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## Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today has five pages of news plus a front cover page from **Qatar Airways** and a full page about **Travel Daily's Still Standing** event.

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**WIN** a Balcony stateroom on Azamara's *Azamara Onward* pre-inaugural five-night voyage from Barcelona to Monte Carlo.

Azamara and **Travel Daily** are providing an agent plus a guest with the opportunity to sail on the cruise, with minor prizes to be awarded each week.

Visit **page three** for more info.

## WA tightens border

**WESTERN** Australia will tighten its COVID-19 border restrictions, requiring anyone entering from NSW, Victoria or the ACT to be fully vaccinated from Fri.

The state's Premier Mark McGowan released a statement about the change over the weekend, in it stating his belief that a full vaccination requirement to travel interstate will soon be the national normal.

## Singapore gets the nod

**PRIME** Minister Scott Morrison has formally announced that Australia is preparing to "sling its doors open" to residents from Singapore after the two countries finalised a new vaccinated travel lanes system yesterday.

Following on from a decision to allow Aussies to travel to Singapore from 08 Nov, the inbound part of the agreement will be active from 21 Nov, allowing tourists, workers and students to visit Australia without having to spend 14 days in hotel quarantine, so long as the state they arrive in has abolished the hotel isolation approach.

Making the announcement in Rome at the G20 summit, Morrison said the latest news signalled an important step towards travel normality.

"This is the billion-dollar boost that Australia's tourism industry has been waiting for - step by

step, everything that we know and love about Australia is inching back to normal," he said.

Importantly the new travel arrangement will only apply to Singaporeans, not travellers from other countries passing through.

Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, roughly 417,000 Singaporean travellers visited Australia a year, most arriving for leisure purposes.

**MEANWHILE** Scott Morrison had also held discussions with Indonesian President Joko Widodo at the summit, with the topic of allowing fully vaccinated Australians to travel to Bali high on the agenda.

Bali has so far granted permission to 19 countries, with current protocols mandating arrivals quarantine in hotels for five days.

## Qatar incentive

**QATAR** Airways, Qatar Tourism and Discover Qatar have unveiled a new sales incentive that will see four advisors score a trip to Doha.

To be eligible to win, agents will need to complete online destination training **HERE** to gain certification, ensure their agency is signed up to the new Discover Qatar booking portal **HERE** and enter the competition **HERE**.

Entries will need to describe why a stopover in Qatar would be an unforgettable experience, with the most well informed answers getting selected each week.

## Chimu freedom sale

**CHIMU** Adventures is celebrating the freedom of Australians by launching an epic polar sale.

The Freedom - You Deserve It promotion will see Australian travellers able to take advantage of up to 35% off next year's Arctic and 2022/23 Antarctic cruises.

Sailings are already heavily booked, with Chimu suggesting travellers hurry to secure a spot.

**CLICK HERE** for further details.

## Talkin' bout Nevada

**JOIN** Travel Nevada for another Talk it Tue tomorrow, as the destination management organisation continues to discover road trips throughout the state, with 'Great Basin Highway & Loneliest Road' to take place at 9am AEDT - **CLICK HERE**.



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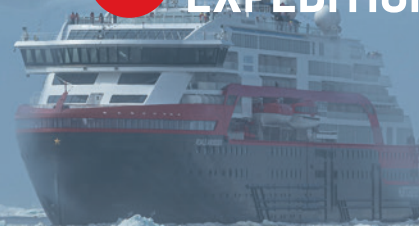
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## Cash splash on Qld islands

**TWO** of Australia's richest business people have moved to make big purchases in the resort island space, with mining magnates Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest and Gina Rinehart both making a splash this week.

Forrest's family-controlled company Tattarang has reportedly purchased the Great Barrier Reef retreat of Lizard Island from Hong Kong-based SEA Group for \$42m.

While Tattarang has confirmed the transaction, no further development details have been revealed and the acquisition is still subject to approval by the Queensland Government.

It is understood that the island's 40-villa resort will likely continue to be operated by global hospitality company Delaware North, which took over the management contract in 2009 from Voyages Hotels & Resorts.

Meanwhile Gina Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting has

confirmed plans to purchase the Great Keppel Island development project from Tower Holdings for around \$50 million, subject to a "myriad of state and local government approvals".

The company said if approved, the plan would be to develop the island into a world class tourist attraction to be "one of the best resorts in Australia".

"We hope to be able to make it better than it has ever been, with a world class year round beach club, sandy bars, shopping and more experiences circling around a marina modelled after successful marinas like Puerto Banus," Hancock said.

"We envision a year round swimmable beach club and an underwater bar being able to bring the benefits of overseas tourism to Australia."

