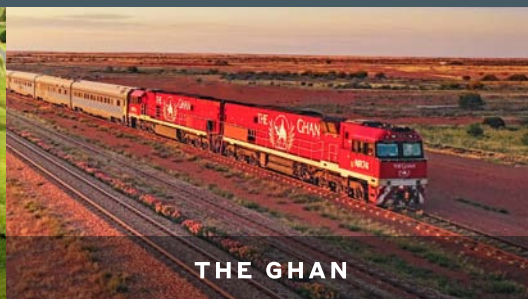


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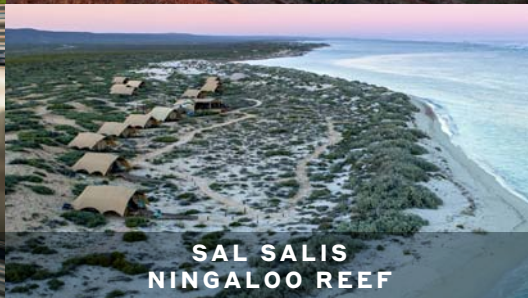
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Click Frenzy returns

CLICK Frenzy Travel is gearing up to return from tomorrow at 7pm AEST, offering major discounts across travel brands including Air New Zealand, G Adventures, Hamilton Island, Qatar Airways, Samsonite, Travel Online, Virgin Australia and Wotif.

VA is offering up to 30% off select destinations, while DealsAway is providing 15% off all trips, and up to 40% off bookings can be picked up for Park Regis and Leisure Inn Hotels in Australia - the sale period will run until midnight on Thu 22 Apr.

Ikon earlybird

SKI & snowboard pass Ikon Pass is inviting travellers to take advantage of the trans-Tasman bubble with its earlybird pricing.

Offering up to 21 days of riding in both Australia and New Zealand, you can also roll over unused days to next year - [HERE](#).

Vale Mary Arnold

THE travel world is mourning the passing of long-time airline industry stalwart Mary Arnold.

She worked with Qantas Airways in London for several years, before returning to Australia, where she worked with Malaysia-Singapore Airlines, and then transitioned to one of its successors, Malaysia Airlines.

Arnold is survived by her husband Peter, and will be laid to rest privately on Wed.

AVMIN expands its tech

FLIGHT Centre-owned charter aircraft company AVMIN has launched a new booking platform called JetBidders to meet rising demand for charter flights.

The new request & bid management platform aims to streamline the booking process by making an enquiry, comparing costs and managing requests faster and easier.

Jetbidders has been fast-tracked in response to rising need, with AVMIN witnessing a 200% increase in demand for charter flights compared to prior to the pandemic.

AVMIN Managing Director Paul O'Brien said the new JetBidders' platform allowed clients to source the right aircraft for their specific needs far more easily.

"Clients can enter in the details of where they need to go, number of passengers, reasons for flying and then every aircraft owner who sits in that category can bid on the job within seconds," he explained.

O'Brien said while the private charter industry continues to experience growth post-pandemic, technology ease-of-use for both consumers and aircraft operators was paramount.

"With the increase in charter flights across all sectors we support, we wanted to streamline the charter request and bid management process while broadening the reach of requests

visible to aircraft owners and operators globally," he said.

"While private aviation has been considerably more resilient during the pandemic than commercial airline activity, we are determined to continue to innovate the industry with new technologies and concepts."

He added lockdowns across the country over the past 12 months saw a surge in booking requests, particularly from the sports industry, such as the National Rugby League and World Surf League, as well as mining, government, entertainment and medical clients.

"So far in 2021 we have conducted 187 flights in Jan, 166 in Feb and 395 flights in Mar alone," O'Brien said.

"During the height of the coronavirus pandemic our charter flight numbers surged due to the increasing number of contracts we were fulfilling to fly nurses, doctors and other health workers as well as police and patients around the country."

Another private jet charter platform, Aerocode, also revealed it is aspiring to fill the gaps in the private aviation market and bring transparency to the jet-booking process (*TD* 30 Mar).

