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Sabre travel sentiment survey

SABRE has released the results of a new study about Asia-Pacific travel intentions, revealing that 45% of respondents expect to travel in the six months following the lifting of travel restrictions.

The results are based on a 23-question survey which was distributed to travellers across the region via Sabre APAC and Sabre Australia/NZ social media channels, from 03-30 Jun, garnering just over 600 responses.

Those in the 20-39 year old age category were the most keen to get going, at 49%, while more than a third (35%) of travellers overall said they wouldn't be going anywhere soon.

The results also indicated more travellers who previously booked trips independently now expected to make bookings through a travel agent "to save the hassle of pre-travel research".

Air travel was perceived to pose the highest risk of COVID-19 infection by 37% of respondents, while 34% deemed cruise ships as the most risky.

However despite the risk profile of aviation, more than half (52%) said they would still travel via air provided safety measures were put in place, such as "safe social distancing with empty seats between passengers," face masks, and enhanced cleaning.

The results also showed strong confidence in international branded chain hotels.

Travel ban to ease in Jan?

EXCLUSIVE

THE Federal Government is assuming that the current ban on international travel out of Australia will be lifted from 01 Jan 2021, but numbers will still remain at low levels until 30 Jun next year, according to a budget update released yesterday by Treasurer Josh Frydenberg.

The formal *July 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update* includes a range of key assumptions, including that "between Jul and Dec 2020, only citizens, permanent residents, New Zealanders and a small number of international students are assumed to be able to travel to Australia, based on announced policy to date".

However, the situation is forecast to change from the start of 2021, with the papers indicating that "from 01 Jan to 30 Jun 2021, it is assumed that the travel ban is lifted, but that a two week quarantine period is required of arrivals to Australia".

This would lead to the

resumption of arrivals by temporary and permanent migrants, the update noted, but at lower levels overall than normal.

And although the budget papers confirm dramatic falls in the number of Australians travelling overseas since the beginning of the year, "it is likely that a share of the spending usually undertaken overseas will be redirected to consumption, including domestic travel".

Other assumptions in the papers include expectations that the Victorian border with NSW and South Australia will be closed until 19 Aug, while "international travel is assumed to remain at low levels until the end of the Jun quarter 2021".

"Spending on travel should also improve as interstate border restrictions are expected to be gradually relaxed, although international travel will remain subdued for some time," the papers added.

Cruise resumption?

KIMBERLEY cruising may be able to resume sooner rather than later, with Ponant Chair Sarina Bratton, also a member of the Tourism Recovery Taskforce, citing a recent "breakthrough" in talks with a state government.

More details in today's issue of *Cruise Weekly*.

Qatar seeks US\$5b

QATAR Airways Group has launched four "international investment arbitrations" against the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Egypt over their long-running air, sea and land blockade which started without warning on 05 Jun 2017.

QR is seeking full compensation for damages incurred, with the action brought under three separate treaties following a recent judgement by the International Court of Justice affirming that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council has the jurisdiction to hear any disagreement relating to the interpretation of the Chicago Convention 1944 and the International Air Services Transit Agreement.

The blockade (*TD* 15 Jun 2017) has forced QR to reroute flights because it was forbidden from flying over the other countries' airspaces.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news including our PUZZLE Page and a full page from **Novalent Shield**.

Icelandic tourism is an absolute scream

PROMOTE Iceland, the country's tourism marketing agency, has launched an innovative campaign encouraging people to vent their COVID-19 frustration by screaming into a special website.

The "scream therapy" site at looklikeyouneediceland.com promises to release your screams into the country's "beautiful, wide-open spaces".

AAT Kings incentive

THE Travel Corporation's AAT Kings and Inspiring Journeys are offering travel agents the opportunity to win one of three "once in a lifetime trips" to the NT, WA or New Zealand.

Every new AAT Kings or Inspiring Journeys booking placed between now and 30 Oct secures an entry into the draw, with the offer coming alongside a 10% early payment discount on 2021/22 journeys, combinable with a \$99 deposit offer on select departures.

Jody Grossfeldt, AAT Kings GM Guided Holidays and Inspiring Journeys, cited recent customer research which found 59% of clients were seeking cultural experiences, 46% want to connect with locals, 37% want a food and wine experience, 38% dream of bush and nature walks, and 27% are interested in museums and art galleries.

