



## Today's issue of TD

*Travel Daily* today has seven pages of news including our PUZZLES and a full page from:

- Viking Cruises

## Viking's Journeys Worth Planning

**VIKING** Cruises is highlighting the importance of travel agents in continuing to inspire future cruising, with the company launching a new interactive digital catalogue.

Titled "Journeys Worth Planning" the collateral is now available for travel agents to customise via the Viking online marketing centre.

MD Michelle Black said an updated Risk-Free Guarantee, now extended until 29 May, gives clients peace of mind to book Viking's wide range of ocean, river and expedition itineraries including its new Mississippi product - see **page eight**.

## Abu Dhabi training

**THE** Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi has launched a webinar series for travel agents so they can upskill during COVID-19 and is giving away three prizes each week.

The webinars will be hosted every Tue at 10:30am AEST, covering the topics: Culture and Tradition, Action and Adventure and Family Fun.

Each will be followed by a Kahoot quiz, with three prizes up for grabs, sourced from businesses in the winners' local area and to the values of \$150 for first place, \$100 for second, \$50 for third.

Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi Country Manager Jennifer Gaskin said "previously we'd be out on the road, meeting with travel agents and bringing information on Abu Dhabi to them, yet with that out of the question, we're doing it virtually".

For details on next week's webinar, **CLICK HERE**.

## TTC ready for domestic

### EXCLUSIVE

**AGENTS** will be able to get clients with Future Travel Credit travelling sooner and set themselves up to generate new revenue with the The Travel Corporation's expanded domestic program, according to AAT Kings CEO Matthew Cameron-Smith.

Cameron-Smith told **TD** the expanded domestic guided holidays range (**TD** breaking news Mon) will be ready to go when state borders open and be followed by New Zealand travel bubble is established.

The program will offer itineraries around six or seven days in length and will each operate intrastate, eliminating the need to cross borders.

They will stretch across multiple brands, including Trafalgar, Insight Vacations, Luxury Gold & Contiki.

"What it means is people who are sitting on a credit can actually consume that now, give it to somebody else, or share it with other people, and what that means for agents is it's clean off their books, that file is closed for an agent," he said.

"It means all the commission settlements are done but also it means that when borders reopen internationally, they can get new revenue."

Cameron-Smith said agents will be able to take advantage of pent up desire to travel and the marketing efforts of Tourism Australia and state tourism boards highlighting holidays in

## New UA chief

**BRETT** Hart has been named as President of United Airlines, as part of a succession plan which sees CEO Oscar Munoz transition to Executive Chair, and current UA President Scott Kirby becoming CEO after the company's annual general meeting next week.

Hart is currently United Airlines VP & Chief Administrative Officer.

Australia, combined with the relative simplicity of selling a guided holiday domestically.

"Agents don't have to go about the intricacies of planning a complicated FIT itinerary, so it means they get full commission on one transaction, over and over again," he explained.

Trafalgar will introduce six new trips to its Australian collection and Insight will launch five, with Luxury Gold to form part of the Insight Vacation program, and also work to leverage its inbound program.

The trips will have a group size of around 22, with the company reducing its load factor and incorporating social distancing into its operations.

Cameron-Smith also noted a demand for private group travel, which would be available to book across all brands.

The experiences on offer will be aligned to each brand, delving into food, wine, indigenous culture and sustainability.

"These trips are genuinely what Australians want to do in Australia," Cameron-Smith said.

TTC is working with governments and authorities to determine the appropriate time to launch, and will release further information on the range in the next two to three weeks, however agents can reach out to individual TTC brand Sales Managers if they want further detail now, Cameron-Smith said.

## Rex trading halted

**SHARES** in Regional Express were this morning placed into a trading halt, with the company requesting the suspension "in relation to a news article published today".

