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New Carnival portal

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has launched its new GoCCL Navigator trade website, offering enhanced search, interactive deck plans, improved quick quote pricing and price comparisons - see the **cover page** for details.

QF responds to COVID-19

QANTAS this morning unveiled sweeping capacity cuts across its international network, with 10 of the airline's 12-strong Airbus A380 fleet grounded until Sep due to plummeting travel demand (**TD** breaking news).

CEO Alan Joyce will take no salary until the end of Jun, amid a range of other cost-saving measures including cutting executive pay by 30%, the cancellation of a share buy-back scheme, a recruitment freeze and asking all staff to take paid or unpaid leave.

The biggest capacity reductions focus on Asia, with a combination of frequency and route cuts seeing overall seats down 31% versus this time last year.

Capacity to the USA is being reduced by 19% and the UK by 17%, along with a 10% cut to trans-Tasman services, in line with forward booking trends.

Joyce confirmed the airline was suspending flights to Bangkok and delaying the highly anticipated launch of its new Brisbane-Chicago route until Sep this year.

Flights to San Francisco from both Brisbane and Melbourne are being suspended, along with QF's seasonal flights to Vancouver.

Sydney-London flights will bypass Singapore and instead operate via Perth, meaning Perth-London will go double-daily.

More on the QF cuts on **page 3**.

Silversea protects

SILVERSEA Cruises is enhancing its response to COVID-19 by protecting travel agent commissions on all bookings cancelled under its new Cruise with Confidence program - more in today's issue of **Cruise Weekly**.

New accom engine

GREECE & Mediterranean Travel Centre (GMTC) has launched a new accommodation booking engine, promising to "create a fusion between online and real-life services, with experienced destination specialists being only a phone call or email away".

GMTC MD Halina Kubica said the new platform was based on the company's 17 years of industry experience, allowing agents to easily browse through hundreds of properties or search by star rating, location, name and price to find the perfect option.

Users can also access ferries, tours and other services via the platform - for more information, see **page eight** of today's **TD**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has seven pages of news, a front cover page for **Carnival**, plus full pages from:

- Greece & Med Travel Centre
- Emirates
- **TD** Sustainability Summit
- Touropa product page

Dubai roadshow

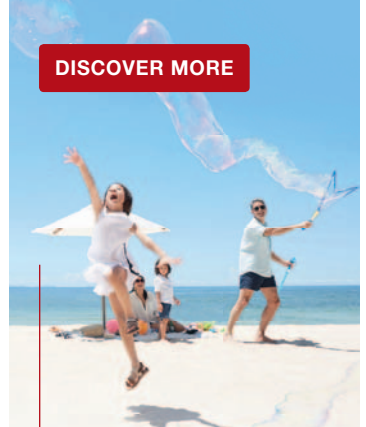
EMIRATES is inviting travel consultants to take part in a series of Dubai Experience events showcasing a new online booking tool for all UAE accommodation, transfer, sightseeing and experiences - see **page nine**.

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TRAVEL Daily's Sustainability Summit, being held on 22 Apr at Doltone House Darling Island, offers the chance to hear from an incredible and diverse line-up of speakers, including World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature's Antarctica Program Senior Manager Chris Johnson.

Johnson will discuss the conservation work being done by WWF in the region - secure your tickets and find out more about Johnson on **page 10**.

Touropa revolution

TOUROPA has "changed the rules of European coach touring", the company claims.

Launched earlier this year by Mediterranean and Middle Eastern experts Sun Island Tours, the product promises "the convenience of escorted tours with the independence of FIT travel".

Head to the **back page** for more.

Italy expands lockdown

ALL of Italy has now been placed in lockdown to halt the spread of COVID-19, with travel restricted and sporting events suspended until 03 Apr.

The move sees measures adopted in northern Italy (**TD** yesterday) expanded across the country, with Italy's 60 million people ordered to seek permission for essential travel.

Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has called on residents in a televised address to be responsible and "stay home".

The BBC is reporting that only those with a valid work or family reason that cannot be postponed will be permitted to travel and passengers departing on flights, except temporary visitors, will have to justify themselves, as will all those arriving by plane.

Cruise ships are also reportedly forbidden to dock at various ports and there are controls at train stations to check temperatures.

Topdeck said it will reroute any trips which included Italy as part of its itinerary to alternative destinations until 03 Apr.