Both brands have customised their trips based on this feedback, offering "authentic experiences and breathtaking landscapes for guests to connect with the destination through regional produce and local wines from renowned makers," she said.

See trade.aatkings.com.

Q: WHERE IN THE WORLD IS FLANDERS?

A: A fantastic region in Europe with gorgeous medieval art cities, history & culture, cycling, fries, beer, waffles, chocolate, fries, beers, waffles, chocolate, fries, beers (repeat).

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Read how cruise has the opportunity to be the safest way to holiday in the July issue of *travelBulletin*.

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WA links with RAC

THE Western Australian Government and the Royal Automobile Club of Western Australia (RAC) have collaborated on a new tourism initiative, designed to encourage more locals to go on an intrastate holiday.

The partnership, which marks the latest phase of the Wander out Yonder campaign, will include a special "WA Travel" edition of RAC's *Horizons* magazine for Sep, which will promote many of the state's popular holiday spots.

The magazine will also include a range of WA travel offers, as well as special rates at RAC, with eligible tourism operators able to purchase advertising space at significantly reduced rates.

"The special edition of RAC's member magazine - dedicated entirely to Western Australian travel - will reach more than a third of the state's population," enthused WA Tourism Minister Paul Papalia.

Emirates adds COVID cover

EMIRATES has announced it will cover its customers' medical expenses and quarantine costs if they are diagnosed with COVID-19 during their travel while they are away from home.

The coverage is offered regardless of the class of travel or destination, and is available effective immediately for all EK customers departing from 23 Jul until 31 Oct 2020.

Medical expenses will be reimbursed up to €150,000 (about A\$245,000) while quarantine costs of €100 (A\$160) per day are on offer for 14 days, as a key way of boosting confidence for international travel.

"Emirates has worked hard to put in place measures at every step of the customer journey to mitigate risk of infection, and we have also revamped our booking policies to offer flexibility," said EK Group CEO HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum.

"We are now taking it to the next level by being the first in the industry to offer our customers free global cover for COVID-19 medical expenses and quarantine costs should they incur these costs during their travel.

"It is an investment on our part, but we are putting our customers first and we believe they will welcome this initiative," he said.

Cover is valid for 31 days from the first sector of each journey, and customers do not need to register to receive the benefit.

Any impacted customer who is diagnosed with COVID-19 during their trip can contact a dedicated hotline for assistance.

The service is being offered in partnership with Allianz, and also covers the actual costs of repatriation if required.

Full details including terms and conditions of the coverage are now available online at emirates.com/COVID19assistance.

Footsteps for Food

CHIMU Adventures Queensland Relationship Manager James McAlloon recently made it to Bourke in his quest to walk across the country from the Sunshine Coast to Bunbury in a bid to raise money for COVID-19 affected communities in Latin America.

McAlloon arrived in the north-west NSW town with \$20,000 in donations already amassed.

The philanthropic travel expert has now clocked up 1,023 kilometres in his laudable 4,000km journey, which began at the start of the month.

"When I decided to do undertake this walk, I thought that raising \$30,000 would be hard - it's a tough environment to fundraise in... I can't begin to tell you what it means to know that already we have helped close to 500 families," McAlloon said.

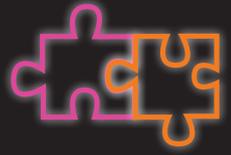
His ultimate goal is to raise \$30,000 - to lend your support to the journey - **CLICK HERE**.

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Jayride earnings slide

AIRPORT transfer marketplace Jayride has posted a 97% slump in net revenue for the three months to 30 Jun this year, taking in only \$21,000 for the quarter.

The business admitted it had been "severely impacted" by COVID-19 and the massive fall in airport passenger movements.

Jayride MD Rod Bishop said that passenger trips during the quarter fell by 94%, however he also noted that \$7 million in cost-saving measures the company had implemented would ensure it "outlasted a severe and prolonged downturn".

He also pointed to encouraging signs of recovery for the business.

"Pax trips booked are up each month since Apr, and Jul trips are forecast to be a 100% increase over Jun, this growth has been driven by travel in the Northern Hemisphere summer," he said.

