



# NOMINATIONS CLOSE TODAY!

Travel Daily wants to support the industry by honouring travel agents and suppliers for their work through COVID-19. Tell us who has gone above and beyond in these challenging times and how they have supported you.

## TRAVEL AGENTS CAN NOMINATE:

- Best airline
- Best ocean cruise line
- Best expedition cruise line
- Best river cruise line
- Best ground transport supplier (car hire, motorhome hire, transfers)
- Best tour operator
- Best hotel group or accommodation supplier
- Best technology supplier
- Best industry support service
- Best industry sales executive

## SUPPLIERS CAN NOMINATE:

- Best travel consultant for each state and territory
- Best leisure travel agency
- Best corporate travel agency

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**Hurry, nominations close COB today!**



### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a front full page from **Travel Daily Awards**.

### MSC says thanks

MSC Cruises is saying thank you to the world's "healthcare heroes" by offering discount cruise fares of 50% or more on all MSC sailings through to the end of 2021.

The special first responder cruise program will go on sale from today, and is able to be taken up by all healthcare professionals and their families.

Special per cabin fares of up to 50% off the regular rates are available to book until 30 Apr.

Bookings must be made through a travel agent or an MSC contact centre.

## Genting forecasts recovery

**GENTING** Hong Kong, the owner of Crystal, Dream and Star Cruises, has predicted cruise operations will resume from Jan 2021, while bookings for future cruises are "gradually improving following the recent progressive uplifting of travel restrictions and the stabilisation of COVID-19 cases in many countries".

The forecast was revealed in the company's results announcement for the six months to 30 Jun, with a loss of US\$742.6 million.

The update confirmed almost all of Genting's ships are in lay-up, apart from *Explorer Dream* which has recommenced domestic cruising in Taiwan, and *SuperStar Aquarius* and *SuperStar Gemini* which have been chartered by the Government of Singapore to accommodate foreign workers recovering from coronavirus.

Genting said it had been informed by authorities in China

that Dream is "welcomed to commence domestic cruise operations starting from Sanya" while the company is also in talks with other regional governments to start domestic voyages.

The group continues to evaluate alternative deployment plans for cruise ships to countries where restrictions have been lifted or relaxed, the update noted.

Genting said it was also in the process of seeking additional equity or debt funding from private investors, with indicative letters expressing interest in putting money into one of the group's cruise brands.

While work at Meyer Werft shipyard in Germany is currently suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, operations are expected to resume in Oct, with Genting currently applying for long-term funding support for the facility from the German Govt.

### TD Noms closing!

**THE TD Awards** nominations close today, with industry members invited to honour travel agents and suppliers - **front page** for more.