It's understood the airline intends to launch a capital raising which will see it lease about 10 new jets to operate services between key cities including Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

## SIA extends waiver

**SINGAPORE** Airlines has today advised the industry that it has extended its "complete travel by" date under the current COVID-19 Global Travel Waiver Policy by a further six months, with the deadline now 31 Dec 2021.

The carrier said the change would now give customers 20 months to plan, rebook and travel.

## Ask us anything!

**TRAVEL Daily** publisher Bruce Piper will appear tomorrow afternoon in a special webinar which is part of the ongoing Industry Survive and Revive sessions hosted by The Travel Industry Hub.

It's free to take part and there will be plenty of time for industry Q&A - to register **CLICK HERE**.



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## Hurtigruten plan

**HURTIGURTEN** has extended the temporary pause in its global cruise operations through until the middle of next month, but has announced a restart plan which will see it phase in voyages gradually from 16 Jun.

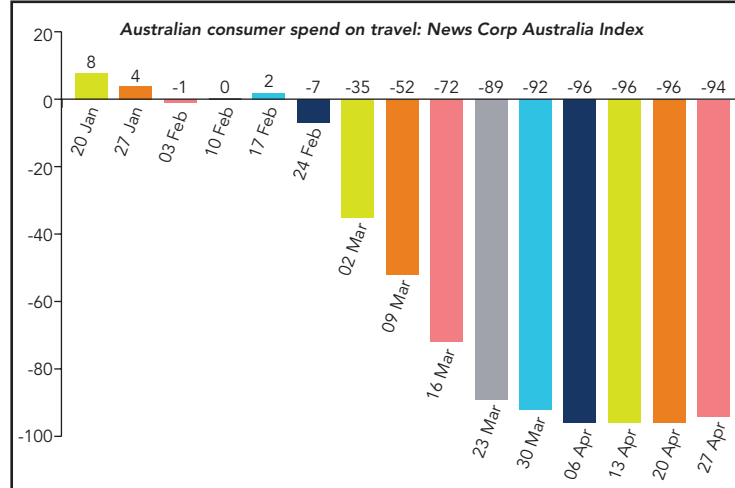
CEO Daniel Skjeldam said while there was still significant uncertainty about a return to normal, "we do see international restrictions gradually being lifted.

"Step by step, the pandemic is being brought under control," he said, with Hurtigruten's HQ located in Norway where schools, kindergartens, cinemas and restaurants are already open.

Hurtigruten will gradually recommence operations within Norwegian waters, followed by the reintroduction of Arctic expedition cruises this northern summer once it is safe.

Extensive health and hygiene protocols will be introduced, including reduced guest capacity to allow social distancing, he said, and to give guests confidence Hurtigruten is offering free rebooking on all voyages departing before 30 Sep - more in today's issue of *Cruise Weekly*.

## Travel spending uptick?



### EXCLUSIVE

**THERE'S** small comfort in this week's exclusive travel spending statistics from News Corp Australia, with a tiny rise in the year-on-year comparison.

The figures, which track consumer credit card data across air, cruise, touring, OTA, travel agents and accommodation, indicate a -94 level for the week ending 27 Apr, a slight improvement from the -96 results for the prior two weeks.

However much of the

improvement is attributed to regular payments to time-share companies, according to News Corp Industry Head for Travel, Omri Godjin.

There may be a light at the end of the tunnel, with Godjin saying online search continues to indicate improved predisposition to future travel.

Last weekend's announcements of restriction relaxations saw a big increase in search results for travel, particularly in South Australia and Queensland where more comprehensive widening of restrictions saw a significant jump.

Godjin said the leading indicator was feeding expectations that "better news is to come".

Additional weekly data in four sub-categories is available from News Corp, with CEOs and CMOs welcome to reach out if they are interested.

## ACA - once bitten?

**CHANNEL** Nine's *A Current Affair* (ACA) appears to have had a change of heart after its relentless bashing of the Australian travel industry, last night putting out a call on Facebook for travel agents to put their side of the story.