The company added that with the recent announcement of the 2032 Olympics to be held in Brisbane, the redevelopment of Great Keppel Island presented a great opportunity to showcase Queensland as a premium, world class destination.

"Currently, for various reasons, Great Keppel is not a showcase for Queensland - we wish to maintain and improve its natural beauty and tourist facilities, subject to all government approvals, enabling this will make it possible for Queenslanders and others to enjoy for generations to come."

Taiwanese company Wei Chao Pty Ltd had exchanged contracts to buy the leasehold of the island in 2019 for more than \$50 million but the sale process stalled and eventually fell through.

## NZ inbound cleared

**ONE-WAY** quarantine-free travel to Australia from anywhere in New Zealand has been granted permission to recommence from today, Australia's Chief Medical Officer Professor Paul Kelly has advised.

Travellers to Australia from New Zealand will still need to present proof of a negative pre-departure PCR test within three days of the departure flight to Australia, as well as a completed declaration of full vaccination against COVID-19 consistent with the ATAGI definition of fully vaccinated with a TGA approved or recognised vaccine.

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## Agency back to business



**ANOTHER** travel agency has resumed normal operations this week, with Victorian-based Brighton Travelworld & The Cruise Wizards announcing a return to the office (**pictured**).

"Yesterday we opened our doors after 20 months in and out of prolonged lockdowns," Managing Director Julie Avery said.

"It certainly was a moment to savour but not for long as it was so busy with many, many clients booking and taking holidays.

"So proud that Team Brighton Travelworld made it through the storm, we will never again take smooth travelling for granted," she added.

## New role for Lam

**FORMER** Singapore Tourism Board Area Director, Oceania, Sharon Lam, has been appointed as Marina Bay Sands' new Regional Associate Director of Sales for Australia and NZ.

Lam headed up STB's local operations from 2013 to 2017.

## VA opens new Melbourne lounge

**VIRGIN** Australia this morning debuted its refurbished lounge at Melbourne Airport, as well as launching a new Lounge menu.

The facility was first closed in Mar 2020, with the relaunch featuring a more relaxed feel with new signage, bathrooms and shower facilities and furniture.

It's the largest of VA's 10-strong national lounge network, with seated capacity for 500 guests in line with COVID-19 requirements.

VA Group Chief Customer and Digital Officer, Paul Jones, said the reopening signified the airline's positive outlook.

"Capital city lounges are a big part of the Virgin Australia guest offering, and we thank our loyal customers who have waited patiently for many months to see this incredible Lounge reopen in time for interstate travel to resume for Vic and NSW residents," he enthused.

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## Window Seat

**AUSSIES** travelling to the United Kingdom for self-drive holidays under our new-found freedom should be careful when navigating on the country's roads - particularly in light of a sign which has appeared on the M4 near Slough, about an hour west of London.

The cryptic traffic instruction (pictured) contains a triangle, square and circle which are reminiscent of the invitation card used in the wildly popular Korean Netflix hit *Squid Game*, which has now been viewed more than 111 million times.

For the uninitiated, those who join the game are taken into a dystopian world of death and destruction where a single survivor takes home a big prize.

According to Thames Valley Police, that's not the case for drivers who follow this sign, reassuring commuters that it is simply a direction for diversion routes during roadworks.



## More Teslas in Aus

**HERTZ** Australia will add 350 Tesla Model 3 electric vehicles to its new hybrid fleet, with the cars to be available initially in Adelaide and Canberra locations only.

Part of the Hertz Green Collection, the new Tesla vehicles will be serviced by 36 charging sites already in operation Down Under, including six in Adelaide.

The latest move means 20% of Hertz' rental fleet in Australia and New Zealand is now hybrid.

## Million-\$ booking!

**AN AMERICAN** travel advisor is having a very good month, after booking the top cabin on Royal Caribbean's 2023 Ultimate World Cruise (**TD** 21 Oct) for a client - with the fare totalling US\$772,331 (A\$1.026 million).

Theresa Graham, who is co-owner of Oregon-based Dream Vacations TravelPerks, will soon receive the biggest commission cheque that Royal Caribbean has ever written for a single reservation, the cruise line confirmed.

The 274-day global odyssey aboard *Serenade of the Seas* departs 10 Dec 2023.

Royal Caribbean Senior VP of Sales, Vicki Freed, said "we are so excited to see such a very rich booking made by a travel advisor...we are so grateful to see the travel advisor community bouncing back after the past 18 months of chaos in our industry and world," she said.



## New airline climate group

**A NEW** non-profit organisation working to accelerate technology development to decarbonise aviation has been established by Boston Consulting Group and a collection of key carriers including Air Canada, Air France KLM, American Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue, Lufthansa, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines & Virgin Atlantic.

