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## Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today has five pages of news plus a front cover page from **CVFR** and a full page from **World Culture Tourism Village**.

## Rex maps return

**REX** Airlines has announced it is targeting 15 Nov as its recommencement date for flights between Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra in line with climbing vaccination rates.

The carrier also plans to ramp up intrastate services in NSW and Vic from the same date.

## Nevada road trips

**FIND** out more about Nevada's best road trip ideas by joining Travel Nevada and VisitTheUSA for a free webinar taking place tomorrow at 9am AEDT.

Register for the Talk it Tuesday Free Range Art Highway & ET Highway session **HERE**.

## Vaccine certificate update

**UPDATED** vaccine certificates required for international travel will be available to access from tomorrow morning, with the latest version featuring QR codes that can be scanned by foreign border officials to authenticate travellers' vaccination statuses.

The Federal Government's International COVID-19 proof of vaccination will be accessible for Australians and Australian visa holders who have a valid passport and have had their COVID vaccinations recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register.

Using advanced Visible Digital Seal technology, the international certificate meets the new global standard specified by the International Civil Aviation Organization and also conforms with relevant World Health Organization guidance.

The Federal Government described the latest update as a "key step" towards safely

reopening international borders and supporting Australia's COVID-19 economic recovery, with Federal Employment Minister Stuart Robert stating the updated QR code component would provide peace of mind to Aussies embarking on overseas trips, acknowledging the feature may not always be mandatory depending on the destination a person is travelling to.

"You may not have to use it - there may be many countries you'll visit that have no requirement to demonstrate you've been vaccinated but the last thing the government wants for Australians when they travel overseas is to be stuck overseas because they can't prove they've been vaccinated," he said.

The certificates can be requested and downloaded through the MyGov website and can either be printed off or stored as a file on a smart device.

## We are there for you

**CVFR** Consolidation Services is reminding agents how important it is to choose a consolidator that will remain open for service even during major travel disruptions.

The company has never stopped taking calls or responding to emails during the shutdown, and is a market leader in ticketing technology and NDC capability, offers 24/7 support, and remains committed to ensuring all agents are valued and are never divided by internally owned brands.

See the **front page** for details.

## Operators wanted

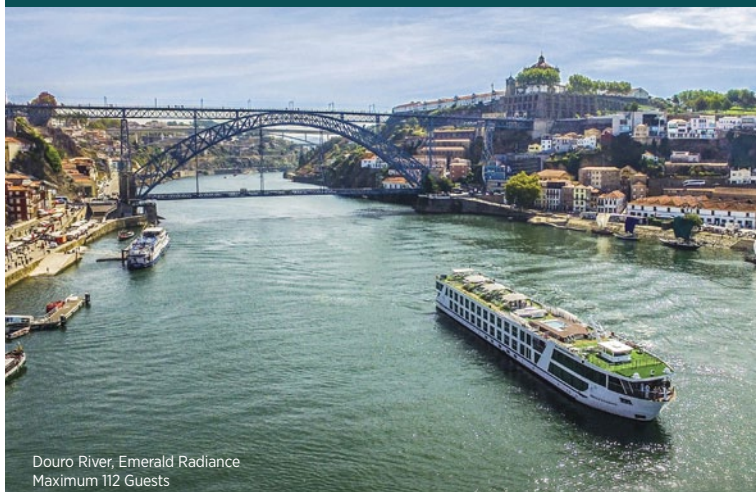
**OPERATORS** are currently being sought to join the World Culture Tourism Village in creating a major tourism hub on the Central Coast of NSW.

The 120-hectare project is forecasting more than 1.5 million visitors a year, and incorporates The Old Sydney Town Tourism Precinct - more details on **page 6**.

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## Window Seat

**THE** sights and smells of an industrial oil rig aren't generally associated with being a major travel attraction, but the emerging tourism might of Saudi Arabia plans to change all of that via a new project.

Called The Rig, the middle eastern nation has unveiled plans to convert an oil rig in the Persian Gulf into a major tourist attraction boasting three hotels, 800 rooms, 11 restaurants, a roller coaster, water slides, and a giant ferris wheel.

To be made accessible by ferry, yacht, cruise, or helicopter, The Rig will also boast go-karts, bungee jumping installations, scuba diving, and a giant performance arena.

Despite the obvious issues with appearing environmentally friendly, the group behind the project, The Public Investment Fund, insists The Rig will follow "leading global standards and best practices, further supporting the Kingdom's broader efforts on environmental protection".

No opening date has yet been scheduled but a preview video can be viewed [HERE](#).



## South Island joins inbound

**INBOUND** travel from New Zealand's South Island has been restored by the Federal Government, with quarantine-free travel to restart from midnight tomorrow.