Journey Beyond's 2022 debut

JOURNEY Beyond's 2022 season is now open to book.

Showcasing the experiential tourism operator's full slate of offerings, the season includes its traditional train trips, such as The Ghan, the Indian Pacific the Great Southern, and the Overland, as well as Cruise Sydney, Cruise Whitsundays, Darwin Harbour Cruises, Eureka Skydeck & Eureka 89, Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures, Rottneat Express and Sal Sails Ningaloo Reef.

For more info and to access the Journey Beyond Experience Guide, head to the **front page**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has five pages of news including our **PUZZLE** page plus a full page from *Journey Beyond*.

Rocky road ahead

ROCKY Mountaineer's Canadian season has been delayed once again, this time until 05 Jul.

The rail-tour company is offering benefits to compensate travellers, including a future travel credit equivalent to 110% of monies paid, maintaining rail pricing for this year and next year at last year's levels, and a price guarantee for vacation packages to ensure travellers can book a similar tour at the same price, even if third-party hotels or tour operators raise their prices, and much more.

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Globus chooses new path

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GLOBUS Family of Brands has used the travel downturn to flesh out a brand new touring product that it believes is “unlike anything else in the market”.

Recently speaking with *Travel Daily*, the company’s Head of Sales, Peter Douglas, said its new Choice Touring by Globus product followed nine months of research which found that flexibility and choice were among the most important sought after qualities travellers wanted in a holiday.

“Travellers will have on average about nine total choices of excursion during the course of a tour and it really gives people the freedom not to have to stay in a large group the whole time, they can go off and do something that interests them and there are some pretty amazing experiences that we have included in there,” Douglas said.

Initially available across 13

itineraries in Europe and North America starting from the end of the year through to 2022, the new suite of tours includes a nine-day in-depth adventure in Scotland from \$3,162pp, featuring a range of experiences such as whisky tastings, castle inspections and a lake cruise of Loch Lomond.

Further highlights include an eight-day Eastern Canada adventure offering bike tours of Kingston, a guided tour of Mont-Tremblant National Park, and wine tasting in Quebec.

Travellers can take as many excursions as they like at no extra cost, with Douglas confirming the Aussie market has so far reacted positively to the launch.

“The early signs are good...the interest is very high and on the back of vaccines that is probably going to really roll through to what we see as a really successful full 2022,” he said.



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EK trials IATA Pass

EMIRATES has commenced trialling the International Air Transport Association’s (IATA) Travel Pass on select flights from Dubai to Barcelona and London Heathrow to Dubai.

The carrier has also indicated the trial will soon be expanded to other routes, with eligible passengers invited to download the app and enrol for the digital travel pass ahead of their travels.

“We are pleased to have been pioneers and partner with IATA in trialling this initiative in real time and soon will be launching other initiatives to further enhance our customer experience,” said the airline’s Chief Operating Officer Adel Al Redha.

Emirates hopes the trial will help to expedite the full rebound of its depleted traffic network, alongside its generous ticket validity which allows customers to hold or use tickets issued from 01 Apr on future travel for 24 months.



Window Seat

LISTEN up kids, how many plane departures does it take to successfully ease Sydney’s aviation congestion?

Apparently this is the kind of educational material being supplied to kindergarten and grade one students in NSW that is coming under heavy scrutiny from parents, some of whom have labelled it Western Sydney Airport “propaganda”.

The lesson plans released by the state’s Department of Infrastructure encourages children to imagine they are on an advisory group in charge of addressing concerns from local community groups and residents about Sydney’s upcoming aviation hub.

Work sheets also spruik the benefits of job creation and reduced road congestion.



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Japan Insider guide

THE Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) has introduced a new Insider Guide to Japan, which outlines the country's many natural wonders, traditions and off-the-beaten-track adventures.

Other highlights include Japanese whisky tours, forest walks of Tohoku and culinary workshops such as how to make the confectionery wagashi.

View the full guide [HERE](#).