The Aviation Climate Taskforce will initially focus on medium-term solutions including synthetic fuel and direct air carbon capture, but will also in time look at both bio-based sustainable aviation fuel and hydrogen technology.

Members said they "recognised that a portfolio approach is needed...if the aviation sector aims to decarbonise, the work needs to begin now".

The strategy will include an "Innovation Network" to drive core research and development, a "Collaboration Forum" to support



the adoption and scale-up of technologies, and a separate for-profit "Investment Fund" which will prove and scale pre-commercial solutions.

The formation of the coalition reflects the increasing importance of climate concerns around aviation from customers, employees and investors, and recognises that "the path to net-zero is not yet clear"

Taskforce Board Member, Mike Deimler from Boston Consulting Group, said "we are continuing to grow the coalition, and welcome members from all stages of the aviation value chain" - see [aviationclimatetaskforce.com](https://aviationclimatetaskforce.com).

## Win a Balcony stateroom on the Azamara Onward Pre-Inaugural Cruise!

Azamara and Travel Daily are providing one travel agent and guest with the once-in-a-lifetime experience of sailing on the 5 Night Pre-Inaugural Cruise of *Azamara Onward*. Sailing from Barcelona to Monte Carlo and staying in a Balcony stateroom, this is a special sailing not to be missed.

Prize includes Balcony stateroom for 2 on the 5 night pre-inaugural cruise. Minor Prizes will be awarded each week of one x \$100 VISA e-gift card.

So get your entries in early. To enter please tell us in 25 words or less why you need to win an Azamara cruise in Europe? Creativity counts!

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## Hurti unveils 23/24

**HURTIGRUTEN** has previewed its record-breaking 2023/2024 Expeditions season, which will see deeper exploration of Antarctica, more ships in the Northwest Passage and larger expeditions teams.

Three ships will be based in Antarctica for the season, with a selection of 34 cruises spanning from 12-23 days - the most ever offered in the region by the line.

There will also be a trio of ships exploring the iconic Northwest Passage, with the battery-hybrid powered *Roald Amundsen* and *Fridtjof Nansen* to meet mid-passage - **MORE HERE**.

## Triple the volumes?

**QANTAS** CEO Alan Joyce believes international travel in 2022 could spike at three times normal annual levels due to unprecedented pent-up demand.

Speaking with *Sky News* on the weekend, the airline's chief also said the airline planned to increase its domestic volumes to 120% of pre-pandemic levels.

**MEANWHILE** Qantas has revealed it will bring forward the deployment of its double-decker A380s to the end of Mar.

## First flight touches down in SYD



**SYDNEY** Airport is celebrating the return of quarantine-free international travel today, with worldwide passengers arriving from this month able to step directly into the arms of their friends and family for the first time in almost two years.

Qantas Airways' QF12 from Los Angeles touched down in Sydney at 6.00am today (**pictured**) with no quarantine restrictions for incoming passengers, all of whom need to fully vaccinated.

QF1 London via Darwin will be the first Qantas international flight to depart out of Sydney today, taking off at 6.30pm.

In total, SYD will welcome 16 scheduled international flight arrivals from 13 airlines today,

and will farewell 14 departures.

Inbound services are also able to carry significantly higher passenger loads with the abolishment of the 750-person weekly arrival cap.

Passenger services and volumes are expected to build in the months ahead.

Of the 21 airlines which stopped flying regularly scheduled international services to and from Sydney since Mar 2020, 11 have announced they'll be recommencing services between Nov 2021 and Jan 2022.

On a seat capacity basis, the recovery is expected to reach 16% of pre-COVID international seat capacity by the end of the month, increasing to nearly 40% in Jan.

Domestic seat capacity is also expected to grow from a quarter of pre-COVID levels this month to 89% in Jan.

Excluding those who entered Australia under the trans-Tasman bubble arrangements, all international passengers since 29 Mar 2020 have been required to go into hotel quarantine, with Sydney processing more than 250,000 arrivals – over half of the national total.

Preparations for the return of international travel at Sydney Airport have been underway since travel restrictions commenced, with SYD reconstructing nearly 10,000m<sup>2</sup> of the main runway, checking more than 30 kilometres of conveyor belts on the baggage system, and renovating the retail area in the T1 International Terminal.

## VA extends WA

**VIRGIN** Australia has announced the extension of its partnership with the WA Government to offer 23,000 discounted air fares from Perth to Kununurra and Broome.

The tie-up will see 12,000 discounted fares released for flights between Perth and Kununurra from \$249 one way for travel from Mar 2022 until Sep 2022, while 11,000 \$199 fares between Perth and Broome will also be on offer for travel from Mar 2022 to Oct 2022.