However comments on the post indicate a significant reluctance to participate, in light of the program's wilful misrepresentations of the travel sector in recent weeks.

## Air NZ adds more

**AIR** New Zealand will resume seven more domestic routes when the country enters alert level two, on top of the routes flagged on Fri (*TD* yesterday).

From 18 May, the carrier will resume its Christchurch to Hamilton flights, then from 25 Jun the Christchurch-Hokitika and Auckland-Rotorua services will take to the skies.

From 01 Jun flights will resume from Auckland to Blenheim and Dunedin, Christchurch to Tauranga and Wellington to Dunedin.

Air New Zealand General Manager Networks Scott Carr says the airline had been working hard to add more flying to its domestic schedule over the past few days and would reintroduce additional routes and frequencies as demand permits, including services to Taupo and Timaru.

The airline's schedule for these additional routes is currently only available up until 07 Jun, with the carrier also working to implement additional health protocols in the lead-up to the reintroductions.

## Segment rebates set to bite agents

**THE** global travel industry shutdown is expected to have further impacts on travel agents, with GDS providers understood to be already clawing back prepaid segment rebates due to agencies transacting less than predicted under their GDS agreements.

The impact will be particularly felt by large TMCs which gain significant proportions of their revenue on each transaction from the GDS payments, which are based on annual transaction volume estimations.

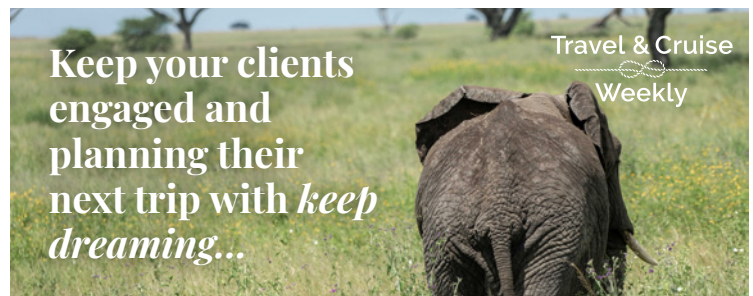
Last week Sabre Corporation released its quarterly financial results, confirming that its own losses were "partially offset by a decline in Travel Network incentive expenses...which are variable and tied to bookings volume".

## Catch up on the news of the week



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## Mar arrivals plummet - ABS

THE Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today released its Overseas Arrivals and Departures figures for Mar 2020, with the results showing the country's biggest ever drop in inbound and outbound travel.

Visitor arrivals in Mar were down 60% year-on-year, while short-term resident returns slumped 29%.

ABS Director of Migration Statistics Jenny Dobak said the huge declines reflected the travel restrictions gradually imposed by the Government from the beginning of Feb as the COVID-19 outbreak developed.

"The steep fall in visitor arrivals in Mar was from all regions around the world," she said.

"Even our largest source country, New Zealand, recorded a 56% drop," Dobak added.

Of the top 10 source countries, China recorded the biggest drop,

of 78%, followed closely by Japan which was down 75%.

Overseas arrivals from the USA in Mar dived 61%, and were down 47% from the UK.

In terms of overseas travel by Australians, the returns data indicated declines of 26% for New Zealand, 22% for Indonesia and 13% for the USA.

Interestingly, there was a 28% year-on-year uplift in Australians returning from the UK as people were urged to return home while the pandemic escalated.

## Face masks ordered

FACE masks are now compulsory on all Singapore-based airlines, including Jetstar Asia, Singapore Airlines, Silkair and Scoot effective immediately, under new Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore rules, with all inbound pax also required to submit health declarations at check-in.

## Emirates donations

THE Emirates Airlines Foundation has used 132 million donated Skywards Miles in efforts to positively impact the lives of more than 90,000 people in the 12 months between 01 Apr 2019-31 Mar 2020.

The Foundation supports 32 projects and non-government organisations in 18 countries through a range of donations and Emirates funds, including by appealing to customers to donate their Miles.