The company will continue to operate trips on the ground in Europe, with all other trips scheduled to operate as normal, and in line with government travel advice.

Prior to the nation-wide change, a number of operators had already suspended operations in Italy, with Globus yesterday temporarily suspending its Italy itineraries through Apr.

Globus had also halted China through to Jun.

Select itineraries including Israel are also being suspended through Apr, due to short-term travel access restrictions.

Currently Collette Tours has also cancelled all tours in Italy until the end of the month (**TD** 09 Mar), as has Trafalgar and Costasaver (**TD** 02 Mar).

EY flexibility

ETIHAD Airways is allowing one complimentary date or destination change, for all flights booked between 08 Mar and 07 Apr 2020, for travel from 22 Mar.

The offer is applicable to all fares including Etihad Guest redemptions.

HLO scholarship

HELLOWORLD Business Travel (HWBT) has launched a new annual Aspiring Leaders Scholarship program, allowing a talented HWBT network member to grow their career each year.

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Reconsider cruise: DFAT

SMARTTRAVELLER has advised Australians to “reconsider taking an overseas cruise at this time,” particularly those who “have underlying health concerns”.

The edict follows the United States’ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) yesterday warning Americans against taking a cruise also, as well as long flights.

Carnival Australia has called the Smartraveller guidance “disappointing”, reinforcing the health and safety of guests and crew as its highest priority.

“To maintain a healthy onboard environment, we have enhanced health screening protocols and other measures based on the best Australian and international public health advice,” the company said.

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) has insisted it will report back later on the week

with further details of a planned “enhanced approach to protecting public health”, reminding stakeholders of a mostly business-as-usual approach to operations for the sector (**TD** breaking news).

“The majority of more than 270 cruise ships globally continue to operate unaffected by the virus, but with important precautions in place,” CLIA said.

“All ocean-going CLIA cruise ships have well-equipped, dedicated medical facilities onboard and trained medical professionals available 24/7.

“The health and safety of passengers and crew remains the highest priority for CLIA and its cruise line members, which have enacted robust measures globally in response to the COVID-19 outbreak based on prevailing guidance from international health authorities.”

QF demand down

QANTAS CEO Alan Joyce says the carrier’s escalating capacity cuts (see **page 1**) are a response to a “sharp drop in bookings on our international network.

“We expect lower demand to continue for the next several months,” he said, with the flight reductions aiming to reduce costs immediately as well as give certainty to the market.

“We retain the flexibility to cut further or to put capacity back in as this situation develops.”

Singapore-based Jetstar Asia will cut capacity by almost 40%, while the Qantas First Class Lounge in Singapore will also close temporarily.

Jetstar Pacific, based in Vietnam, has suspended all international routes until the end of Apr except for SGN-BKK.

Qantas and Jetstar will also waive change fees for new international bookings made until 31 Mar, for travel to 30 Jun.



Window Seat

A **HOTEL** launch is a big occasion, but nine new “five-star” properties from the same operator have recently been launched on the one day in Clifton Gardens in Sydney.

Unfortunately, humans will not be able to stay in these newbuilds, despite their prime location in Sydney Harbour, as the “hotels” have been designed for a colony of endemic seahorses.

The new accommodations will soon house the endangered fish, now domiciled at Sea Life Sydney Aquarium, where they will take part in an important breeding and recovery project led by the Aquarium in collaboration with a range of NSW Government departments - let’s hope the beds hold up!

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EVERGREEN Cruises & Tours has released its 2021 Canada preview brochure, which also takes in the United States.

The publication includes some of the operator's most popular itineraries, such as the 14-day Rockies Highlights tour to the 25-day Rockies Grandeur trip.

Preview offers are also currently on sale until 30 Jun or sold out, which include two-for-one airfares including taxes, or savings of up to \$1,000, 50% off Economy class for solo travellers, and \$950 per person discounts, all on journeys of 18 days or longer.

Also available are conditional \$500 per person discounts on 14-day itineraries, and savings of up to \$800 per couple Evergreen's Early Payment Discounts.

Tourism WA push

TOURISM Council WA (TCWA) has advocated for further funding support for the state's tourism businesses and destinations to help alleviate the impacts of the bushfires and COVID-19.

Tax relief, wage subsidies and/or targeted grants for small regional tourism businesses were among the solutions suggested by TCWA during a series of meetings in Canberra last week.

