

New Look Pacific Jewel Opens the Doors to Its Pantry

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P&O Cruises has opened the doors to its new Pantry, with Pacific Jewel becoming the first of the cruise line's ships to offer the ground-breaking dining concept following a multi-million dollar refit.

Guests on Pacific Jewel's current cruise from Singapore to Brisbane have been enjoying the new international food market, which features eight enticing outlets in a stylish, modern setting.

P&O Cruises Senior Vice President Sture Myrmell said he was thrilled to see the Pantry concept come to life.

"We've been working on this part of our onboard food revolution for some time and to see the concept become reality is very exciting. It's a game-changer – and it's clear from our guests' reaction that they love it," Mr Myrmell said.

"The Pantry is a dining experience like no other at sea. Designed as an international food market, it features eight bespoke outlets reflecting the many flavours Australians love to eat."

Replacing the former buffet area on deck 12 of Pacific Jewel, The Pantry provides an all-inclusive dining experience, with delicious food and great design creating a contemporary café vibe.

Inspired by modern Australia, Hook's Fish and Chips is themed like a beachfront restaurant with white tiles and bleached driftwood, Mexicana embraces the Aztec look with cactus-inspired tiles, the Grill is styled like an industrial burger bar and the monochrome facade of the Sugar Bar is a deliberate contrast to the rainbow colours of the decadent sweets and cakes on display. With its cheeky name, Fat Cow carvery is all about meat, Curry House dishes up modern Indian, Stix serves popular Asian food and drinks are available at the blue and white tiled Coffee Bar.

Diners can choose from communal long tables to lounge chairs and high tables, with scattered pictures, plants, fruit bowls and books adding to the relaxed urban café feel of the venue, created by Tillberg Design of Sweden.

Mr Myrmell said the cruise line was looking forward to opening its next Pantry outlets on its latest ships, Pacific Aria and Pacific Eden, which will debut in Australia in November.

Following the ship's drydock in Singapore, Pacific Jewel now also features P&O's first Pandora jewellery outlet, a new program of parties and a concert-style production show 'Off the Charts'.

To see more about the making of The Pantry with Tillberg Design of Sweden watch this video.

For more information visit www.pocruises.com.au

About P&O Cruises: The region's largest and longest-serving cruise operator, P&O Cruises Australia leads the way in cruising as Australasia's only 'home brand' and its favourite cruise line. P&O Cruises has been sailing the region for more than 80 years, and

has pioneered new destinations around Australia, the Pacific and Asia including Papua New Guinea, as reported in the New York Times' 52 top destinations for 2015. On November 25, 2015, P&O Cruises will welcome two additional ships to its current three-ship fleet becoming the nation's largest cruise line with five ships cruising from eight home ports in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. The addition of Pacific Aria and Pacific Eden has paved the way for exciting new cruise options including deployments from every mainland state in Australia and an extended deployment from Auckland. The pair herald a new era for P&O Cruises, as reflected in its new brand repositioning - P&O Cruises, Like no Place on Earth.