

## **P&O CRUISES GIVES BEHIND THE SCENES GLIMPSE OF FLAGSHIP PACIFIC EXPLORER AS IT PREPARES FOR CRUISE RETURN**

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*P&O Cruises Pacific Explorer enters Sydney Harbour ahead of 31 May return to cruise.*

With the return of cruising imminent, P&O Cruises Australia today shared a behind the scenes tour of its flagship Pacific Explorer and preparation for the cruise line's first guest cruise in more than two years.

Departing on 31 May, guests will enjoy a round-trip four-night itinerary from Sydney to Brisbane, where Pacific Explorer will make history as the first cruise ship to berth at the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal.

Pacific Explorer's crew has been busy readying the ship, folding more than 5000 bedsheets, polishing a multitude of wine glasses and prepping the galley for the thousands of meals that will be served each day during the first sailing.

P&O Cruises Head of Entertainment, Brett Annable said: "During our pause in operations, we continued to work hard to make sure our return to cruise was a memorable experience for all of our loyal guests and crew. The pizza ovens are preheated, and the Disco Diver and Super Slider waterslides are ready for cruise goers to splash out. We couldn't be more excited to be welcoming our first guests back onboard."

On top of Pacific Explorer's 18 delicious dining options, including award-winning pizza at 400 Gradi and 60+ daily activities, including the P&O Edge Adventure Park, cruisers will be able to reacquaint themselves with everything they know and love about a P&O cruise, including some exciting new updates.

- **Purple Rabbit:** The latest creation from Creative Director Scott Maidment, fans of the Black Circus Cabaret will love this new and never before seen show, Purple Rabbit. The cast has been rehearsing for weeks, ready for their live performances.
- **New and improved cocktail menu:** The Bonded Store mixologists are shaking things up in preparation for the return of guests with a new Archie Rose menu that features a host of tantalising cocktails, including six new ones.
- **Dining experiences:** From award-winning Melbourne chef Johnny Di Francesco comes 400 Gradi, one of 18 restaurants on board specialising in authentic Italian cuisine. The traditional Neapolitan pizzeria has cranked up the ovens in preparation of churning out their handcrafted selection of woodfired pizzas.
- **On board activities:** With over 60 daily activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy on Pacific Explorer. Crews are powering up the Disco diver and Super Slider water slides, each stretching more than 80 metres, ready for both big and little kids to enjoy. The new Arcade featuring more than 20 games, provides the perfect kids sanctuary with guaranteed fun all round.
- **Guest rooms:** Pacific Explorer's dedicated room stewards are adding their final touches to the 999 rooms on board, making sure each is perfectly made up and ready for the first guest to step foot inside.

Brett Annable continued: "Cruising is back and the energy on board Pacific Explorer today is electric. The cabins are getting their final touches, and the smell of fresh coffee is wafting from Charlie's Bar. We are ready to go, and we're sure our guests are as excited as we are to set sail."

For more information on Pacific Explorer's offerings and itinerary, visit [pocruises.com.au/ships/pacific-explorer](https://pocruises.com.au/ships/pacific-explorer).

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**Facts about Pacific Explorer:**

- Pacific Explorer comes in at over 77,000 gross tonnes and 261 metres in length
- 18 dining options to explore over 11 decks
- 999 rooms
- 7 bars and nightclubs
- Home to an outdoor lawn bowling green in an Australian cruise ship first
- Sporting the two longest and wildest waterslides on an Australian based ship

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