TCWA also called for further investment in tourism marketing, as well as funding for attractions to help bring back visitors during the recovery stage.

Look beyond Aus

THE issue of inequality for women is much bigger than the travel industry, G Adventures founder Bruce Poon Tip told attendees at the A Force For Good event in Sydney on Fri.

"When you look at [the issue], the big problem isn't here in Australia and it isn't Canada where I come from, the issue that we have with inequality of women is a global one," he said.

Poon Tip highlighted that men are making double what women are in the tourism economy, highlighting World Economic Forum figures which predict it would take 257 years to reach pay parity, "if we continue to do what we're doing."

"\$15-30 trillion dollars is lost every year because women can't get a secondary education," Poon Tip said.

"These are huge problems we have to face in order to truly create equality in the world."

Dusit industry rate

DUSIT International has introduced a travel industry rate offering up to 60% off rooms to members of the travel industry, as well as benefits like complimentary room upgrade and late check-out.

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Bridge the gap on the bridge



CAPTAIN Kate McCue on Sun led *Celebrity Edge* out of Fort Lauderdale for Celebrity Cruises' inaugural International Women's Day sailing, which will see the ship sail with an all-female bridge and officer team for the first time in the line's history (**TD** 20 Nov).

The seven-night eastern Caribbean cruise will sail roundtrip from Florida, visiting Puerto Rico, the British Virgin Islands and St. Maarten.

Rendez-vous delay

THE Rendez-vous en France 2020 trade show and all of its regional pre-tours had been postponed until 2021 after the French Government announced a ban on gatherings of more than 1,000 people on Sun.

The trade show in Nantes and the Atlantic Loire Valley was set to take place 24-25 Mar but will instead be held 23-24 Mar 2021.

In an email to attendees, Atout France assured its teams are "committed to managing the consequences that will follow in the very best fashion and provide general support in these difficult times to travel industry professionals."

Just 2% of the world's mariners are women, according to Celebrity, which has boosted its own female crew contingent from 3% to 22% over the past four years.

Read about the members of the all-female bridge **HERE**.

MH17 trial begins

THE trial against the four men accused of bringing down Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 in 2014 began yesterday in Amsterdam (**TD** 20 Jun 2019).

The suspects, believed to be in Russia, face preliminary charges for the murder of 298 people, by helping to arrange the Buk missile system used to shoot down the flight from a Russian military base.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Australia would "continue to fight for justice for the victims of MH17 and their families" and remained committed "to pursuing justice and accountability".

The PM also said funding would be provided to the victims' families to allow them to participate in, travel to, or "otherwise have meaningful access" to the trials, with the hearings also to be livestreamed and translated.

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Intrepid's gender goals

INTREPID CEO James Thornton revealed the company will this year begin reporting on its gender pay gap, as part of the company's gender equality goals detailed on Fri at the A Force For Good event in Sydney.

"This is so that we can have an open conversation about what the issues are and then set goals to address them," Thornton said.

The company is also aiming to double the number of female porters it has globally by 2022 to create jobs for women in places like Nepal, Tanzania and Peru.

By 2022, the company will also support its largest suppliers to create conditions that benefit women and men, sharing best practice and providing mentoring.

"As the world's largest adventure travel company, we know that we can have a huge and positive impact on our supply chain," he said.

From this year, the company will also have equal gender representation through its

Garuda SYD neo

GARUDA Indonesia will replace Airbus A330-300 aircraft with A330-900neo on the Denpasar – Sydney route for a two-week period, starting from this week, GDS displays show.

spokespeople and storytellers, including talking to the media and speaking at events.

The men on Intrepid's senior leadership team are also now turning down all opportunities to speak at events with all male speakers.

The company has also achieved a 50/50 gender balance in its global leadership team, a 60/40 balance on its board and in the past three years has more than doubled the number of its female tour leaders globally.

"That's a huge achievement in countries like India and Morocco, where being a tour leader is not considered to be an appropriate job for women," he said.

"It's had a real ripple effect."

Vanuatu campaign

VANUATA Tourism Office has launched a new tourism campaign aimed at enticing adventure-loving Australians to visit the island nation.

The initiative promotes Vanuatu's Outer Islands and regional destinations, plus the nature experiences on offer, including bushwalking, wildlife spotting and scuba diving.