Last year the program supported more than 50 medical missions, five engineering ventures and two educational missions, and also donated more than AED6.5 million (AU\$2.7 million) to 22 projects in 12 countries during the period.

The Foundation, established in 2003, supports causes ranging from building infrastructure to running feeding and medical programs.



## Window Seat

AMERICAN Airlines and Hyatt are offering free vacations to New York City healthcare workers - after the COVID-19 pandemic subsidies, of course.

More than 4,000 employees at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst will get three-day trips to a variety of destinations in the United States and the Caribbean once COVID-19 eases and they're able to take time off, the companies said on the weekend.

Doctors, nurses, physician assistants and even food service workers are among those receiving the generous gift.

At the NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst location, the intensive care capacity has been increased by 500% to handle the increase in patients.

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## Expect the unexpected - including recovery

### OPINION

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IT'S well known that in the hotel industry you should expect the unexpected – but I think even the most experienced amongst us have been left reeling at the incomprehensibly swift and devastating impact of COVID-19.

But whilst we try to navigate our way through this, we must not get so caught up in looking

inwards that we forget to look outwards – and upwards.

Recovery is imminent, and we must prepare for it rather than wallow in that which we cannot change.

One of the key ways that the hotel industry will bounce back is through relationships – not just with our guests, but with the all-important agents who work as our partners and drive so much business on our behalf.

Key ways for hotels and agents to work together during this period include:

- **Understanding travel restrictions and keeping ahead of any news:** Right now this is a daily task, and it's not an easy one! It's our job to be on top of things so we can quickly communicate the current state of play and our response with our wider teams.

- **Creation of pricing strategies:** This will be critical to success as the market begins to return to some semblance of normal. Pricing needs to ensure that not only are guests incentivised to stay, but agents are incentivised to sell. Although tempting to boost occupancy early on, pricing reductions may not always be the best plan, as it's important to be

able to maintain your pricing and what it means to your brand.

- **Communicate, communicate, communicate:** Ensuring that your partners feel like they are in the loop and part of your greater team is critical to success. Regular check-ins with operators across your network is imperative.

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- **Segment your markets:** Ensuring your communications and any promotional activity is targeted by market and end user lends to a better chance of success, and provides

partners with tailored communications that better matches their clients.

- **Customer support and understanding:** It is crucial that both hotels and agents work together to understand the needs of customers. Many travellers are likely to move away from online booking services and instead seek human expertise - so ongoing and frequent communication regarding changes to travel and government restrictions is imperative. Hotels must also communicate the measures they are taking to ensure guest safety during a future stay.

- **Get in touch with loyalists:** Maintain relationships with loyal

customers and stakeholders alike. Your fans always remember how a brand reacts in times of crisis, so ensure you are getting it right.

- **Re-think your recovery plans:** The chances may be that your current business model will not be sufficient when travel resumes. Hotels need to be thinking about new ways to stand out from the crowd. Work with your partners and agents, especially local ones, as they will typically be the first to know who is travelling and where they are travelling to. This will allow you to move fast, in the right direction.

- **Prepare for revenge travellers:** the concept of revenge travel – those looking to make up for lost time – is a hot topic, and when it hits, it will be so important for hotels to be ready. With almost all trips cancelled, there will undoubtedly be a huge proportion of customers looking to take part in another form of travel once restrictions are lifted. Hotels and their partners must be communicating with customers now, and assuring them that when the time is right, your services will be ready and waiting. Incentivised travel options are great way to be reaching out to revenge travellers now in order to stay ahead of the curve and to already be one step ahead in what we predict to be an oversaturated market once things resume to a level that we will all be thankful for!

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### P&O Ferries layoffs

**CROSS-CHANNEL** operator P&O Ferries is set to make 1,100 staff redundant, as part of a plan to make the Dover-based business “workable and durable”.