**MEANWHILE** Virgin Australia has resumed flying between Hobart and Perth for the first time since Mar 2020.

The direct services will operate three times per week to 25 Apr 2022 (increasing to daily over the busy holiday period), transporting a total of 4,200 pax each month.

## Spirit dampened

**THE** parent company for the Spirit of Tasmania has reported a \$6.73 million loss for the 12 months to 30 Jun, a significant decline on the \$32.4 million profit recorded in the previous corresponding period.

TT-Line's bottom line was significantly impacted by border restrictions to Tasmania, with revenue also dropping from \$270 million to \$214 million.

## Explore cruise tech

**CRUISE** Lines International Association's (CLIA) webinar series will explore the industry's tech revolution.

The newest technological advances to reshape cruising will take centre stage later this month, from new on board experiences to the smart systems guiding guest health and safety.

Cruise lines will explain the many digital innovations that are helping to make life at sea more seamless and engaging, with six sessions to be held between 30 Nov and 09 Dec - **CLICK HERE**.

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## Batting for travel

**NEW** figures released by Booking.com shows that cricket can be a strong precursor to Aussies organising overseas travel plans, with 62% of respondents stating they would travel abroad with their family to watch a cricket World Cup match.

More than half of Aussies also revealed they would travel to a destination for a cricket event, even if it was a place not on their travel bucket list, while 46% of the same survey group said they were looking forward to exploring their own country this summer.

## Lizzy unveils 2022

**CUNARD** has unveiled a range of new sailings departing from Southampton in the UK between Feb and May 2022 aboard *Queen Elizabeth*, replacing previously scheduled Japan voyages between 20 Feb and 17 May, which are now cancelled.

Guests booked on affected voyages will be offered a refund or 125% future cruise.

Highlights of the new schedule include cruises to the Canary Islands and the Western Mediterranean, as well as a grand voyage via the Panama Canal.

## BROCHURES

**WELCOME** to Brochures of the Week, *Travel Daily's* Monday feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure you'd like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including a PDF of the front cover, and contact details to [brochures@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:brochures@traveldaily.com.au).



### ID Travel Group - 2022 Travellers Collection

ID Travel Group has gone to press with its 2022 Travellers Collection book. The program features more than 120 top luxury properties from around the world. For next year, ID has added popular destinations such as Greece, Italy, and Montenegro to its Collection, along with exciting additions in the Maldives, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Hawaii & the United States. This year, ID is also curating a customisable white-label brochure option which

can be seamlessly personalised with a unique call-to-action for travel agents to send directly to their clients.



### Norwegian Cruise Line - 2022-23 Alaska

Norwegian Cruise Line's new 2022-23 Alaska brochure is packed with vibrant visuals and handy maps, detailing the cruise line's voyages from San Diego, Seattle, Seward, Vancouver and Hawaii. With six different ships sailing the region in the next two years, Norwegian will offer more choice than ever before to explore the last frontier. Travellers will enjoy hiking snow-capped mountains and witness whales splashing in the Pacific Ocean.

Alaska's vast wilderness will also see travellers search for bears, moose and caribou in Denali National Park & Preserve, and more.

## Did you know?

Travel & Cruise Weekly's fortnightly consumer magazine called *Keep Dreaming* is specially designed for agents to send their clients.



## Pick the nation

**COUNTRIES** have unique geography, ethnicities and cultures which come together to often form very distinctive symbols.

Based off the four different symbols and famous faces, see if you can figure out which country they represent.

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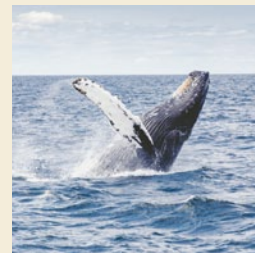
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Answer: Tonga

## Destination Net Zero

**ROYAL** Caribbean Group plans to establish a science-based targets approach to achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

Over the next 18 to 24 months, Royal's Destination Net Zero program will incorporate goals to lower its emissions in line with the Science Based Targets initiative, incorporating a goal of launching a net zero cruise vessel by 2035.

Key pillars of the plan will involve investments in energy efficiency programs, alternative fuel development, and strategic shore-based supply chains.

## WA plots rebound

**THE** wheels are in motion in Western Australia to ramp up the state's tourism activity early next year, with plans to hold 14 consultation meetings which will take place soon to create an official relaunch strategy.

"The critical period for the tourism industry will be the first six months of operation once it is safe to accept a wider range of visitors to our state...we need to be match-fit to capitalise on this change," WA Tourism Minister David Templeman said.

Stakeholders will be consulted in both regional and urban areas.



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