

P&O Cruises Australia's Pacific Encounter Sails for Home after Historic Encounter with Sister Ship Pacific Adventure

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30 June 2022 – P&O Cruises Australia's Pacific Encounter is sailing home to Australia after a spectacular overnight encounter with sister ship Pacific Adventure while berthed side-by-side in Trieste Italy exemplifying the transformation of Australia's homegrown cruise line fleet.

It was also a case of back-to-back visits to the shipyard for Pacific Encounter and Pacific Adventure as 'wetdock' preparations continued for their return to cruising from Brisbane and Sydney respectively.

Their return to service signals yet another landmark in the resumption of cruising in Australia and P&O's growing part in the revival of Australia's \$5 billion a year cruise industry.

Pacific Encounter will initially arrive in Sydney before heading for her new cruising home in Brisbane, which has been host to P&O ships throughout the line's 90-year cruising history in Australia.

P&O Cruises Australia President, Marguerite Fitzgerald, said: "We are seeing the evolution of P&O Cruises Australia as the nation's homegrown cruise line and the results of its ambitious fleet transformation. As we prepare to welcome home Pacific Encounter and Pacific Adventure, we can also see that momentum is growing in the resurgence of cruising in Australia."

Pacific Encounter and Pacific Adventure are undergoing final preparations ahead of joining Pacific Explorer to complete P&O Cruises Australia's three-ship fleet.

The work on the two ships includes important technical upgrades as well as other enhancements such as upgraded hotel facilities and interior furnishings, and adding P&O's iconic red, white and blue bow livery depicting the Southern Cross.

Pacific Encounter welcomes her first guests on 20 August on a 7-night cruise departing from Brisbane. Pacific Adventure will welcome her first guests on 22 October on a 3-night cruise from Sydney.

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About P&O Cruises Australia

For 90 years, P&O Cruises (Australia) has taken Australians & New Zealanders on dream holidays to amazing destinations along the Australian coast as well as the idyllic South Pacific. The home-grown cruise line delivers a holiday with great entertainment, world-class dining and unforgettable onboard experiences while sailing to some of the most incredible destinations in the Pacific. Delivered in the Aussie way, you can choose to do everything, or nothing at all, with P&O Cruises Australia.