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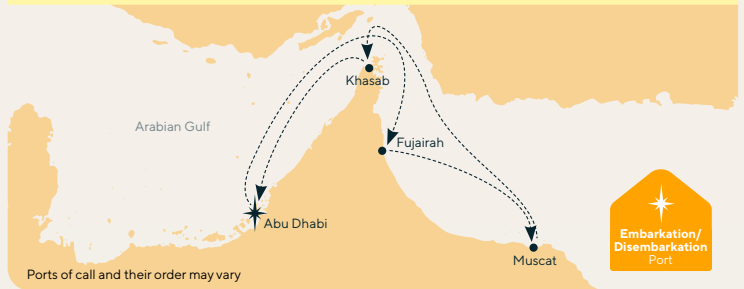


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CRUISE Weekly today features a cover wrap from **Celestyal**, three pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page from **CLIA Memberships**.

Love your vacation

CELESTYAL Cruises is sweetening its 'Love your vacation dream' promotion, now offering a free stateroom upgrade on eligible voyages.

The deal is available on both its three-night and four-night 'Iconic Arabia' sailings onboard *Celestyal Discovery* for departures through to 2027.

Travellers in Europe can also enjoy the promotion on *Celestyal Journey's* seven-night 'Heavenly Greece, Italy and Croatia' sailings into 2027.

For more details, see today's **front cover page**.

Journey Beyond penalised for crash

THE Perth Magistrates Court has slapped Journey Beyond with a \$15,000 fine for its role as the operator of a commercial vessel involved in a crash in Western Australia's remote Horizontal Falls in May 2022.

The fine follows a guilty plea in Dec last year over the incident, with the captain of *Falls Express*, the vessel involved, also being hit with his own \$12,000 penalty, with a conviction also recorded.

Following an investigation by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), charges of failing to ensure the safety of those onboard were laid by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions in May 2023.

The incident saw the Falls Express, which was carrying 25 passengers and two crew, make contact with a rock wall while passing through the falls, leaving many onboard with a variety of



injuries and triggering a multi-agency emergency response to the ultra-remote location.

AMSA Acting National Operations Manager David Marsh said it was fortunate nobody died in the incident.

"Failure to implement a safety management system as it's intended can lead to devastating consequences - for human life, and for businesses," Marsh said.

In a statement, Journey Beyond told **Cruise Weekly** it deeply regretted the accident and acknowledged the injuries and

distress caused to guests and staff.

"We acknowledge that at the time of the boat accident there was an oversight, as our sign-off procedures in relation to the skipper of the vessel had not been fully completed," a Journey Beyond spokesperson said.

"As the Court held, the absence of a documented sign-off did not cause the accident.

"The skipper of the vessel was highly experienced, competent and skilled.

The company said it has since implemented a range of measures to refine its safety policies.

"This accords with our commitment to continually improving our comprehensive framework of safety policies, processes, and systems."

"In all cases, the safety and welfare of our guests and staff is our number one priority." *ML*

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The Drake Passage

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of Viking, which is hosting key industry partners aboard *Viking Polaris*.

WE ARE spending the day at sea today as *Viking Polaris* makes her way back across the Drake Passage to Ushuaia.

Today, we will be enjoying the Liv Nordic Spa, watching the waves roll by through the large windows along the pool, and making the most of the thermal suite.

Many of our group indulged in the thermal suite throughout our trip, relaxing and rejuvenating through a Nordic Bathing ritual - alternating heat and cold to increase blood circulation.

'Round the world in 170 days



VIKING has introduced four new World Cruise itineraries for 2026-27 as different segments of a 170-day circumnavigation.

Setting sail from Fort Lauderdale on 22 Dec 2026, the complete voyage will visit 41 countries and call in six continents on its journey, which will conclude in Stockholm on 10 Jun 2027.

In between, up to 930 guests on *Viking Sky* (pictured) will enjoy 82 guided tours and overnight stays in 18 cities including Sydney, Zanzibar, Casablanca and more.

For travellers unable to commit to the entire voyage, segments of 153 days, 142 days and 125 days have also been released.

After transiting the Panama Canal, the voyage will venture west, first across the Pacific to the Hawaiian islands and into French Polynesia before exploring New Zealand and Australia.

Viking Sky will explore parts of the eastern coast of Australia before heading north into Asia

and the Indian Ocean islands before rounding the southern coast of Africa.

From there, it will travel north along the western coast, avoiding ongoing volatility in the Red Sea and the Middle East.

After cruising western Africa, the voyage will head into the Mediterranean before concluding in either London or Stockholm.

Viking Chairman and CEO, Torstein Hagen, said the line's latest voyage is emblematic of its focus on destinations.

"Extended voyages like our World Cruises allow curious travellers to experience dozens of destinations, iconic landmarks and rich cultures in one seamless journey, making them truly the adventures of a lifetime," he said.

