



THE GREAT TRAVEL DAILY BAKE OFF

Introducing The Great Travel Daily Bake Off!

In September, we're encouraging our readers to bake along with us, with different recipes each week.

Send us a picture of your baked goods, along with any extra tips or secret ingredients or variations, and the best one will win a \$50 gift voucher. Email bakeoff@traveldaily.com.au

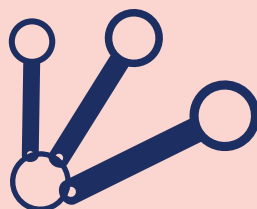
This week's recipe:



Use your family recipe or find one in a cookbook or on the internet and get baking!



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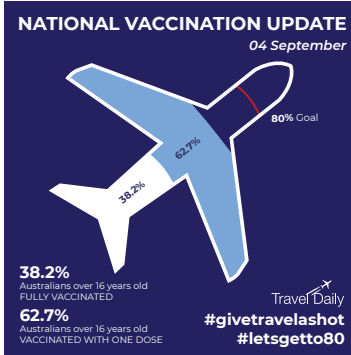
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Closer to take-off...



THE latest figures from the Australian Immunisation Register confirm the country is rapidly approaching 40% of the population being fully immunised against COVID-19.

More than 60% of people have had at least one dose of vaccine, with an updated graphic (pictured) now available for sharing as part of *TD*'s popular #givetavelashot industry toolkit - to access **CLICK HERE**.

AC loads Dec flights

AIR Canada is hopeful that Australia's border closures will ease in Dec, with the carrier filing four weekly Sydney-Vancouver frequencies effective 17 Dec.

Country Manager Vic Naughton told *TD* that with the National Cabinet's four-stage plan in place and surging vax rates, it's hopeful that Aussie/Canadian families can reunite in time for Xmas, with Canadian ski resorts hoping for strong Aussie visitation.

Canada opened to fully vaccinated travellers from 07 Sep.

New Helloworld tour brand

EXCLUSIVE

HELLOWORLD Travel Limited has launched a new "Ultimate Journeys" operation, with the division of its wholesale Viva Holidays operations described as a "new brand for discerning clients focusing on high end, small group touring in Australia and international destinations".

Some details were included in the Helloworld annual report released to the ASX today, with the offering currently including a four-day Ultimate Uluru

AFTA maintains rage

THE Australian Federation of Travel Agents is continuing to strategically press for ongoing support for the industry, with Chairman Tom Manwaring this morning appearing before the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee as part of an inquiry into the future of aviation.

The AFTA board is also briefing Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese this afternoon, while members in the Wentworth Electorate will tomorrow meet with local member Dave Sharma at his request, along with Federal Tourism Minister Dan Tehan.

Today's issue of *TD*

Travel Daily today has five pages of news including our PUZZLE page and a cover page for the **TD Baking Challenge**.

adventure, a nine-day Ultimate Kimberley Adventure, a week-long Taste of Tassie departure and a four day Australia's National Treasures trip.

HLO Executive Director Cinzia Burnes told *TD* that Ultimate Journeys by Viva is a "selection of unique products we have put together," with the trips including experiences that are not available individually, offered on an exclusive basis for groups of between 12 and 20 pax.

She confirmed there would be a requirement for all participants to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, while "we are also working on a couple of private plane charter domestic tours with exciting itineraries," which will be released in the coming weeks.

The report, which came along with audited figures materially the same as the preliminary \$49 million loss annual result released last week (*TD* 31 Aug), also noted the slow recovery of wholesale sales which are "benefiting from the volume of domestic product offered by our Viva Holidays and Sunlover Holidays brands as interstate borders re-open and the trans-Tasman market comes back online".

More from the report in *Travel Daily* tomorrow.

Abu Dhabi opens

ABU Dhabi has confirmed it will welcome all vaccinated travellers from across the globe, in line with the UAE's dropping of all visitor restrictions (*TD* 30 Aug).

Visitors can register vaccination details for verification five days before travel via ica.gov.ae.

An SMS confirmation will include a link to a smartphone app which must be downloaded, to display vaccination status and PCR test results which in turn activate the Abu Dhabi Green Pass.

Upon arrival a PCR test is taken at the airport, and then the Pass allows them entry to all public spaces in Abu Dhabi.

Bake-off challenge!

THIS week *Travel Daily* is kicking off its inaugural Bake-Off, giving our readers a great excuse to make something delicious!

Each week we'll announce something for you to create, and once you've whipped it up send in a photo along with any extra tips or special variations - and the best one will win a \$50 gift card.

Get inspired by the **cover page** and at traveldaily.com.au/videos.

The Week One challenge is Caramel Slice - source your own recipe or use a family favourite, and send your entries to bakeoff@traveldaily.com.au.

Vale Rosemary!



THE travel industry lost another doyenne last week with the death of Rosemary Peart, founder of Sydney's Ramsgate Travel Service, at the age of 84.

Peart was a pioneer of the sector, escorting scores of her own tours as well as being one of the country's first cruise sellers as far back as the 1970s.

She established her business in 1982 under the slogan "Think Travel, Think Rosemary".

Justine Sealey, who is now the owner of the business, started there for Year 10 work experience in 1987, and took over in 2018.

"It was an absolute honour and privilege to not only get my start in the travel industry and be employed by, and work alongside Rosemary, but more importantly call her a mentor and friend for almost 35 years," Sealey said.

"Rosemary's greatest legacy is the many thousands of people who have wonderful travel memories that are treasured, thanks to her creating their amazing holidays".

