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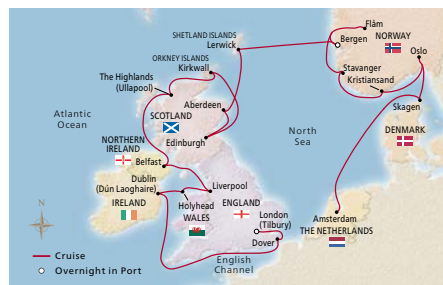
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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover page from **Viking**.

Viking's combos

VIKING has announced 14 new ocean itineraries for 2026 and 2027, which are now open for booking.

Each new ocean voyage combines two or itineraries for more in-depth exploration across Europe.

The cruises will explore the Mediterranean, UK, Ireland, and Scandinavia, ranging from 15 to 36 days.

New for the season is the 'Jewels of the Mediterranean' 15-day round-trip sailing from Rome, taking in Tunisia, Spain, and France, with overnight stays in Barcelona and Florence - head to the **cover page** for more info.

Cunard's new Queen of the Mediterranean

CUNARD Line has unveiled *Queen Elizabeth's* (pictured) new Mediterranean 2027/28 season, which will feature 65 new voyages over 22 weeks.

Cruises will range from seven to 28 nights, with *Queen Elizabeth* sailing from Barcelona, Civitavecchia, Istanbul, as well as Trieste, where the ship will make her maiden call.

Queen Elizabeth will also visit Calvi for the first time, which will be among 22 ports the ship has not visited in 15 years.

Other highlights of the season will include Ibiza, Valletta, Ajaccio, and the Strait of Messina.

A highlight of the season includes an overnight call in Turkey, where guests can experience the country's capital after dusk, taking in the glow of the iconic Hagia Sophia.

The Mediterranean and *Queen Elizabeth* are "extremely popular"



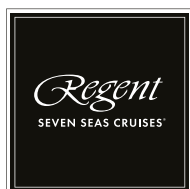
with Australian guests, President Katie McAlister noted.

"We're proud to offer this very special combination as part of our upcoming season," she said.

"This new program is all about giving our guests more choice and more unforgettable voyages," McAlister added.

For those whom *Queen Elizabeth* on her on is not enough, there are a number of 'Queen-to-Queen' voyages allowing passengers to experience two of even three of Cunard's ships in one cruise.

The ship's new voyages will go on sale tomorrow. **MS**



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Malay cruise boost

MALAYSIA is eyeing cruise tourism, according to local media reports, proposing the northwestern destination of Penang as a cruise hub.

Minister of Transport Anthony Loke said Malaysia wants cruise to boost its economic growth, particularly through vessels home porting in Penang.

"Each cruise ship arrival contributes to tourism revenue and also provides opportunities for cultural exchange and economic activities," he said at CruiseWorld Malaysia 2025 earlier this week.

"We want cruise tourism to directly benefit local communities, whether through cultural tours, port services, local food, handicrafts, or heritage experiences."

Penang receives between 100 and 200 cruise ships annually, and Loke said Malaysia wants to enhance the port's capacity.

Regent hits the top floor



REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has unveiled The Skyview Regent Suite, which the line is calling the largest all-inclusive, ultra-luxury cruise ship stateroom in history.

The 817m² room will sit atop the cruise line's newest ship, *Seven Seas Prestige* (CW 09 May), and starts at \$40,000 per night.

The two-level suite, the top selection of the 822-guest *Prestige's* 12 stateroom categories, is showcased through renderings (**pictured**) and a fly-through video (**CLICK HERE**).

The stateroom offers panoramic ocean views, a wrap-around balcony, two bedrooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms, a living room, and a floating stone staircase.

There is also an in-room elevator, a gym and sauna, an expansive walk-in closet, a formal dining area, and a bar.

Guests in the suite will also have exclusive access to The Study - a private dining venue for up to 12 guests, located on deck 11.

The stateroom will become available to guests when *Prestige*

makes her debut next year, which will see her sail more than a dozen voyages across the Caribbean and Europe, including two transatlantic crossings.

"At Regent, we are committed to setting new standards in ultra-luxury travel, and the Skyview Regent Suite is a true embodiment of that promise," Chief Luxury Officer Jason Montague said.

"At 817m², this breathtaking two-level suite delivers the most exclusive and elevated experience at sea, complete with every imaginable luxury included in the voyage fare.