Bishop also believes a global trend toward online bookings for airport rides would see Jayride well placed to benefit from the trend, having recently invested \$21m in new tech and systems.

Wink eyes Vietnam

A NEW Vietnam-based hotel chain is set to launch and expand across the country over the next four years, starting from Q4 2020.

Wink Hotels will target "young, aspirational and highly mobile" travellers, outlining a strategy to attract the huge swathe of the local population who are under the age of 34.

Already, 10 hotels are in the pipeline, with the 237-room Wink Hotel Saigon Centre in Ho Chi Minh City flagged as the debut location for the brand.

Agents granted access



FOR the first time in the company's history, travel agents will now be able to sell Discover Queensland's range of packages and earn a commission of 8%.

The Queensland specialist has been in operation for more than 10 years, with its CEO Steven Chant suggesting the time was right with the state's borders reopening and the trade needing all the assistance it can get.

"As an industry, we are all attempting to navigate this extraordinary year," he said.

"With international travel on hold for an indefinite period, we recognised that there is an opportunity to assist the travel agent community by providing access to our ready-made Queensland holiday packages."

Discover Queensland has also made the booking process for agents as simple as possible via a three-step process, with commissions paid at the time of booking and agent support available through the company's Gold Coast reservations centre.

For more details, **CLICK HERE**.

Pictured: CEO Steven Chant; Product Specialist Lauren Wall; Product Specialist Katrina South; Team Leader Tarnia Henderson; and General Manager of Product and Marketing Kim Skilton.

NZ holiday boost

NEW figures released by Tourism New Zealand show the country's domestic travel market peaked on 11 Jul, enjoying the highest volume of tourists since the pandemic struck in Mar.

The visitor numbers were driven by the school holiday period.

The same data also painted an encouraging picture for the future, with 64% of Kiwis intending to take a domestic trip over the next 12 months.

Jeju balks at plans

SOUTH Korean airline Jeju Air has bailed on plans to acquire a majority stake in rival Eastar Jet, citing a "breach of terms".

Jeju Air had initially agreed to buy 51% of Eastar for US\$58m.

G Adv suspends

G ADVENTURES has decided to further suspend its tours departing up to and including 30 Sep, as well as the 21 Oct departure of its *G Expedition* ship due to COVID-19.

All affected bookings will receive a 110% travel credit that can be used on all booked tour services, including pre- and post-night accommodation and transfers, valid for up to two years.

The only exception to the cancellations are 21 departures operating in Europe where travel is able to proceed between specific countries.

Oceania Insider live

OCEANIA Cruises has launched a Trade Insider Facebook Group to assist local agents with any queries they might have about the brand, as well as to distribute important updates and promos.

The group is moderated by a dedicated support team who will also be on hand to promote marketing materials, training opportunities and competitions.

Join the new group **HERE**.

Cebu's flexible move

PHILIPPINES carrier Cebu Pacific has introduced a range of new flexible measures designed to improve the booking experience for its customers.

Clients can now use the airline's digital wallet, Travel Fund, to book flights up to 12 months in advance, valid for two years.

The carrier is also offering unlimited rescheduling of flights without incurring any fees, as well as up to three months to rebook any cancelled services.

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New BER to open



THE long-awaited new Berlin Brandenburg Airport is now scheduled to open on 31 Oct, with authorities planning a massive celebration to mark the milestone.

The opening will come alongside the shutdown of Tegel Airport, concentrating all traffic across the region at the new BER which will link to over 150 destinations.

Coworth summer

THE Dorchester Collection's luxury country house Coworth Park has reopened just in time for the UK summer season, while the associated Spa at Coworth Park will return on 01 Aug.

SIA raises S\$750m

SINGAPORE Airlines Group (SIA) has raised an additional S\$750m (A\$761m) through long-term loans secured on some its recently delivered Airbus A350-900 and Boeing 787-10 aircraft.

The transaction means the group has now raised more than S\$1.65 billion from secured financing since the start of the 2020/21 financial year.

Total liquidity raised over the same period now stands at about S\$11 billion, including new lines of credit and a S\$8.8 billion rights issue (**TD** 09 Jun).