“It is now clear that right-sizing the business is necessary to create a viable and sustainable P&O Ferries to get through COVID-19,” the company said.

P&O Ferries is owned by Dubai-based DP World.

### Branson heading down to earth

**VIRGIN** Group founder Richard Branson is set to sell part of his stake in space tourism venture Virgin Galactic to help other parts of his empire survive COVID-19.

The business magnate is attempting to raise US\$500 million to support his “leisure, holiday and travel businesses” hit by the global pandemic.

### DL, LATAM pact

**DELTA** Air Lines and LATAM Airlines have released details of a proposed trans-American joint venture agreement, which will see the carriers boost cooperation and combine their route networks across North and South America.

Approval for the deal is pending and will complement already expanding codeshare deals in Peru, Ecuador, Brazil & Colombia.

## EY resumes Australia-UK

**ETIHAD** has announced the phased reintroduction of flights on some routes which will see it operate regular scheduled services between Melbourne and London Heathrow via Abu Dhabi.

The outbound flights will commence effective this Fri 15 May, with the return operation to be introduced on 21 May.

The carrier said it plans to maintain the link between Melbourne and London until it fully resumes the previous double daily connection between the two cities.

The services will offer Business and Economy cabins, with customers advised to ensure they check current entry regulations for both the UK and Australia.

The Melbourne services will operate as EY463, departing MEL each Fri at 2145, transferring to EY19 ex AUH and arriving into London Heathrow at 1150 on Sat.

The return sector departs LHR at 1320 on Thu as EY20, connecting with EY460 and arriving into MEL at 2015 on Fri evening.

Ethihad said it continued to

follow UAE and international government, regulatory and health authority directives.

An extensive sanitisation and customer safety program is in place, with the carrier "practising the highest standards of hygiene at every part of the customer journey" including catering, aircraft and cabin deep cleaning, health screening, boarding, crew interaction, meal service, disembarkation and ground transportation.

A video showcasing some of the precautionary measures being taken at Abu Dhabi Airport - including a novel sterilisation booth - can be viewed online at [traveldaily.com.au/videos](http://traveldaily.com.au/videos).

## Ireland backs travel industry credits

**CUSTOMERS** in Ireland who have had their holidays cancelled will receive Government-backed credit notes, according to the country's Minister for Transport.

The credit note will be offered if the operator is unable to offer the customer a refund, Minister Shane Ross said, with the note to be equal to the holiday value paid.

The offer has been made due to fears many tour operators will not be able to refund customers in full for holidays booked.

The vouchers will be state-guaranteed in the event of the travel agent or tour operator's insolvency, and will also be issued with a future redeemable date on which they can be used to book a replacement holiday or exchanged for its cash value.

"It is not clear all [operators] will be able to meet all of their current cash refund obligations and at the same time be able to stay in business," Ross explained.

"The refund credit note aims to strike a balance between preventing sector-wide bankruptcy with associated immediate job losses, and consumer rights."

## AFTA UPDATE

from Jayson Westbury



**CANCELLATION** and refunds, cancellation and refunds, cancellation and refunds and it goes on. And it will

continue to go on it would seem, sadly, for some time to come.

While the announcements made by the Prime Minister post the National Cabinet meeting last Fri (08 May) that three new levels have been established to provide some guidance to the road out of COVID-19, travel of any substance does not form any fundamental consideration of these new levels.

No doubt the social distancing and general movement of and gathering of people are the primary considerations for the new levels as we are allowed out, the ability to move around more broadly, move around our own state, move around the country and one day move around the world all seem to be some time away.

As such, and it is to be expected, consumers will continue to look to cancel trips and request refunds.

And so it continues like death by thousand cuts as the travel industry continues to deal with these very ridged travel restrictions.

Albeit that some indications have been given that intra state and interstate travel may be allowed over the coming month - late Jun or Jul, there still remains

no factual, reliable statement by any government neither federal or state, about if this is to be the case.