The announcement means that anyone travelling from the South Island will no longer have to complete quarantine for 14 days upon arriving in Australia.

"We hope to allow anyone who's been in the South Island of New Zealand, whether they're Australians, New Zealanders or other nationalities as long as they've been there for 14 days, to come in quarantine free," Australia's Chief Medical Officer Professor Paul Kelly said.

"I understand there are some Australians that have been stuck in the South Island of New Zealand for some time, and we'd



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## QF brings it forward

**QANTAS** has confirmed it will bring forward the restart of its international flights by two weeks to 01 Nov following the Federal and NSW governments' announcement that international borders will reopen on that date.

The carrier will initially operate up to five return flights a week from Sydney to London and up to four return flights a week from Sydney to LA, with more flights to be added to meet demand.

The first batch of services are limited to Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate families and parents in line with govt requirements, with tickets on sale now.

welcome them home."

Although the move does not yet include the possibility of Australians embarking for a holiday to New Zealand, it does mark an important step towards a further reopening the trans-Tasman bubble.

**MEANWHILE** Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt has confirmed that Australia has entered "express discussions" with Singapore regarding an expedited green lane for fully vaccinated travellers from Singapore.

"They have a very good handle on the disease and we're exchanging approaches," he said.

## JIVARO

### Roles in Aviation and Travel Expressions of Interest

**JIVARO is looking for dedicated travel industry professionals to assist us 'Matching Exceptional Candidates to Ultimate Careers'.**

The Aviation and Travel division of JIVARO Recruitment is now searching for candidates who may have been adversely impacted by the global pandemic. We are now seeking expressions of interest from all interested parties for a variety of different positions.

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We also welcome any travel related companies who are planning to recruit, to reach out to us. For more information on JIVARO see [www.jivaro.com.au](http://www.jivaro.com.au)

## VA extends its flex

**VIRGIN** Australia has extended its Flexible Flying policy to 30 Apr 2022, offering unlimited changes and the option to cancel bookings for credits without incurring any cancellation fees.

The move was in response to the NSW Government's decision to end quarantine requirements for fully vaccinated travellers from 01 Nov.

"It's fantastic news for travellers, the aviation industry, and the thousands of businesses and communities in the state who rely on open borders and the economic injection that tourism provides," VA said, adding it looked forward to other states & territories following suit once vaccination rates are reached.

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## Long to rally the troops

**THE** Australian Federation of Travel Agents' (AFTA) new Chief Executive Officer Dean Long will brief a members-only update on Wed regarding his immediate priorities in his first week.

Prime concerns will include the ongoing support provided by all levels of government to ensure there is a long runway to recovery for the travel sector.

The update will be Long's first order of business as Chief Executive Officer, which will also see AFTA's new chief outline his border approach to the role, as well as how the strategy and direction of the organisation will be set in the future.

"In addition to continuing to push for ongoing support until the sector normalises in 2022, AFTA will also be amplifying the important role of the travel industry in re-opening Australia, and in driving Australia's economy," Long said.

"Fri's announcement about the move to open up international travel without the need for hotel quarantine for Australians and their immediate families is an important and large step in the right direction, but there's a lot of practical detail that still needs to be sorted.

"AFTA has already had some initial meetings with key decision makers and departments".

Long added that while the elimination of the quarantine requirement for Australians is an important step, AFTA's position is that it should apply to all vaccinated travellers, no matter which country they are from.

"There is no difference in medical risk between a vaccinated Australian and a vaccinated non-Australian," Long said, adding that the cap on airline seats also needs to go.

Members can register to hear the update by clicking [HERE](#).

## SQ adds to SYD

**MORE** than 32,000 Singapore Airlines tickets to Sydney have gone on sale, after New South Wales announced it will drop quarantine from next month (**TD** 15 Oct).

The tickets amount to nearly 5,000 new seats per week and there are currently 40,000 Australians registered with the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade as trying to get home.

**MEANWHILE**, Singapore's Sales Operations phone lines have reopened today.

## DriveAway cover

**DRIVEAWAY** is providing customers with increased protection for road trips with its Excess Protection product.

The increased excess protection will provide travellers even more peace of mind, with supplier excesses including a collision damage waiver, theft protection and third-party liability.

## Experts at the Helm

**NEW** travel marketing & public relations agency Helm has launched to the market, with a specialist team ready to drive the industry's recovery, and promote purpose-led brands post-pandemic.

Tourism marketing and communications specialists Andrew Cavallaro and Rachel Jones have joined forces to launch Helm, and support like-minded brands.

With a presence in both Sydney and Brisbane, Helm will provide full-service strategic marketing and communications solutions for the travel and hospitality industries, offering expertise in public relations, marketing, brand strategy, market representation, content and digital.