All existing committed lines of credit which were due to mature in 2020 have been renewed until 2021 or later, SIA noted

Further options available include the option to raise up to S\$6.2 billion in convertible bonds. "During this period of high uncertainty, SIA will continue to explore additional means to shore up liquidity as necessary," the carrier said.

It's a long time since we celebrated

OPINION

Justine Waddington is the owner of solo travel specialist Encounter Travel, and gives her feedback on this week's JobKeeper announcement.



Got an opinion to share? Let us know in up to 400 words via email to feedback@traveldaily.com.au.

EVERY day our effervescent travel industry is losing its fizz and with the JobKeeper extension announcement I lost some more (of my fizz).

COVID chaos reigns and I didn't pop open the bubbly when I heard the extension announcement....more like reaching for the Berocca to get back my bounce.

Living through the impact of COVID-19 on our industry couldn't be more different to our days before; it was exciting each time a new group was about to tour or head out cruising, and the little celebrations we enjoyed when we knew that someone would be taking their first ever solo travel tour (and with us).

Now, a very different landscape, as touring dreams are smashed and we're sweeping up the broken pieces.

It's why I was holding my breath about the JobKeeper extension news. For sure, I felt some relief with the extension announced, but I was also hopeful that the travel industry (and others like us) with revenue downturn at 100% (and more) were going to get some special compensation.

There are hundreds of Australian touring companies like mine that rely on free travel across our borders and more importantly, across our international border.

Until we open up our borders and can come and go freely, tour companies and agents relying on

international travel are probably the hardest hit.

The JobKeeper announcement delivered up a stark inequality between the recipients of the support; there's the same level of support for companies with a 30% or 40% downturn and those with a 100% downturn in sales.

The magnitude of the chaos and financial hardship unleashed on our industry is unprecedented and I think everyone in travel has fears for the entire industry.

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JobKeeper is geared for businesses that can move into recovery before the end of September, but while the border is closed we'll be in the same place as we are now when we move to the decreased JobKeeper payments.

We working as hard (or harder) than ever, but without the staffing and financial resources we need to wade through the processes of 'unbooking' everyone's touring plans.

While other industries may have the option to hibernate, we can't – we're working for free to look after our customers. Or where others can pivot their business

for some incremental sales in the short term, in the world of touring there's no quick fix.

I've pushed on and it is exciting to be announcing new local tours in Australia but already some were short lived when the Victorian border closed, and some travel bans were put in place on Greater Sydney.

The challenge faced by touring companies are the long lead time for their sales. It's not a simple retail transaction like buying a meal or drink. Travellers could be booking a tour as much as a year in advance or longer, which means that when we reach a recovery phase the international touring sector will be the last to return to making money.

I don't want to take away from the ongoing challenges of many industries but it's time now that our touring industry and the travel agent network takes some of the spotlight. But right now it's seems as though we're getting a band-aid for the hits we (our industry) are taking when we need some plaster, then others are getting some plaster when all they need is a band-aid. Of course, this is a simple analogy and there's so many tiers of revenue loss across many industries, but I just can't see how lumping all of us together makes sense nor is a good way to allocate tax payer money.

The industry is robust and resilient and we've weathered storms before but this one is like no other. Maybe with some more insights into our challenges including the long path to recovery our governments could come up with balanced solutions, and we'd keep bubbling.

At the end of the day (or most days) I remember the silver lining – by next year we'll have a host of new tours that show off more of Australia, that maybe we'd never have created otherwise.

CORPORATE UPDATE

Ola corporate offering

RIDESHARING platform Ola has launched a new “Ola Corporate” system which gives businesses a personalised dashboard to manage their employee usage.

The new corporate offering provides “a cost-effective, flexible and easy-to-use solution” for all of a company’s mobility needs, including the ability to easily book a vehicle when required, and pay from a centralised account.

“The launch of Ola Corporate demonstrates our ability to grow and diversify our offering in Australia,” said Ola Australia/NZ MD Simon Smith.

“We are excited to work with businesses across the country to help their employees travel easily and safely and continue to meet changing mobility needs of all types of users, particularly now as Australians navigate their return to the office,” he said.