The content will be released throughout the year via video and social media promotions.



SOLOMON Airlines celebrated the arrival of its new Airbus A320, Spirit of Solomons, after the aircraft completed its first commercial service from Brisbane to Munda and Honiara.

The new aircraft was greeted with a water canon salute, a welcome by Kustom dancers and a cultural blessing at Henderson International Airport.

"With interest in our destination increasing and infrastructure improving, this new aircraft is symbolic, makes economic sense, and is a step in the right direction," said Solomon Airlines

CEO Brett Gebers.

The A320 features all leather, midnight blue seating, including 12 Business class seats in a 2x2 configuration and 132 Economy class seats in a 3x3 layout.

"The configuration provides an expansion of economy seating for the growing number of inbound leisure and adventure market visitors discovering the Solomon Islands," said Gebers.

Pictured: Solomon Airlines staff welcome the Spirit of Solomons aircraft to Henderson International Airport for the first time.

Egypt suspends

EGYPT has suspended flights to and from Kuwait and Qatar, including chartered flights to and from Oman, after the Egyptian Ministry of Health of confirmed a number of coronavirus cases.

Smartraveller's level of advice for Egypt remains at "reconsider your need to travel", and tells travellers to expect additional health screening at entry points and temporary quarantine at hotels or on cruise ships.

Israel quarantines

TRAVELLERS entering Israel from anywhere overseas will be subject to a 14-day quarantine, following a number of new coronavirus cases in the country.

The decision, announced yesterday by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, will be in place for two weeks.

"This is a difficult decision but it is essential to maintaining public health, which takes precedence over everything," Netanyahu said.

MONEY

WELCOME to Money, TD's Tue feature on what the Australian dollar is doing.

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FEARS surrounding the ongoing coronavirus outbreak has meant a week of volatility in the global markets, as well as a collapse in oil prices, sparking fears of a global recession.

The Dow Jones experienced its biggest one-day loss since the 2008 financial crisis.

The AUDUSD rate collapsed to 0.6318 before recovering, while the AUDEUR rate dropped 2.5%, & the AUDJPY rate fell 4%.

Wholesale rates this morning.

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AFTA UPDATE

from Jayson Westbury



THERE is no question Australia and perhaps even the entire western world has gone into what I am calling the "CoronaComa".

While the situation with this virus presents everyone with a high degree of challenges, the most important point about this appears to be unreported; that is, the recovery rates of the virus and simple fact that this is a bad strain of the flu has missed the mark or the news cycle.

As a few people catch the virus and the news desk can't wait to announce this as breaking news, the world goes on with people dying from all number of things at much higher rates and continue to live their lives in complete bliss, ignorant of the fact that we are all more likely to die of something other than COVID-19; thereby – we are all in a "CoronaComa".

Over the weekend the Australian Woman's Cricket Team played at the MCG and won.

A big win for the T20 final and the entire Australian nation will be talking that up for years.

With 86,173 people turning out to the MCG to watch this game, it was a very big event and an extremely large gathering of people all in one place.

Each and every one of these 86,000 people have all gone about their business today in whatever walk of life they hold and no mention of this, no mention of any positive take on that fact.

The result was of course amazing for both Australian women's cricket and also amazing that so many people wanted to support the event by turning out for the game.

As would be predicable we are faced with a consumer media frenzy about three people catching the COVID-19 flu and a few schools that got cleaned over the weekend.

A fist fight over some toilet paper and more hysteria over reactions by the media about the looming Armageddon and impacts of COVID-19.

Last week I travelled to Europe (not Italy) and returned via Dubai. I then took a meeting with a big four accounting and advisory firm which has a travel ban in place for its partners and staff, such that if employee travels or passes through a list of places which includes Dubai, they are to self-isolate for 14 days.

As I was meeting with the partner in question, I explained that I myself happened to have been in Dubai in the past 14 days and that there was no Federal Government directive in relation to bans or isolations for the UAE.

My question therefore to this partner was – so how do you implement this company policy when meeting with clients?

Answer – good point.

I raise this as it demonstrates how overreaction and ill-conceived company policies do nothing in real terms to stop the virus – in fact perhaps there is nothing that civilization can do to stop the virus.

What we need to do is accept that it is just but one other thing we all need to live with and get on back to life as normal.