I suspect that we may get some more reliable statements about this by the end of the month and I hope that is the case, but right now the consideration to book travel remains at question.

It is complicated no doubt as to what people should be considering and when we should be considering to do it - that is travel.

We can only hope that scheduled reliable domestic travel will be allowed from Jul, but at this point in time getting a national agreement on that may be an equally complex challenge.

So while everyone welcomes the introduction of the new road to recovery restriction levels and we can start to at least think about moving around, planning seems to me to be the most constructive thing the travel industry can continue to do until there is a clear concise and well-articulated runway to travelling once again.

Each week we watch and wait for crumbs of hope and happiness during these difficult and frustrating times but the one good thing is that we are closer to the end than when this first started.

Prepare for more cancellations and refunds, start planning for selling domestic trips and hope that we might be allowed off the island (Australia) for Christmas.

## Marriott slammed

**MARRIOTT** International has released its financial results for the three months to 31 Mar, saying the figures were "dramatically impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic and efforts to contain it".

The company's first quarter reported net income was just US\$31 million - less than a tenth of the figure for the previous corresponding period.

As of 31 Mar, Marriott's worldwide development pipeline totalled almost 3,050 properties and almost 516,000 rooms.

Additional liquidity has been raised, and CEO Arne M. Sorensen said as the pandemic eased in China, Marriott has seen its occupancies there reach 25%, up from a figure of less than 10% in mid-Feb.

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## Funnies Flashback



**WE'VE** trawled through the **TD** Window Seat archives to give you blast from the past. Here's some gems from 31 Mar 2015:

**SWEDEN** has come up with a novel idea to encourage arriving or departing passengers to part with their loose change and send it to a worthy cause.

In a case of "Everything old is new again," Stockholm Arlanda & Goteborg Landvetter airports have installed retro video game consoles to appeal to the classic game-loving kids inside all of us.

Games in the Charity Arcade include Ms Pac-Man, Space Invaders and Galaga.

The Charity Arcade is just that, with the machines customised to accept coins of any currency, from yen to pounds, euros or dollars, with all funds donated to the Swedish Red Cross.

There are now calls for the machine range to be expanded with more classic titles and some classic pinball machines.

### ANSWERS 11 MAY

Pub quiz: 1 Hungary, 2 New York, 3 The Kremlin, 4 Arizona, 5 Honshu, 6 Mount Vesuvius, 7 The Silk Road, 8 K2, 9 Romania, 10 El Salvador

Whose flag is it: Somalia

## Pub quiz

1. The extremely popular market known as Djemaa el-Fna can be found in which Moroccan city?
2. Which Istanbul landmark has famously served as both a cathedral and a mosque?
3. Christ the Redeemer is an art deco statue overlooking which city?
4. The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the United States from which country?
5. True or false: to become a permanent resident of Monaco one is required to invest €1,000,000 in the country?
6. Which city is home to a commercial skyscraper nicknamed "The Gherkin" due to its unusual appearance?
7. The Valencian town of Buñol celebrates a festival in August every year. What do participants hurl at one another during the event?
8. Which Mexican holiday in November sees citizens donning masks depicted with skulls?
9. What is the name of the highest prize given at the Cannes Film Festival?
10. "Aide or Rejoin" is an anagram for which city?
11. What US state is this collection of pictures is spelling out?



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## Where in the world?

