

Editorial Highlights

Autumn/Winter 2026

UPFRONT

Keynote

We ask Josh Weinstein, CEO of Carnival Corporation, for his perspective on the state of the industry and the outlook for the company over the next 12 months.

Marketwatch

An eclectic round-up of global news, views, opinions and insights that cover all segments of the passenger shipping industry.

CRUISE BUSINESS

130th anniversary feature interview: Hedda Felin, CEO, Hurtigruten

PLUS Executive interviews with:

- Christine Duffy, President, Carnival Cruise Line
- Michael Bayley, President & CEO, Royal Caribbean International
- Felix Eichhorn, President, AIDA Cruises
- Laura Hodges Bethge, President, Celebrity Cruises
- Anne Nash, President, Explora Journeys
- Marc Kazlauskas, President, Norwegian Cruise Line
- Paul Ludlow, President, P&O Cruises
- Benoît-Etienne Domenget, Group CEO, Ponant
- Gus Antorcha, President, Princess Cruises
- Nirmal Saverimuttu, President & Chief Experience Officer, Virgin Voyages
- Bud Darr, President and CEO, Cruise Lines Industry Association

Special feature: *Expedition Cruise Business*, in association with Expedition Cruise Network



Introduction: Akvile Marozaitė, CEO of ECN, talks with *Cruise & Ferry* about the appeal, growth and prospects for the sector.

Feature: *Alluring expedition itineraries*

Executives from expedition cruise lines outline the criteria they consider when planning itineraries and choose their favourite cold and warm-water expedition destinations. We also invite ports and destinations to highlight why their facilities, shoreside services and available shore excursions make them a top contender for inclusion on an expedition itinerary.

Feature: *Distinctive ships*

Architects and shipyards discuss next-generation expedition ships and consider the specialist products and equipment required for remote warm and cold-water operations.

Contributions invited from: Adventure Canada, AE Expeditions, Albatros Expeditions, Antarpplly Expeditions, Aqua Expeditions, Aranui Cruises, Atlas Ocean Voyages, Australis, Bark Europa, Coral Expeditions, Galaxy Expeditions, Golden Galapagos, Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, Heritage Expeditions, Hurtigruten Expeditions, Kontiki Expeditions, Lindblad Expeditions, Maple Leaf Adventures, Metropolitan Touring, Oceanwide Expeditions, Polar Latitudes, Ponant, Poseidon Expeditions, Quixote Expeditions, Scenic Cruises, Selar, Silversea Expeditions, Swan Hellenic and UnCruise Adventures.



INTERFERRY 50th Anniversary Celebration

Feature interview: Mike Corrigan, CEO of Interferry, joins other executives from the association to discuss how it has spearheaded the development of a safer, more environmentally sustainable and economically viable global ferry industry over the past 50 years.

State of the industry interview: Philippe Holthof speaks with Supapan Pichaironarongsongkram, president of Interferry and chairperson of Chao Phraya Express Boat Co.

Customer Experience interview: Simon Johnson talks with Seamus Murphy, vice chairman of Interferry and executive director of San Francisco Bay Ferry Service.

Event preview: *Interferry2026*

Interferry outlines the highlights of the conference programme for its 50th annual conference, which will be hosted by Chao Phraya Express Boat in Bangkok, Thailand, from 31 October to 4 November 2026. Selected event sponsors also give an insight into the products and solutions they will be showcasing at the event.

PLUS interviews with ferry line executives.

BUILDING & REFURBISHMENT

Feature: *A blueprint for decarbonisation*

Supplier R&D departments and other industry innovators continue to target decarbonisation advances through low-carbon fuels, electrification, energy efficiency, operational optimisation, regulatory control and more. In this feature, we explore the decarbonisation blueprint and talk about products and services that are dramatically changing the carbon footprint of passenger shipping.

Report

Cruise order book – cruise lines and shipyards share their highlights and talk about recent launches. We also review the progress being made on key newbuilds that are due to debut in H2 2026:

| Ship name | Cruise Line | Shipyards | Delivery date |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| AmaSofia | AmaWaterways | Vahali Shipyards | Q3 2026 |
| Legend of the Seas | Royal Caribbean International | Meyer Turku | Q3 2026 |
| American Maverick | American Cruise Lines | Chesapeake Shipbuilding | Q3 2026 |
| AmaKala | AmaWaterways | Hai Minh Vietnam | Q3 2026 |
| Adora Flora City | Adora Cruises | Shanghai Waigaoqiao | Q4 2026 |
| Magellan Discoverer | Antarctica 21 | Asenav Shipyard | Q4 2026 |
| American Ranger | American Cruise Line | Chesapeake Shipbuilding | Q4 2026 |
| MSC World Asia | MSC Cruises | Chantiers de l'Atlantique | Q4 2026 |
| Seven Seas Prestige | Regent Seven Seas | Fincantieri | Q4 2026 |
| Libra | Viking Cruises | Fincantieri | Q4 2026 |
| Emerald Raiya | Emerald Cruises | MKM Yachts | Q4 2026 |
| Emerald Astra | Emerald Cruises | Scheepswerft Den Breejen | H2 2026 |
| S.S. Emilie | Uniwold | Lushi Shipyard | H2 2026 |
| Viking Longships | Viking River Cruises | Neptun Werft | H2 2026 |

PLUS:

- ❖ *Ferry order book* – a review of the highlights in the global order book that are continuing to keep this industry sector buoyant.
- ❖ *Repair and refurbishment highlights* – highlights of significant projects completed in H1 2026 and a look ahead to some of the deliveries scheduled for H2 2026.

MARINE OPERATIONS

Feature: *Safety at sea*

Our new issue will see a return of the 'Periodic table of safety and security elements' *CFR* introduced in 2025 to recognise the suppliers and institutions that are demonstrating leadership and dedication in improving wellbeing and welfare at sea. We will again reveal some of the businesses behind the elements and take a closer look into the areas of safety they focus on. In addition, we ask a cruise executive to share their wisdom on a range of safety and security solutions and services that are helping operators to preserve and protect life at sea, while contributing to continuous improvements onboard the world's passenger shipping fleet.

Additional topics covered include:

- ❖ Information and communications technology
- ❖ Environmental and hygiene
- ❖ Water and waste management

ONBOARD EXPERIENCE

Feature interview: *Petu Kummala, AVP, Interior Design and Architecture, Carnival Cruise Line*

We talk to Kummala about what it takes to design and deliver best-in-class cruise ship interiors, covering cabins, restaurants, bars, lounges, entertainment venues, retail outlets, deck spaces and more. Alongside this interview, we invite interior specialists to nominate best-in-class venues onboard new and recently refurbished ships.

Event preview: *Cruise Ship Interiors Design Expo Europe*

Taking place on 2-3 December 2026 in Hamburg, Germany, Cruise Ship Interiors Design Expo Europe will bring together cruise executives, architects, designers, outfitters, shipyards and suppliers to discuss the marine interior design industry trends and updates. We outline the key topics and ask selected exhibitors to give an overview of the products/solutions they will be showcasing at the event.

PLUS more interviews and reports from onboard experience experts and influencers, including Tillberg Design of Sweden and Studio DADO.

PORTS & DESTINATIONS

Feature interview: *Sustainable itineraries*

As the environmental revolution sails efficiently onwards, we talk to Heike Naigur, director of sustainability at Norwegian Cruise Line, about her company's Sail & Sustain programme. Our conversation with Naigur focuses on itinerary planning, marine and port operations and shore excursions topics. Alongside the interview we invite global port and tourism organisations to share how they are helping operators to strengthen their green credentials.

Interview: *A planner's perspective*

Continuing the series started in 2020, our Autumn/Winter issue will feature another well-known face in the world of itinerary planning. Our next planner will share personal perspectives on a range of contemporary issues, including longer and overnight stays, slow cruising, sustainable tours and destination immersion.

Special report: *MedCruise at 30*

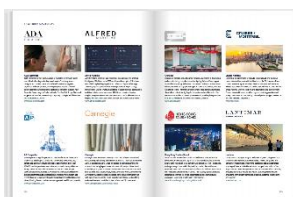
First established in Rome, Italy, on 11 June 1996 by 16 ports in seven countries, MedCruise has now grown to represent more than 160 ports and 59 associate members in 22 countries across Africa, Asia and Europe. President Theodora Riga joins other members of the MedCruise board to discuss how the association has helped to drive the sustainable growth of the cruise sector in the Mediterranean and its adjoining seas over the past three decades. We also invite MedCruise members to showcase what they are doing to attract more cruise guests to the regions.

Regional reports

A series of interviews, commentaries and reports about ports, destinations and shore excursions in each of the following regions:

- ❖ North America & Canada
- ❖ Central America & Caribbean
- ❖ South America
- ❖ Northern Europe
- ❖ Mediterranean & Black Sea
- ❖ Middle East
- ❖ Africa, Gulf & Indian Ocean
- ❖ Asia Pacific

FEATURED PARTNERS



A-Z profiles of key organisations that support passenger shipping operators with marine operations, shipbuilding, interior design and outfitting, itinerary development, and more.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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