"As *Seven Seas Prestige* sets sail on her inaugural season in Dec 2026, visiting the Caribbean and Europe's most iconic destinations, the ship's 12 suite categories, including the Skyview Regent Suite, will offer our discerning guests a once-in-a-lifetime way to experience the world - with all the comfort, elegance, and heartfelt hospitality that defines Regent," he added. MS

Carnival speeds up its dining room

CARNIVAL Cruise Line is currently trialling a new Express Dining option on one of its ships, in response to customer feedback about the main dining room experience on the cruise line's ships.

Guests travelling on *Carnival Vista* can try out the 45-minute dinner experience if they select 'Your Time' Dining.

The new feature offers a smaller menu than the other main dining room options, including four appetisers, four entree dishes, and three dessert choices.

The cruise line developed the speedier dining style after receiving feedback from guests, who suggested that the traditional set dining time on a Carnival cruise - typically one hour and 30 minutes - is too long.

"Some people do want to be in and out, and that's why we're testing something on *Carnival Vista*," Brand Ambassador John Heald revealed in a recent video for his followers.

Heald said that if Express Dining proves popular on *Vista*, Carnival may introduce it to other ships.

"We will see if it's popular, and if it is, we will take a look, and then we will let you know if we're trying this on other ships," he explained.

Shadow casts off

SILVERSEA'S *Silver Shadow* has departed on her 83-day 'Grand Voyage North Atlantic & Northern Europe' sailing.

The cruise will travel from New York City to New Jersey, and visit Eastern Canada, the British Isles, the Norwegian fjords, and Iceland, among more than 50 destinations.



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WHAT is the best way to cope with noisy neighbours?

The solution is simple, according to one man in the UK, who decided to swap suburban life to live on a boat.

Joel Sanders, a 57-year-old comedian from Hertfordshire, said getting a gig on a cruise ship made him realise how much he enjoyed life at sea.

"I am very intolerant to noise and in a flat I felt that my private space was invaded by other people's noises," Sanders told *The Sun*.

"A boat has all the benefits of a detached home and if you don't like the place where you are because it is too loud, then you move."

Sanders took the leap and bought himself a boat, travelling across London to settle in Hemel Hempstead.

After spending a year there, Sanders upgraded to a bigger boat for around £60,000 (\$125,000) and began moving across the country.

Since then, he has docked in Nottingham, Birmingham, London, Oxford, Bristol, Reading, and Gloucester.

Sanders said that, while living on a boat isn't always smooth sailing, he enjoys the simple nomad lifestyle.

"You get a sense of independence and freedom on a boat which is very hard to get on the land."

Variety spices up fleet

VARIETY Cruises has completed a fleetwide refurbishment project, including a full renovation of the Greece-based line's *Galileo* (pictured).

The 50-metre wooden megayacht now features new lounge seating; enhanced public spaces; a redesigned outdoor bar; updated cabins with new lighting, new carpeting and furniture; a full renovation of all cabin bathrooms; plus art and decor updates throughout the ship.

The overhaul, which kicked off in Nov, also included a significant refresh of *Harmony V*, which received interior enhancements, such as new wooden flooring to replace carpets, as well as bathroom upgrades, and more.

Variety also carried out essential maintenance and updates on its six other vessels, including *Harmony G*, *Panorama*, *Panorama II*, *Variety Voyager*, *Pegasos* and *Callisto*, which also underwent cabin improvements, deck upgrades and public area touch-ups.

"As part of our commitment to providing unparalleled cruising experiences, we have invested significantly in our fleet to refresh and modernise our vessels so that they not only meet, but rather exceed, the expectations of our guests," Chief Executive Officer Filippou Venetopoulos said.

"These enhancements are a reflection of our commitment to delivering exceptional experiences



to our passengers, providing guests with more comforts while on board our sustainable, immersive, destination-driven small ship adventures."

Complementing the fleet refurbishment, the cruise line has also enhanced staff training programs, designed to equip its global crew with new and improved skills to enhance the passenger experience. *JM*

Honouring Valor

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's *Carnival Valor* is sailing home to New Orleans with a new WaterWorks aqua park and Heroes Tribute Bar & Lounge, after a comprehensive dry dock in Europe.

Valor's first guests are now experiencing her latest enhancements, as she embarks from Barcelona on a special Carnival Journeys transatlantic voyage.

The ship's new WaterWorks park features twin slides and the new military-themed Heroes bar, which now features on 16 ships across Carnival's fleet.

The refurbishment also prioritised accessibility, with sweeping upgrades throughout public areas, including enhanced pathways.

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