Prior to launching Helm, Cavallaro and Jones worked together in senior positions in travel and lifestyle marketing and communications agencies, including GTI Tourism.



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Highlights include a section on Aboriginal tours that most travellers would be unlikely to have heard about, the best ways to "get off the grid", as well as a range of bush tucker tours.

See the first edition [HERE](#).

## CLIA drives for 22

**CRUISE** Lines International Association (CLIA) has opened its 2022 membership for Australian and New Zealand travel agents, offering benefits such as bonus commissions, live events and an expanded education program.

CLIA's 2022 membership program will also see the return of its Cruise360 Australasia event, scheduled to be held in Sydney on 04 Mar - register [HERE](#).

## NSW sails ahead in style



**ONE** of Australia's most famous tourist icons will light up tonight to pay tribute to frontline workers who have helped NSW surpass the important 80% double vaccination milestone.

The Sydney Opera House will be the backdrop for the celebratory moment from 7pm to midnight this evening, also serving as a visual reminder that travel and

tourism normality is rapidly approaching.

"We want to thank everyone for doing their bit to look out for each other in this pandemic because it's this combined effort that has enabled us to hit our vaccination targets and start to get our lives back on track," NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet said.

The light display builds on the state's Let's Do This campaign which launched in Aug to encourage vaccination.

**Pictured:** A preview of what tonight's display will look like.

## Hurry for Epic Pass

**TRAVELLERS** only have until 20 Oct to secure an Epic Australia Pass applicable to use at Perisher, Falls Creek and Hotham before a price rise kicks in.

The pass costs \$859 per adult and can be reserved for an up-front fee of \$49 - details [HERE](#).

## Fraser Hanoi update

**FRASERS** Hospitality has opened the doors of a new tower at Fraser Suites Hanoi which will feature a new sky lounge and pool opening in Dec.

The new tower also features a contemporary Japanese restaurant and gym area.



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## HAL's godmother

**HOLLAND** America Line (HAL) has named Princess Margriet of the Netherlands godmother of *Rotterdam*, continuing on a connection to the Dutch royal house which began almost 100 years ago.

Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin launched *Statendam III* in 1929, and since then, members of the royal house have launched 12 ships.

*Rotterdam* will be the fifth HAL ship Princess Margriet has named, including most recently *Oosterdam*, in 2003.

## Thredbo Blues Fest

**THE** Thredbo Blues Festival is returning for next year.

Now in its 27th year, the event will be bursting with three days of live music from 28-30 Jan 2022.

Fans will experience over 60 performances from more than 20 different acts, with festival organiser Jen Wilson stating she is excited to see the event make a comeback after being cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

Ray Beadle & The Hi Tones have been announced as returning acts by popular demand, along with favourites 19 Twenty.

## Did you know?

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



## Where in the world?



**THIS** impressive outcrop of rock is actually the remains of an ancient volcanic plug.

The top of the surface can be explored by foot, which takes about an hour, and is mostly flat.

To get to the top, travellers have the choice of a 10-20 minute fairly steep walking track

which rises up the 152m from the bottom, or else the more sedate option is to take the chairlift.

At the base of this rock is a town which was once the administrative centre for the Van Diemen's Land Company.

Do you know the name of this rocky outcrop?

Answer: The Nut, Stanley, Tasmania

## 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).



**Yarra Valley Business Events - Planners Guide**  
Yarra Valley Business Events has gone to press with its Planners Guide. The program invites event planners to strategise, re-energise and capitalise on the region's versatile, top-class venues. The Yarra Valley is just an hour from downtown Melbourne, and offers conference facilities to suit larger-style events & trade shows or intimate corporate retreats or training sessions. The region offers direct access to premium wineries and restaurants, and year-

round activities, such as grape-stomping, wine & cheese matching, orchard tours, cooking classes and more.



**Azamara - 2021-23 Destination Guide**  
Azamara's new 2021-23 Destination Guide provides a range of the cruise line's Destination Immersion Experiences, including its Country-Intensive Voyages, its AzAmazing Evenings, and its land explorations and shore excursions, inviting travellers to meet local families, explore the outdoors and share local cuisine. The Destination Guide also details Azamara's holiday voyages & world events, inviting travellers to ring in the new

year in Cape Town, and its PerryGolf voyages, offering travellers the chance to tee off during a selection of golf-oriented voyages.

## Show us your best New Years Eve Photo!

**Rediscover Australia and Unique Cruises** are partnering with *Travel Daily* this month to offer readers the chance to win a ticket on the **NYE Hits on the Harbour Cruise**, as well as offering \$100 and \$50 gift vouchers for 2nd and 3rd prize by providing your best picture of your past New Years Eve celebrations.

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