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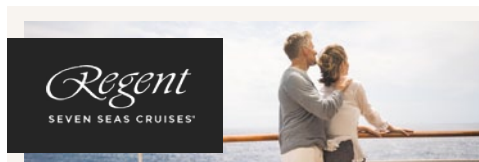
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**CRUISE Weekly** today features four pages of the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover wrap from **Regent Seven Seas Cruises** and a full page from **Ponant**.

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### Unlock the poles

**POLAR** adventures have been unlocked with Ponant Explorations, with travellers invited to book early and save up to 30% on sailings across the next two years.

See **page 5** for more info

## HAL's Westerdam completes dry dock

**HOLLAND** America Line's (HAL) *Westerdam* has emerged from her dry dock with elegant upgrades and stylish new spaces.

*Westerdam* now features an enhanced Crow's Nest, additional staterooms, and a number of refreshed public spaces.

The new Crow's Nest includes a game room, coffee counter and bar, and lounge seating, as well as a newly added bandstand as its centerpiece, designed for intimate performances.

Upgraded lighting and audio systems were also added to the venue to accommodate small-scale live music, lectures, narration, and more.

New flooring throughout the Crow's Nest gives it a fresh, modern look, creating a versatile setting where guests can enjoy the space's relaxed atmosphere with panoramic views.

The two-week dry dock in



Singapore also introduced additional Ocean View cabins, a renovated Effy Lounge, and more.

*Westerdam's* (**pictured**) capacity has also been increased, with 11 new Ocean View staterooms added to decks 1 and 7.

The refresh included new carpeting in all Verandah staterooms on decks 5-10, as well as in Neptune, Signature, and Pinnacle suites.

Verandah staterooms on deck 8 received complete bathroom upgrades, featuring new vanities, mirrors, bathtubs, flooring, and wall finishes.

About 300 other staterooms across *Westerdam* were also updated with new bathroom flooring and refreshed wallpaper.

*Westerdam* is now sailing a 14-day Far East Discovery sailing to Hong Kong. *MS*

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## Quark talks polar

**QUARK** Expeditions will get travel advisors up to speed with its current wave season promotions, and will discuss all things Arctic and Antarctic, in its upcoming webinar.

The 'Polar Bonus' session will cover the savings agents can offer clients, up to US\$2,000 and 25% off, and the operator's select voyages across the Arctic 2026, Antarctic 2026/2027, and Arctic 2027 seasons.

Register **HERE** for the hour-long webinar, which is scheduled to start from 8.15am AEDT on Wed 28 Jan.

Quark's flagship *Ultramarine* is currently sailing in Antarctica until late Feb.

## Swan takes a deep dive



**SWAN** Hellenic has unveiled 2026-2027 Raja Ampat diving expeditions for scuba enthusiasts.

The program will be available on four of Swan Hellenic's East Asia voyages exploring Raja Ampat aboard *Minerva*, with diving enthusiasts holding a PADI advanced open water certification able to have a choice of two sailings this year and a further two in 2027.

Each 10- and 11-day voyage offers five to six dives on custom adventure dive boats, accompanied by expert dive masters and an exclusive concierge service.

Equipment will be provided, including masks, fins, snorkels, wetsuits, BCDs, regulators, weights, and tanks.

Programs are organised with private boats that take the divers directly from the ship to world-class diving sites.

Excursions are tailored to suit individual preferences and include full or half-days starting from USD\$250 for a single dive.

All permits will also be organised, so divers only need to provide their own dive computers, as well as travel, medical, and dive insurance.

Guests are offered accessible, fully-inclusive snorkeling expeditions, which provide a variety of experiences, such as swimming with whale sharks in Teluk Cenderawasih.

The first voyage in the series is 'Secrets of the Coral Triangle: West Papua and Raja Ampat', which departs from Sorong, running from 18 Apr-28 Apr, visiting the Coral Triangle.

Pax will be able to explore the vibrant waters of Cenderawasih Bay, swim with whale sharks near Kwatisore, and take in the limestone wonders of Misool.

Along the way, passengers will encounter missionary history and World War II remains, and will be welcomed by the island communities they visit.

The six dives offered include Kabui Bay, Pulau Kri, Pulau Fam, and Pulau Mansuar: a haven of coral ledges for yellowtail and bluestripe snappers, wobbegongs, and seahorses.

Divers will also visit notable spots such as Blue Magic, Mayhem Reef, Cape Kri, and Galaxy Reef, famous for Yenbuba Jetty and its barracudas.

Following this will be the 'Heart of the Pacific Isles', an 11-night voyage across the Coral Triangle, travelling from Sorong to Manila beginning 09 May - **CLICK HERE**.

Those who book any of these sailings before the end of next month can take advantage of Swan Hellenic's elevated expeditions sale, which combines savings with free wi-fi upgrades and onboard credit, plus additional benefits for groups of eight guests and more. *MS*

## Chimu incentive

**CHIMU** Adventures has announced its next incentive, with eight spots available on an eight-day Arctic expedition cruise aboard *Ocean Albatros*.