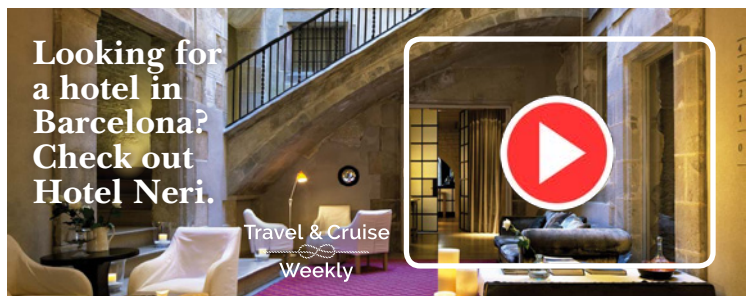


**THIS** incredible structure is made completely of wood and was put together without using a single nail, an incredible feat

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## Scenic confirms shipyard deal

**SCENIC** has confirmed a newly developed company which it wholly owns, MKM Yachts, will now take full responsibility for all new ocean ship builds in its fleet.

The move follows a troubled build of Scenic's first yacht, *Scenic Eclipse*, which launched last year after delays due to worker strikes at the Uljanik shipyard where it was being built (**TD 03 Apr**).

Under an agreement with the Croatian Government, MKM Yachts will take over a portion of the existing 3. Maj Shipyard in Rijeka and use existing infrastructure and knowledge of Croatian shipbuilders.

Working in collaboration with Scenic, the company will

construct the five new custom-built vessels planned for the next six years across the group.

Last month Scenic began work on *Scenic Eclipse II* at the shipyard, marking the milestone with a formal steel-cutting ceremony (**TD 01 May**).

Scenic Group Chairman Glen Moroney said "this outcome has been the result of a massive effort by our entire Croatian team, and in particular, our new Managing Director of MKM Yachts, Sasa Cokljat".

The 228-guest *Scenic Eclipse II* will offer 10 dining options, indoor and outdoor plunge pools, two helicopters, a submarine and a 1:1 guest-to-staff ratio.

## Avianca bankruptcy

**COLOMBIAN** flag-carrier Avianca filed for bankruptcy yesterday in a court in New York, after missing the deadline for a US\$66 billion bond.

Avianca Holdings said the filing was spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has grounded the airline's flight operations since mid-Mar, & has reduced the company's income by over 80%.

The world's second-oldest extant airline, Avianca has a fleet of 158 aircraft, and said it is still seeking a government bailout.

The carrier also filed for bankruptcy in 2003, after which it underwent a major reorganisation, following a buyout by entrepreneur German Efromovich, who still owns a majority stake in the carrier.

Avianca Holdings in Oct secured US\$250m from United Airlines & Kingsland Holdings (**TD 08 Oct**).

## NCL opens voyages

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line has opened for sale a collection of "vacation of a lifetime" voyages for travel 2021 through to 2023.

Sailings venture to over 20 new destinations across all seven continents, including Nagoya, Japan; Melaka, Malaysia; and Nuuk, Greenland.

Highlights include a 14-day Extraordinary Journeys itinerary on *Norwegian Star* in 2021, visiting five ports of call - see a full list on [ncl.com](http://ncl.com).

## MONEY

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

**AU\$1 = US0.646**

**THE** Australian dollar dropped from almost two-month highs yesterday, with the US dollar also pressuring the AUD after making a late comeback.

The local currency got to within inches of its highest rate since Mar, but a sharp sell-off in European equities caused the Aussie to reverse lower, with the USD also higher after the downplaying of negative interest rates.

*Wholesale rates this morning.*

US	\$0.646
UK	£0.524
NZ	\$1.060
Euro	€0.598
Japan	¥69.58
Thailand	฿20.73
China	¥4.565
South Africa	11.88
Canada	\$0.902
Crude oil	US\$29.63

## Samoa baggage

**SAMOA** Airways last week implemented a new baggage policy on domestic and regional flights.

The new requirements specify that the maximum baggage dimensions for any carry-on cabin baggage is per/piece: 35cm long x 28cm wide x 23cm high.

More details [HERE](#).

## Sydney Tower yoga

**SYDNEY** Tower Eye is hosting a sunrise virtual flow yoga class, led by Flow Athletic Co-Founder and Director of Yoga, Kate Kendall tomorrow morning on Facebook at 7am - [CLICK HERE](#).

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