To entice travellers to get their bookings in early for the 2026/27 World Cruise, Viking is offering up to US\$6,000 in shore excursion an shipboard credit, free business class airfares and more. *ML*

Home Ex speakers

TRAVEL industry leaders including ATIA CEO Dean Long, TravelManagers Executive General Manager Michael Gazal, MTA CEO Don Beattie and Envoyage Global Chief Operations Officer Astrid Richardson are the latest speakers of Home Ex, the new virtual event being run by *CW* sister title, *Travel Daily*.

Long will share with attendees how ATIA will support them this year, while Gazal and Beattie will take part in a mini-series called 'Helpful advice for hungry advisors'.

Meanwhile, Richardson will offer advice specifically for those home-based agents looking to grow and scale up their businesses.

Thanks to platinum sponsors CVFR, Expedia and Royal Caribbean, Home Ex is an on-demand virtual experience that will kick off on 10 Mar.

The curated program will be jam-packed with inspiring and practical content tackling the challenges and opportunities for home-based travel agents.

Home Ex will also feature a virtual expo to facilitate conversations between suppliers and agents.

All content will be available for six months for the industry to access at their leisure.

Home Ex is free to register for everyone.

CLICK HERE for more details.

Ambassador guest

A **LINEUP** of actors from UK soaps *Coronation Street* and *Brookside* will join Ambassador Cruise Line as guests for the line's upcoming series of 'In Conversation With' voyages.

Stars Dean Andrews, Beverly Callard, Sue Cleaver, Claire Sweeney and Catherine Tyldesley have all been confirmed to take part on *Ambience* and *Ambition* at different points in 2025.

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A FORMER cruise ship singer has revealed the reason why ships used to occasionally host free ice cream parties - and it wasn't just to spread joy.

Dara Starr Tucker, who used to entertain cruise ship passengers regularly as they sailed around the Caribbean and the Mediterranean, told her TikTok followers about the eerie policy that is enacted when a passenger dies.

"If the crew suddenly makes a bunch of ice cream available to the passengers...it's often because more people have died on the ship than they have room for in the morgue," she revealed.

Thankfully, according to Maritime Medical Group Director of Medical Operations, Amy White, these morbid yet probably delicious ice cream parties are a thing of the past and are "no longer necessary with modern cruise lines".

Hanging out aboard *Polaris*



THE Australian and New Zealand trade group aboard *Viking Polaris* this week have been treated to an exclusive tour of the ship's hangar.

Purpose built for Viking's full suite expedition equipment, the hangar is fully equipped to store the vessel's 13 Zodiacs, two special operations boats, nine kayaks, and two submarines.

With the use of the built-in manoeuvrable crane system and the ship's two large shell doors, the expedition team is able to fully unload the hangar on arrival to the day's expedition destination in just 45 minutes.

Throughout the tour, the group was shown the innovative loading system for the two special

operations boats.

Unique to Viking, the military-grade vessels are specially designed and built for exploration, with individually suspended seats making for a very comfortable ride for passengers to isolated destinations to view breathtaking vistas and elusive wildlife. *AP*

Pictured in the hangar with Expedition Guide Joel Hayes (front) are Toby Iemma, Viking; Adam Wren; Moana Newton; Meaghan Wolf, Wolf & Turner Travel Associates; Karen Van Huisstede, italktravel The Junction; Michelle Ashcroft, Phil Hoffman Travel; Nathalie Fagan, Viking and Michelle & Grant Everson, Jamison Travel.

Avalon's records

AVALON Waterways has reported a record-breaking month of sales in Jan, with 32% more bookings in Australia and a 21% increase in spend compared to last year.

In response, the river cruise brand has added six new cruises and 33% more capacity to meet demand this year.

Internationally, the Globus family of brands-owned company experienced a jump in bookings by more than 50%, with France being the top destination for guests.

Sister brands Cosmos and Globus also enjoyed growth, with booking value up 42% and 27% respectively versus the same period last year.

"The 11- to 14-day cruises are again proving popular for Australian travellers," said Chris Fundell, Head of Marketing Asia Pacific at Globus family of brands.

Passengers can save up to \$6,000 per couple with Avalon Waterways, up to \$1000 per couple with Globus and up to \$250 per person with Cosmos until 28 Feb.

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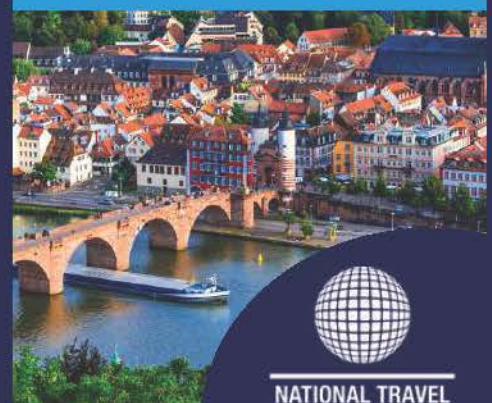
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