Rex's capital gain

THE first Regional Express flight from Sydney to Canberra touched down in the capital this morning, heralding a \$191 million annual injection for Canberra's economy.

Operating seven return flights Mon to Fri, Rex stated the launch means more competition on key Aussie routes and cheaper flights for consumers, with flights currently priced at \$99 one-way.

The service represents an extra 160,000 seats a year and the creation of more than 300 jobs.

Venus is delivered

VIKING has taken delivery of its newest ocean ship, *Viking Venus*, to be officially named in the United Kingdom next month.

The delivery ceremony took place at Fincantieri's shipyard in Ancona, with *Venus* to now make her way to the United Kingdom, where she will be named by her ceremonial godmother, respected British journalist and broadcaster Anne Diamond.

And we have lift off!



THE first quarantine-free passenger flight from Australia to New Zealand took off from Sydney this morning bound for Auckland, marking the start of the trans-Tasman bubble.

Jetstar flight JQ201 touched down at 11.20am (9.20am AEST) today, where an official welcome party at Auckland Airport greeted the historic flight.

Qantas Group CEO Alan Joyce was on hand to personally farewell the first group of passengers at Sydney Airport, stating the two-way travel bubble marked a significant milestone for travel in both countries.

"Quarantine-free travel has been almost 400 days in the making, reopening these flights across the Tasman is a very important milestone in the recovery from the pandemic for Australia and New Zealand but also aviation & tourism," he said.

"New Zealand was Australia's second biggest source of international visitors before the pandemic - today, it's about to go straight to number one.

"We've seen strong demand since the bubble was announced, with tens of thousands of bookings made in the first few days," Joyce added.

The bubble has also seen a bookings spike across hotels and operators in destinations like Auckland and Wellington, as well as in Aussie cities like Brisbane, which has not had any in-bound flights from Christchurch and Wellington since 28 Mar 2020.

Since the announcement of the bubble, new research from Agoda has revealed a whopping 850% increase in searches by Australians looking for accommodation in New Zealand, and a 470% increase for Kiwis searching for trips to Australia.

Crown \$3b injection

CROWN Resorts has received a voluntary, non-binding proposal from Oaktree Capital Management to provide the company with \$3 billion in structured funding.

The proposal, which has not yet been approved by Crown, would be used to buy back some or all Crown shares which are held by Consolidated Press Holdings.

NT road campaign

TOURISM NT has launched a domestic marketing campaign aimed at increasing road trip travellers to the region, primarily targeting the 50+ market with a secondary focus on travellers aged between 25 and 49.

Deals from Expedia, Big 4, Nitmiluk Tours, Kakadu Tourism and various motorhome companies will be key highlights of the campaign.

View the associated campaign promos by [CLICKING HERE](#).

MEANWHILE round three of the Territory Tourism Vouchers scheme has been sent to residents, providing 14 days to book a local tourism experience.

Last chance spots

THE joint Reboot, Regroup, Reconnect roadshow, including Clud Med, Globus and Norwegian Cruise Line, is filling up faster than expected.

With just one day to go until the first event, only limited spots remain for some locations.

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Where in the world?



THIS explosion of colour is a garden which was launched on Valentine's Day in 2013 and remains open to the public today.

The garden covers 72,000m² and is the world's largest natural flower garden, with over 50 million flowers and 250 million plants.

In fact the garden holds three Guinness World records: as the world's largest vertical garden, the biggest flower structure in the world for its A380 installation and the tallest topiary supported sculpture in the world for the 18m-tall Mickey Mouse.

Where in the world is this?

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.

1



2



3



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Whose mascot is this?



OFTEN called one of the best live mascots in sports, Ralphie the Buffalo is a female, despite often erroneously being labelled male.

Ralphie takes the field ahead of her team before games, although occasionally, she has been known not to do so out of sheer stubbornness.

A number of lucky students from Ralphie's institution are chosen to be her handlers each year, but it is not a role for the faint-hearted – Ralphie has knocked them over on more than one occasion.

Do you know whose mascot this is?

