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About the Itinerary Planning Report

“We never give up on the thinking that we are selling dreams”
Federico Bartoli, Itinerary Planning Director, Costa Cruises

Our Itinerary Planning Special Report celebrates the work of the individuals and companies whose tireless efforts continue to fulfill the dreams of the millions of people who go on a cruise every year. And every year these people have to reinvent their output to keep itineraries fresh and inviting for both new and repeat passengers.

This talented group consistently achieve the highest levels of customer satisfaction – thanks largely to the ports, destinations and service providers who all share the same vision for continued industry improvement. The passion, focus and determination that is commonplace in the cruise business is entirely responsible for the continued dramatic growth that we have witnessed in recent times and is the envy of the rest of the hospitality sector. We are exceedingly proud that our annual Itinerary Planning Special Report continues to deliver an important contribution to the positive evolution of the business and takes a moment to celebrate the people who are charting this course.

Distributed throughout the world, the Itinerary Planning Special Report has become an essential resource for industry leaders and as with its sister publication, International Cruise & Ferry Review, we offer advertising opportunities for organisations and companies to showcase their port, destination or services.

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In depth conversation with a senior industry figure covering a broad selection of itinerary planning topics

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Keeping up to date with the latest and most significant port and destination news and developments

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Topical issues are debated among a group of itinerary planners who have a common industry vision

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Industry commentators share their expert views on a collection of subjects

**Association update**
Port and destination associations summarise the latest news from their membership

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**International Cruise & Ferry Review supports the use of the Forest Stewardship Council**

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**Cruise & Ferry partner organisations:**
This publication is an annual celebration of the considerable collective achievements by the entire cruise port and destination community. Our annual *Itinerary Planning Special Report* is dedicated entirely to the ports, destinations and shorex providers that provide the unique and magical component that makes cruising such an incredible vacation experience.

**In the 2019/2020 issue**

**KEYNOTE ARTICLE**
Our keynote interview in this issue is with Mario Alovisi, VP Revenue Management, Itinerary Design & Transportation, Costa Crociere

**INTERVIEWS**
A series of exclusive interviews with leading port and destination professionals, including: Camille Drevillion, VP Strategy & Itinerary Planning, Hurtigruten; Claudius Docekal, VP Deployment, Crystal Cruises; Juan Trescastro, Senior Director Itineraries, Destinations and Government Relations, Virgin Voyages; Ugo Savino, Director, Deployment & Itinerary Planning, Carnival Cruise Line.

**FEATURES**

**Problem Solving**
The modern itinerary planner has to be a skilled problem-solver but many of the challenges that confront the role are industry-wide and require international consensus. Itinerary planners travel the world and frequently confront these issues in difficult and sometimes public circumstances. We want to help share the solutions and refocus attention on more positive topics. Contributors from Costa Cruises, Saga Cruises, Silversea Cruises, Marella Cruises and V. Ships join the discussion.

**Guest Expectations**
With such high repeat rates in the industry, passengers have developed increasingly higher expectations with the benchmark set at the standard achieved by the best cruise that they have ever experienced. Itinerary planners discuss how to delight their passengers and keep them coming back for more! Our expert contributors from this feature include representatives from Carnival Australia, Pullmantur, Lindblad Expeditions, SeaDream Yacht Club and Disney Cruise Line.

**REGULARS**
In addition to the feature stories and interviews, the 2019 edition will also include our regular mix of port and destination reports and updates from leading destination associations who play a critical role in supporting their members and the itinerary planning community.
Participation options

“If you want to join our industry, do not come to us and ask how you can get involved. Instead, tell us exactly what you have that would make you an ideal fit for our itineraries.”

Giora Israel, SVP Global Port & Destination Development, Carnival Corporation

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