In the past 12 months, 1,162 people have died in Australia from a car crash, 430 people died from influenza, and this year alone, 34 people have died from the fires.

Continued press conferences about COVID-19 and the dramatic slump in our economy seem to me to be completely disproportionate to the problem.

Let us all hope that the Federal Government stimulus package to be announced this week in detail brings us out of this "CoronaComa" that we have all managed to fall into and we can start to see our economy and perhaps the world getting back to some kind of normal.

GFOB raises a glass to IWD



THE Globus Family of Brands team was out in force on Fri at the International Women's Day-inspired event, A Force for Good, in Sydney (**TD** Fri).

The company was the sponsor

of the conference's after party, where attendees digested the packed day over drinks and canapes with industry colleagues at Darling Harbour's Cargo Bar.

Yesterday A Force for Good held its first event in Auckland and next year it will expand to Los Angeles (**TD** 06 Mar).

The Globus family of Brands team is **pictured**.

Hurti British Isles

HURTIGRUTEN has announced its new British Isles itineraries for 2021, which will explore a total of more than 20 islands, including the Isles of Scilly and the Shetland and Faroe Islands.

Guests will get the chance to explore Scotland's castles and Viking settlements, visit UNESCO and join guided walks and hikes which venture through the Scottish highlands.

Prices start from AU\$3,885 for the 10-day Castles, Capital and Viking journey aboard *MS Fridtjof Nansen* - to see the full range of itineraries, **CLICK HERE**.

True North refit

ADVENTURE cruise ship *True North* has resumed operations after an extensive annual refit.

The ship is refitted every Feb, with the company saying this year's work was even more extensive than usual.

True North's sundeck has received additional seating, mood lighting and new tabletops and daybeds, while the alfresco bar area now features an improved table arrangement.

Other refinements include the addition of Tefroka decking throughout, extra soundproofing in the ship's lounge and a repaint of her exterior.

True North is currently sailing on her first itinerary post-refit, a 10-night ex Fremantle sailing.

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Aqua flight add-on

COMPLIMENTARY Siem Reap flight extensions are available on Aqua Expeditions' *Aqua Mekong* itineraries.

As expedition vessels cannot always travel all the way when water levels are low, Aqua is guaranteeing its travellers a visit to Angkor Wat via this promotion, which is available on four of the company's itineraries.

Aqua is the only Mekong cruise provider that offers complimentary flight extensions to Siem Reap for all itineraries ending in Phnom Penh.

Exodus scholarship

GLOBAL Adventure Travel company Exodus Travels has introduced The Mountain Lioness Scholarship as an extension to its Kilimanjaro Porter Project.

The aim of the scholarship is to empower 30 women working on the mountain with the required qualifications, knowledge and skills to seek employment as professional guides.

At the end of the three-week training period, each participant will receive a guide license, enabling them to work as a guide in Mt Kilimanjaro National Park.

For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

#LoveNSW bridge

THE Sydney Harbour Bridge was illuminated on Fri night with imagery of destinations across the state, featuring #LoveNSW.

The display is built on the momentum of Destination's NSW's Now's The Time To Love NSW campaign.

Cathay unlimited

CATHAY Pacific has announced a new commercial policy providing complete flexibility for all new tickets issued between 09 Mar and 20 Apr.

Customers purchasing flights during this period will be able to make unlimited rebooking and rerouting changes without any charge, with the offer valid for trips completed on or before 28 Feb 2021.

Passengers across all classes of travel can take advantage of the policy, although some minor terms and conditions apply, the airline said.

CX is also assuring passengers of stringent hygiene measures aboard its fleet including additional disinfection and deep cleaning of cabins, HEPA air filters and additional lounge precautions.

Uber pet-friendly

UBER is now allowing riders to bring their pets along, with the introduction of the Uber Pets service from today under a trial in Sydney and Brisbane.

The service, which costs up to \$7 extra per ride, allows riders to bring one small animal in the car, with additional pets permitted at driver's discretion.

Customers may incur a cleaning fee if their pet leaves behind any mess or damages the vehicle.

Regent 48hr policy

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has updated its "Regent Reassurance" cancellation policy, giving guests booked on all Regent voyages from 10 Mar-30 Sep 2020 the option to cancel their trip up to 48 hours prior to sailing and receive a 100% credit.

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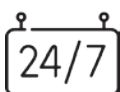
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