Ola Corporate is claimed to help reduce employee travel costs by up to 25% through streamlined

processes and end-to-end solutions.

Businesses add staff to the dashboard, and employees can then book their own rides as they would for personal journeys and simply tag the ride as a Corporate trip in their Ola app.

Fares are paid automatically through the company’s Ola balance, a centralised credit card or other payment methods.

Ola Corporate is now available - see ola.com.au/ola-corporate.

“Trusted Travelers” enrolment shut

AMERICA’S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Department has announced that enrolment centres for its various Trusted Traveler programs will remain closed until at least 08 Sep, to ensure the health and safety of applicants and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CBP has also extended the period of time that applicants have to complete the enrolment process, with 545 days allowed from the date that CBP conditionally approves an application.

Program benefits are also being extended for up to 18 months, with the schemes covered including Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI and FAST.

MEANWHILE the US Department of Homeland Security has lifted a ban on New York citizens from enrolling in the expedited security clearance programs, after the state legislature revised a law which restricted information sharing.

Skyscanner tool

SKYSCANNER is offering free access to a new data visualisation tool which combines flight search data with key COVID-19 events and announcements from governments in multiple countries - **CLICK HERE** for more.

dnata India closure

EMIRATES offshoot dnata Travel has confirmed the shutdown of its travel management operations in India, with the corporate portfolio to be taken over by Thomas Cook (India) Ltd.

Dnata regional VP Rashit Al Awadhi said the appointment of Thomas Cook followed an extensive evaluation process “aimed at ensuring the continuity of top quality service levels” for clients in India who wish to transition to the new provider.

“Whilst we are disappointed to be exiting the corporate market in India, it has always been our intention to provide our valued customers with an alternative option,” he said.

Thomas Cook India CEO Mahesh Iyer said the company’s first focus would be on ensuring continuity of service needs for clients, adding: “we remain bullish on the business travel opportunity.”



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Airlines urge COVID protocol

US VICE President Mike Pence has received a letter written by a coalition of major airlines in the USA and Europe, urging adoption of a joint US-EU COVID-19 testing program “to enhance safety and build confidence in critical transatlantic passenger air services”.

The CEOs of American Airlines, the Lufthansa Group, United Airlines and British Airways parent IAG are all signatories, saying the reintroduction of transatlantic travel is vital to the global economy as well as to the economic recovery of the airlines.

“In addition to all the significant and unprecedented actions that governments and airlines are taking to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a coordinated COVID-19 testing program could be key to providing confidence to permit services to resume without quarantine requirements or other entry restrictions.

“COVID-19 testing is becoming more and more common throughout the world as a tool to avoid these other more intrusive measures,” the letter states, adding that nobody will benefit from a prolonged closure of transatlantic flight corridors.

GlobalStar adds NZ

NORTH Shore Business Travel in Auckland, New Zealand has joined the GlobalStar Travel Management TMC network.

In operation since 1980 and a member of Express Travel Group’s NZ-based First Travel Group, North Shore Business Travel transacts more than US\$10 million in annual volume.

The agency’s owner, Leith Sisson, said “we are delighted to have been selected as the NZ partner for GlobalStar,” with the pact providing a global fares and hotel program, expense reporting, duty of care and a mobile application for the company’s travellers.

Dorsett HKG tests

HONG Kong-based Dorsett Hospitality is offering COVID-19 tests available for purchase by guests and staff at any of its properties in the city.

The initiative is being conducted in partnership with genetic and digital health company Prenetics, which has been approved by the Hong Kong Government.

Dorsett says the “do it yourself” test kit has an “analytical accuracy of 99.9% based on validated studies by the National Health Commission and the US FDA”.

The company has nine hotels across Hong Kong, with the tests available for HK\$785 (A\$142) and results available within one to two business days.

Tests for hotel staff are also being subsidised by Dorsett.

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Solidarity through adversity



TRAVEL representatives who have fallen on challenging times during the pandemic gathered in South Australia this week to exchange stories and messages of support for each other.

There were 34 members of the travel sector who attended the lunch, some of whom had recently become unemployed or have had their weekly hours reduced, while the majority were surviving because of the Federal Govt's JobKeeper program.

