

Agents get down with Viking at *Downton Abbey* premieres

AUSTRALIAN travel agents were treated by Viking Cruises to advanced gala screenings of *Downton Abbey* around the country this week.

Building on the cruise line's continued commitment to enriching cultural programming, Viking is the proud promotional partner of *Downton Abbey*, released in cinemas tomorrow.

Just like the TV show, the film showcases both the upstairs and downstairs households of *Downton Abbey*, this time in 1927 as they prepare for a royal visit. All the key cast members have returned for the film, including of course the lavish costuming, grand houses and scenes of rolling English countryside.

Viking has a longstanding relationship with Highclere Castle – the filming location for *Downton Abbey*. The cruise line's three-night Oxford & Highclere Castle extension includes a Privileged Access behind-the-scenes tour of the castle, its public rooms, gardens and of course, key filming locations.

Plus: Viking has announced a brand new British extension from 2021: Great Homes, Gardens & Gin. The four-night itinerary will provide access to some of the splendid country estates that have served as the settings for acclaimed TV productions like *Downton Abbey*, *Wolf Hall* and *Poldark*, as well as a visit to the nearby Bombay Sapphire distillery.



NAOMI Liss and Nicole Ginger from TravelManagers, Kim Vaughan from Viking, Alex and Aija Ruggero from Travelrite Balwyn and Lauren and Jeanne Oakleigh from Travelrite International.



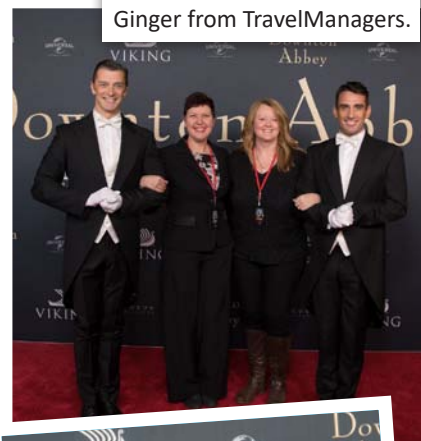
SILVER tray service in Sydney.

DARREN Pickering and Michael Davis Smith from Cruise Express.



SHARYN and Jenette Kitchener, Mosman Travel.

NAOMI Liss and Nicole Ginger from TravelManagers.



CATHY Thomaidis and Georgia Traill, MTA.



CIARAN O'Carbhallain, Andrew Garrett, Tracey Bremner, Jenny Burns & Tammi Sirett from Clean Cruising GlobeNet Travel and Leon Hill, Viking.



ALEX and Aija Ruggero, Travelrite Balwyn.



AGENTS settle in for their viewing in Sydney.



THE string quartet.



SANDRA Smith from Ultimate Travel and guest Barbara Tyrell.