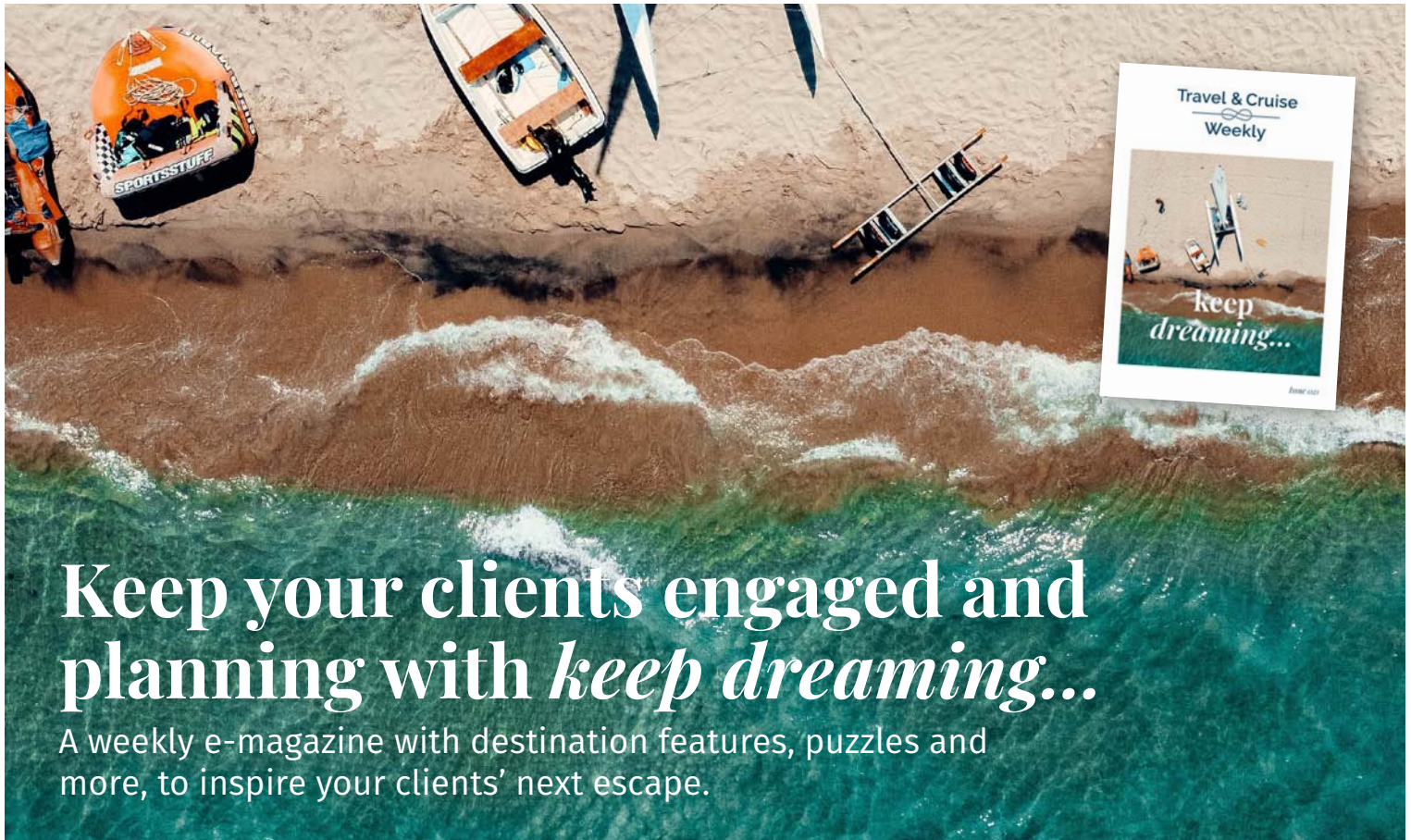
### CLIA webinars

**CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia** is gearing up to run a series of webinars through to the end of the year.

Topics covered will include luxury, expedition cruising and port destinations.

The Winter Webinar series is currently on show, detailing river cruising, to be wrapped up with a session from Heritage Line on 01 Sep.

Next will be the Luxury Cruise Showcase, which will run from 14-17 Sep, and include a live panel session - visit the CLIA Members Hub for more.



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## Allianz cruise stats

A SURVEY of American consumers conducted by insurance giant Allianz has found a cruise recovery could be in store next year.

The customer survey conducted by Allianz Partners found 60% of the financial services company's retail customers who say they won't travel until 2021 plan to visit an international destination for their next trip, with 20% of those indicating that they will sail on a cruise ship.

Results were analysed from more than 1,000 responses from those who purchased Allianz's United States travel insurance products through travel advisors and other retail distribution partners.

## Seabourn 2021 e-brox



**SEABOURN** Cruise Line has unveiled its Extraordinary Destinations e-brochure highlighting itineraries for the northern autumn 2021 and

winter/spring 2022 seasons, including a range of visits to Australasia.

Also on show will be Africa, Arabia, the Caribbean, India, the Panama Canal and Southeast Asia, with the 15-page brochure showcasing 56 unique sailings.

With nearly 100 departures, ranging in length from seven to 36 days, itineraries are grouped by region, with the digital brochure showcasing Seabourn's all-inclusive difference.

The publication also highlights other amenities and offerings for travellers to enhance their journey, including shoreside experiences, Seabourn Journeys' pre- and post-cruise land-based excursions, Seabourn Private Air's private jet service and more.

The digital brochure also highlights Seabourn's first return to Egypt since 2014 aboard *Seabourn Ovation* (pictured), and visits to a number of new destinations, including Cozumel, Manzanillo, Marigot, Golfo, Quepos, Safaga and more.

**CLICK HERE** for the e-brochure.



**AN AMERICAN** kayaker reunited a message in a bottle with its author last week, who originally penned it in 1985. The kayaker discovered the message floating in a Delaware river, with some believing it may have become uncovered by the recent Hurricane Isaias.

They brought the letter to the Milton Historical Society, where a curator reached out to the family of the penman, which put the two in touch.

The author still lives in the town, and had the letter returned to them last Thu.

## NZ interest up

**NEW** Zealanders' interest in cruising is "picking up", despite uncertainty over the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

Flight Centre Travel Group New Zealand's Rebekah Ochiai told *Stuff* she had seen an increase in interest in cruises despite the ban on overseas-flagged cruise ships entering New Zealand.

"Cruising from Auckland in 2021 is picking up in popularity, particularly with people who missed out on their cruise this year, so are looking to rebook using their future cruise credit," she said.

The ban on foreign cruise ships was recently extended by up to 90 days beyond its initial 30 Jun deadline (**CW** 24 Jun).

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