Thailand down 75%

THE Tourism Authority of Thailand has conceded it expects 2020 to attract only a quarter of the 40 million tourists it usually attracts each year.

The slump is tipped to eclipse the tsunami tragedy of 2004.

More out of Africa

OURAFRICA.TRAVEL will run a global virtual conference next month to connect African suppliers with buyers.

Sessions will take place over a three-week period, including one-on-one meetings, with Australia and New Zealand able to attend between 11-13 Aug.

Register [HERE](#) for a free ticket.

Moving around the table, attendees recounted the trials and tribulations of their workplace throughout the health crisis, with many heartwarming messages of support shown from everyone in the room to keep each other going.

Pictured: The group saluting the room on a brighter future ahead.

Crystal safety prog

CRYSTAL Cruises has released the details of its new Crystal Clean+ program, a set of health protocols that will be implemented on board *Crystal Serenity* and *Crystal Symphony* when they return to sailing.

The new measures include reducing capacity in its common areas such as restaurants and pool decks, new embarkation procedures involving online check-ins and health questionnaires, as well as stricter disinfection procedures across all areas of the vessels.

Crystal will also require masks to be worn by all guests and crew in venues where social distancing is more difficult to implement, with the safety equipment to be provided by the cruise line free of charge - see the full policy [HERE](#).



Discover travel industry businesses that are transforming to cope with the challenging conditions of COVID. Read more in the July issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Stuba cleans filter

ACCOMMODATION wholesaler Stuba has added a new "COVID Clean Protocol" filter to its search functionality, helping agents locate hotels that conform to the highest health and hygiene standards available.

The new search option shows which properties are adhering to the best cleanliness measures, as well as listing each individual hygiene protocol implemented.

Currently, 36% of Stuba's 110,000 properties listed are deemed COVID Clean properties.

Paul's welcome deal

PAUL Gauguin Cruises has launched a new welcome promotion offering an \$800 per person discount on bookings for any first-time guest.

The deal is valid until 30 Aug and can be used on any five of its French Polynesian itineraries which range in length between seven and 14 nights.

Deals are based on double occupancy and cannot be redeemed for cash or used in conjunction with another promo.



Window Seat

IT IS often said that a picture can tell a thousand words and perhaps there was no better example this week than at the popular tourist attraction of Niagara Falls.

A traveller took the below snap showing the American *Maid of the Mist* ferry pass by Canada's *Hornblower* ship, demonstrating a stark difference in physical distance policies.

The US ship is currently allowed to have 50% occupancy on board, while Canada's equivalent is limited to just six passengers per trip under Ontario's COVID-19 rules.



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With COVID continuing to have an impact on the travel industry, now more than ever, we need a drink!

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Unscramble

HOW many words can you make out of these nine letters? Every word needs to include the centre letter, have four letters or more and not be a proper noun or a plural. You can only use each letter once.

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Good – 14 words
Very good – 21 words
Excellent – 28 words

NOTE: We've used Chambers Dictionary to decide what words are acceptable.

Pub quiz

1. The cruise ship operator Ponant shares its name with what historical thing?
2. Thailand is located on what peninsula?
3. Bowen Hills, Queensland, is home to which famous Australian travel company?
4. New Air New Zealand Chief Executive Officer Greg Foran is father to which famous sports star?
5. The island nation of the Maldives is in the Indian Ocean, but which sea is it located in?
6. What is the official language of the Solomon Islands?
7. Which cruise line is known for sporting an "x" on its ships' funnels?
8. Only one country not located in the Pacific Ocean features a Southern Cross on its flag – which country is it?
9. As the crow flies, is Mount Isa closer to Brisbane or Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea?
10. The port city of Geelong is set on which bay?

Where in the world?



DESPITE what it may seem like, this rock formation is naturally occurring.

According to local legend, the boulder was split by two feuding gods, fighting over who got to

possess it.

The rock is around 50m away from the nearest beach, so easy to view.

Where in the world is it located? Check Mon for the answer.

