

Queensland Couple Embarks on Two Years Back-to-Back Cruising as Coral Princess Begins Historic Inaugural Cruise Season

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First Cruise Ship Homeported at Brisbane International Cruise Terminal



Crew members celebrating Coral Princess departing from Brisbane this afternoon on her Inaugural Season in Australia. B-roll footage and aerial imagery of Coral Princess' arrival to Brisbane available [HERE](#).

In an amazing illustration of their passion for cruising, Brisbane couple, Jessica and Marty Ansen, today embarked on an incredible two years of back-to-back cruising as Princess Cruises' Coral Princess, the first cruise ship home ported at the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal, began its first cruise season following the restart of the Australian cruise industry.

Jessica and Marty Ansen have previously sailed on 31 cruises with Princess with 1,173 days at sea. They have been anxiously awaiting cruising's restart to indulge their love for holidaying on the high seas with a landmark 53 separate cruises between now and August 2024. And the couple is not ruling out adding more voyages to keep their life at sea sailing along into the future.

"Cruising offers the ultimate holiday experience. You go onboard, you only unpack once, and you have all this amazing entertainment, exceptional food, great company and you can see the world. And, the crew deliver incredible service - that's why we cruise." The Ansens booked their two years of back-to-back cruises (795 sea days) - including two round world cruises in 2023 and 2024 - with Brisbane-based family-owned travel agency Clean Cruising, which has specialised in booking cruise holidays since 2007.

Senior Consultant at Clean Cruising, Martine Hero, said the Ansens had always been passionate about cruising and like many other devotees were keen to be back on the water again.

"For the last two years Marty frequently mentioned all he and Jessica wanted to do was to go cruising again. Since the announcement of the resumption of cruising we have had an influx of interest and bookings including those of the Ansens. This extended trip has been in the works for a long time, as have those of many other cruisers. We want to thank our cruise fans for their patience as we get them back doing what they love most."

Highlights of Coral Princess' Winter program include:

1. Six short getaway cruises from Brisbane and Sydney – perfect 'seacations' for those with busy schedules needing a short break.
2. Five 7-day Queensland roundtrip cruises from Brisbane, sailing to Cairns, Port Douglas, and Airlie Beach (for the Whitsundays).
3. A new 7-day New South Wales Coast roundtrip from Brisbane, with a maiden call to Eden (Sapphire Coast), Sydney, and Newcastle.
4. A new 12-day Queensland and New South Wales voyage, sailing roundtrip from Brisbane.
5. A new 12-day Queensland and the Conflict Islands voyage (roundtrip from Sydney or Brisbane) crossing the Coral Sea to visit the stunning and remote Conflict Islands in Papua New Guinea.

Speaking on Coral Princess' departure, **Princess Cruises' Senior Vice President Asia Pacific, UK and Europe, Stuart Allison**, said he was delighted to welcome the Ansens aboard Coral Princess to cruise again. He said Coral Princess being based in Brisbane was an indication of Princess Cruises' commitment to the Queensland cruise market.

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About Princess Cruises:

One of the best-known names in cruising, Princess Cruises is the world's leading international premium cruise line and tour company operating a fleet of 15 modern cruise ships, carrying millions of guests each year to 330 destinations around the globe, including the Caribbean, Alaska, Panama Canal, Mexican Riviera, Europe, South America, Australia/New Zealand, the South Pacific, Hawaii, Asia, Canada/New England, Antarctica, and World Cruises. A team of professional destination experts have curated 170 itineraries, ranging in length from three to 111 days and Princess Cruises is continuously recognized as "Best Cruise Line for Itineraries." In 2017 Princess Cruises, with parent company Carnival Corporation, introduced MedallionClass Vacations enabled by the Medallion device, the vacation industry's most advanced wearable device, provided free to each guest sailing on a MedallionClass ship. The award-winning innovation offers the fastest way to an effortless personalized vacation, giving guests more time to do the things they love most. The company is part of Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE:CUK).

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