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Icon under a microscope: Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany

Test your airline knowledge: Airport codes - 1 Dubai, UAE, 2 Berlin Tegel, Germany, 3 Sunshine Coast, Australia, 4 Cancun, Mexico
Airline liveries - 1 Volotea, 2 Aeroflot, 3 Air India

Pub quiz: 1 Rabat, 2 California, Texas, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, 3 Paris, 4 Yes, 5 b) 270 stations, 6 Lawrence River, 7 Houston, 8 Athens, 9 Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve, 10 Fiji

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The large EDITION

EDITION Hotels has announced it will open the doors to eight new properties across three continents by the end of 2022.

First to open will be the The Reykjavik EDITION from the middle of this year, followed by The Rome EDITION, Tokyo, and Dubai later in the year.

Subsequent openings will include properties in Madrid, Tampa, Riviera Maya and Doha.

EDITION is a luxury boutique brand in the lifestyle hotel space.

Vax the travel spirit

THE Maldives has announced plans to offer COVID-19 vaccines to international visitors as an incentive to reopen travel.

The country's Tourism Minister, Abdulla Mausoom, said a new tourism campaign was in the works called 3V, meaning "Visit, Vaccinate, Vacation".

Mausoom added that once all Maldivian residents were given their shots, tourists would be offered vaccines as part of travel packages to the country.

Skal goes walking ft. furry pal



THE Skal International Sydney team's fundraising effort through the MS Walk Run + Roll on 11 Apr yielded over \$2,000 in funds for multiple sclerosis research.

A team of nine walkers (and their four-legged mascot Rufus)



(pictured & inset) set out from Metcalfe Park in Pymont at 10am on the eight-kilometre circuit.

After the walk, the team gathered to enjoy a well-earned lunch at Darling Harbour.

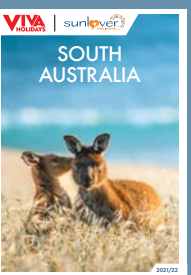
BROCHURES

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Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours - 2022 Canada, Alaska & USA

Showcasing the wonders of North America, Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours' 2022 preview plan to mesmerise travellers with grizzly bears, the Niagara Falls, immense mountains, crystalline lakes and glaciers. The program also shows off some of Canada's world-class cities and their vibrant foodie scenes, as well as its strong First Nations cultures and connection. Scenic's bespoke handcrafted journeys visit both Western Canada & Alaska, as well as East Coast Canada & USA, all with a range of different journey extensions.



Viva Holidays & Sunlover Holidays - 2021-22 South Australia

Viva Holidays and Sunlover Holidays have released their co-branded 2021-22 South Australia brochure, which continues to showcase a great range of accommodation and touring options throughout the state, from Adelaide to the Barossa and Clare Valleys, the Fleurieu and Eyre Peninsulas, Kangaroo Island, the Murray River and the Flinders Ranges. New to the brochure is the iconic Mount Lofty House Adelaide Hills, and three newly opened properties; Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets, Oval Hotel and Sequoia Lodge.

Cheaper Perisher

11 MAY is the last chance to lock in a 2021 Vail Resorts Epic Australia Pass at a lower price, with Hotham, Falls Creek and Perisher set to open their winter seasons on 12 Jun.

Priced at \$949 for adults, \$739 for seniors and \$539 for students, this season will see cleaning & safety protocols in place to protect guests, communities and employees in line with public COVID health requirements.

Guests are strongly encouraged to purchase passes online in advance, check-in using QR codes at indoor venues, and wear face coverings.

IHG in Barcelona

IHG Hotels & Resorts will open InterContinental Barcelona in Montjuic later this year, the hotel brand's second hotel in Spain.

Located on the site of what was the Crowne Plaza Barcelona, the hotel is undergoing a complete transformation, which has been designed by the Spanish-based, Brime Robbins consultancy.

InterContinental Barcelona will offer 273 elegant and spacious rooms, along with a 180m² Presidential Suite, and 17 junior stylish suites.

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