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Pub quiz: 1 Mongolia, 2 Ticos (tico for males, tica for females), 3 Gotthard Tunnel in Switzerland, 4 a) Two, 5 The dong, 6 14 (Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Belarus, China, Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and North Korea), 7 True, 8 Brazilwood, 9 Canada, 10 Jakarta, 11 Estonia (e [note] + stone + e [note] + ah)

Whose flag is this: Luxembourg

Whose animal is this: Dolphin - Hong Kong and Greece

Funnies Flashback



WE'VE trawled through the **TD** Window Seat archives to give you a blast from the past. Here's some gems from 09 May 2014:

BORDER crossings are never usually this fun.

A new service in the Spanish town of Sanlucar de Guadiana allows travellers to quickly transit into Portugal - by riding an exhilarating zip line.

The 'Limite Zero' ride costs just €15, and is much faster than the alternative, which is a ferry service into Alcoutim, Portugal across the Guadiana river.

The 800m ride lasts about a minute, but also crosses a time zone, meaning riders technically arrive in Portugal just over an hour after they set off.

TRAVELLERS needing to "spend a penny" while visiting the Chinese city of Chongqing have several rather unusual options.

The city is nurturing a reputation within China for bizarre public toilets, with the Jiulongpo district now featuring conveniences in the shape of toy tanks, gigantic digital cameras and zoo animals.

Authorities have confirmed plans to erect 22 of the creative WCs across Chongqing, at least half of which are expected to be in place this year.

The dunnies appear to be themed according to their location, with one toilet near an electronics market in the form of a huge personal computer.

Ciao to Six Senses

SIX Senses Hotels Resorts Spas has announced its second property to open in Italy, with Six Senses Antognolla to open its doors in 2023.

The property will feature 71 rooms and 79 residences, as well as a range of exclusive amenities such as an equestrian centre, 18-hole golf course, cookery school and organic farm.

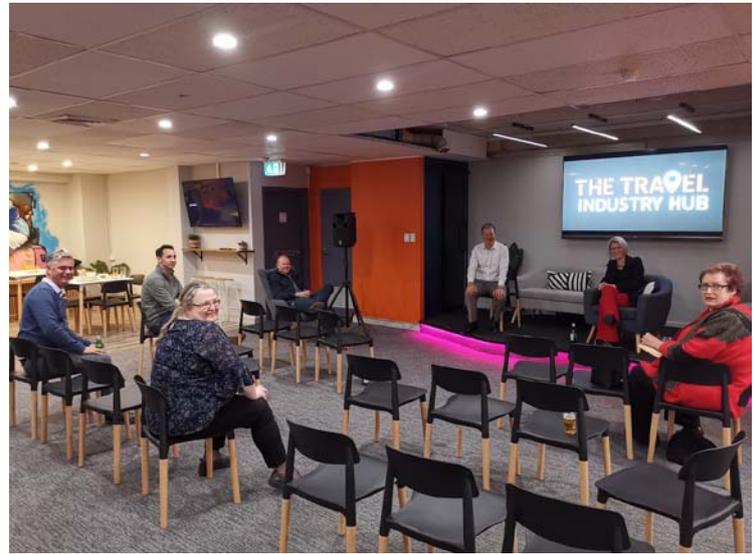
The hotel is located on the site of a 10th century Benedictine monastery and crypt.

Enter the biosphere

TOURISM Noosa has launched a new series of animated video clips designed to entice travellers to "enter the biosphere".

The digital campaign is targeting both intrastate and interstate travellers, attempting to demystify the biosphere concept.

"We needed to look at how we could create a point-of-difference through the clutter while also tempting potential visitors to Noosa," said Tourism Noosa CEO Melanie Anderson - watch [HERE](#).



THE Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO) held a gathering on Tue night at The Travel Industry Hub's space (TTIH) in North Sydney.

The group met at the co-working space, which is gearing up to formally reopen next month (**TD** 22 Jul), to discuss the state of the industry.

Pictured is the group socially distancing: CATO Chairman Dennis Bunnik, Bunk Tours;

Martin Edwards, Chimu Adventures; Rebecca Fleming, Gow-Gates Group; Brad McDonnell, Entire Travel Group; CATO Managing Director Brett Jardine; Lisa Pagotto, Crooked Compass; and Stephanie Savage, Impulse Travel Group.

Also present were Gil McLachlan, McLachlan Travel Group; Evan Petrelis, Renaissance Tours; and Amanda McCann, Collette Vacations.



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