Advisors can earn a spot on the 'Ultimate Arctic Famil - Greenland Disko Bay' itinerary by being one of the top sellers between 19 Jan-31 Mar.

Winners will explore remote towns, discover local culture through daily excursions and take in dramatic fjords and glaciers, including sailing through Kangerlussuaq Fjord.

There are several ways to earn points, including booking Chimu's Signature South & Central America packages - find out more **HERE**.



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## Galveston outage

A **POWER** outage at Royal Caribbean's terminal in Galveston has sparked long delays for passengers, seeing *Mariner of the Seas*' five-night departure delayed.

The cause of the outage has not been announced, but at the time of publication, *Mariner* was three hours behind in departing Galveston.

Guests have noted online that equipment inside the cruise terminal is not functioning, including escalators, and it is taking longer than typical to work through customs and security.

The power outage is impacting both disembarking and embarking guests, with one passenger sharing she had to take her own luggage down four flights of stairs.

*Mariner* is this week set to visit Costa Maya.

## Luna unveils multigen entertainment

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line has pulled the curtains back on the diverse entertainment offering aboard its upcoming ship *Norwegian Luna*.

The line-up is designed with multigenerational families in mind, and will feature original productions and a range of new interactive experiences.

Families with younger kids will enjoy 'Sea of Discovery! An Under-the-Sea Festival', which features glow games; meanwhile, older kids will appreciate 'HIKO: Innovation Meets Wonder', an acrobatics performance with advanced 3D mapping and multi-sensory video projection.

Adults can also expect a new level of entertainment, with a new Las Vegas-inspired circus party for passengers 21 and older.

There will also be more concert-style tribute shows - including 'Rocket Man: A Celebration of



Elton John' (**CW** 20 Nov).

"We really want to create shows and experiences that the entire family can experience together, as well as segmented entertainment experiences that are for specific age groups," NCLH vice president of entertainment production Bryan White told *TravelHost*.

"The through line of [the entertainment line-up] is that we want interactive and immersive

entertainment," White said.

He explained that *Luna's* entertainment offering was based on feedback from guests.

"One of the other things they told us was, 'we want more variety,' and not just variety in the theatre - variety on the pool deck, variety in the clubs, variety in the atrium," White added.

*Norwegian Luna* is scheduled to debut in Mar. **JM**

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**A BOLD** fashion choice has led to the rescue of three fisherman whose boat capsized last week in Tolaga Bay, on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island.

One of the men on board, skipper Nicholas Destounis, was wearing a pair of bright yellow leggings, which he used to catch the attention of a search plane that happened to be flying over the area during a training exercise.

The lightbulb moment came seven hours after the mens' commercial boat *Sidetracked* capsized suddenly after getting tangled in a lobster trap.

"Once they got closer, [we] waved the yellow leggings in the air, and we were spotted," Destounis said.

Following the rescue, flight lieutenant Pilkinton confirmed the bright-coloured pants made it easier for the crew to spot the three man.

## Play Away at the Carnival



**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line is inviting travellers to "Play Away", launching its new campaign with creative agency Innocean.

The push sees the cruise line brand itself as "the antidote to boredom", via an integrated campaign rolling out now.

Play Away is Carnival's first new local brand campaign since acquiring P&O, re-asserting "fun" as the line's essence.

The campaign is comprised of three commercials, a range of out-of-home executions, and a suite of radio spots.

Mental availability is the campaign's top objective, with the brand targeting new-to-cruise, said recently promoted senior marketing manager Nicole Bradbury (**CW** 08 Jan).

The brand will launch more Play Away executions starring new characters later this year.

Carnival's new Play Away campaign follows on from last year's introduction of a new global push, 'Find Your Fun Again', headlined by *Parks and Recreation* star Nick Offerman (**CW** 20 Nov). **MS**

## Prima's line snaps

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line's (NCL) *Norwegian Prima* drifted from her dock in Port Canaveral on the weekend, after her lines snapped.

Sudden gusts of around 75km/h contributed to the stress that snapped the ropes holding the ship to port as she was preparing to depart.

Video posted of the incident show the lines breaking, with two tugboats moving *Prima* back to the dock to hold her in place safely while new lines were attached.

No injuries were reported in the incident, and *Prima's* seven-night itinerary should not be impacted, according to media reports.

The incident saw a brief interruption to embarkation and luggage delivery

## HX birthday deals

**HX HAS** launched a raft of deals to mark its 130th anniversary this year.

Offers include up to \$5,500pp off all-inclusive Galapagos expeditions - more **HERE**.



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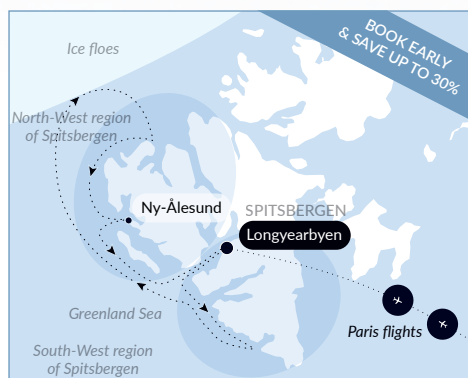
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