Sales, Marketing & Reservations, Angela Composto, who comes across from Orient Express Sailing Yachts, where she was VP Sales & Marketing. *MS*

## Hurti's low deposit

**HURTIGRUTEN** has launched a limited-time low deposit offer, allowing travellers to book with just a \$250 down payment.

The exclusive offer is valid for all new bookings made between 24 Jul 2025 and 31 Aug 2025, for departures between 01 Apr 2026 and 31 Mar 2027, providing travellers with a flexible way to reserve their place on a ship.

Travellers must pay the \$250pp deposit within seven days of their booking being created to access the offer.

The balance can then be paid in instalments, with peace of mind if plans change.

Find out more and view the terms and conditions **HERE**.

## Celeb power out

**CELEBRITY** Cruises' *Celebrity Constellation* experienced a temporary loss of power over the weekend, while she was off the coast of Italy.

Electricity was returned to *Constellation* in under three hours, Celebrity said.



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