Ireland VIRTUAL EXPO

Enjoy a Riverdance performance, cooking demo by an Irish chef and music from the Shamrock Tenors. Great prizes to be won!

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Zurvas heads to Greece

ATHENS-BASED small ship cruise line Variety Cruises has appointed Jarrod Zurvas as its new Director of Global Sales, with the move seeing him relocate from Australia to Greece.

Zurvas (**pictured** in front of the Variety Cruises headquarters) joins the operator from his former role with Quark Expeditions, where he has been Director of Sales Asia Pacific for the last three years.

He's also previously worked with Scenic, Carnival Australia and Cover-More Insurance.

Zurvas has now started his new position with Variety, telling **Travel Daily** he was very pleased to be taking up the opportunity with the company.

"With a fleet of 11 small ships hosting no more than 71 guests and an emphasis on an intimate yacht experience that brings the guest closer to the sea, environment, the destinations



we visit and the communities within, it's an honour to be part of such a market leader steeped in tradition and integrity," he said.

Founded in 1968, Variety Cruises resumed sailing in the Greek Islands in Jun, but also offers voyages across the globe including in Tahiti, the Seychelles, the Middle East, the Caribbean and West Africa.

Variety Cruises is represented in Australia and New Zealand by Discover the World.

More cruise news in today's issue of **Cruise Weekly**.

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Quark Expeditions

NSW cuts quarantine

THE NSW Government has announced plans to phase out hotel quarantine for returning Australians.

The state's Premier Gladys Berejiklian said yesterday it would "make sense" for Australians who have been vaccinated overseas with a "credible" vaccine to isolate at home instead.

"We are already considering when we do that and how we do that," the NSW Premier added.

Agent help opens

APPLICATIONS have opened for Western Australia's Tourism and Travel Agent Support Fund.

The nearly \$17 million financing offers between \$2,000 and \$10,000 to support tourism operators and travel advisors affected by coronavirus restrictions.

Up to 3,500 businesses are eligible for the joint federal-state program.

Ship naming soon

HURTIGRUTEN'S new ship *Fridtjof Nansen* will be named in Svalbard, as the cruise line marks 125 years of operation.

In the northernmost naming ceremony ever to be held for a passenger vessel, *Fridtjof Nansen* will be named in Longyearbyen on 14 Sep.

Carnival updates

FOUR additional Australian sailings for Carnival Cruise Line's *Carnival Spirit* and *Carnival Splendor* have been cancelled, as the company announced the next phase of its restart plan.

Cruises on both ships are now canned up to and including 16 Dec - the day before the human biosecurity emergency period is set to expire (**TD 03 Sep**).

The move is part of a number of recent announcements by the cruise line, which includes *Carnival Valor* joining *Carnival Glory* in New Orleans from Nov.

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QantasLink revamp

UPGRADES aboard QantasLink's aircraft will soon see passengers take advantage of new in-flight entertainment streaming options from the end of this month.

Passengers on the carrier's 50 Boeing 717s, Fokker 100s, Airbus A320s and Alliance Airline's Embraer E190s will be able to stream 2,500 hours of premiere movies, TV shows and audio books via the Qantas Entertainment app.

"This investment means... customers will have access to in-flight entertainment, particularly when travelling to smaller capital cities and regional centres," Qantas Group Chief Customer Officer Stephanie Tully said.

The entertainment upgrade begins on one of QantasLink's A320 aircraft this week, with the streaming technology to be progressively installed across all of the airline's jets by the second half of 2022.

Jetstar Asia Phuket

JETSTAR Asia has recommenced flights from Singapore's Changi Airport to Phuket as part of the Thai Government's vaccinated sandbox scheme.

"As we see border restrictions start to ease, it is fantastic to be able to take advantage of important initiatives like the Phuket sandbox scheme and to play a pivotal role in rebuilding the tourism industry," the carrier's Head of Commercial Clive Ashmore Butler said.

Travel losing to property

AUSTRALIA'S travel industry is losing spend to the first-home buyer property market amid continued restrictions, leading real estate experts believe.

Figures from Tourism Research Australia show that Aussies have saved more than \$60 billion a year in cancelled overseas holidays due to COVID impacts, with local property analysts suggesting a portion of that money has been flowing into the real estate market.

"The real difference is people who were planning a big, \$30,000 trip around Europe and it's been off the table for a year now, two years," Finder's home loan expert

Holiday Inn Euro airport expansion

IHG Hotels & Resorts' two Holiday Inn brands are taking flight at airport locations across Europe, following a number of new property signings.

Spain will get Holiday Inn Express Madrid Airport, set to open by the end of 2023, with 156 guest rooms, a restaurant & bar, and an outdoor pool.

In Seville, the recently signed Holiday Inn Express Seville Airport will open its doors in 2023, offering 146 guest rooms while in Italy, the 224-room Holiday Inn Express Rome – Airport will open in 2023, situated in the Centro Leonardo shopping mall.

Locations will also open in Turkey and France soon.

Sarah Megginson told Domain.

"Every dollar we earn, we have to spend it in Australia."

The GM of Victorian high-end real estate company The Agency, Peter Kakos, agrees that first-home buyers had saved money on holidays to put towards a house deposit.

"If people can't travel they want to make sure they've got a better house or a bigger house," he said.

"People aren't prepared to wait [to travel] and they go, 'OK, the money's there, let's put it into property,'" Kakos added.

MEANWHILE a new study by consultancy firm Oliver Wyman has found that less than one in five Australians currently "feel comfortable" to resume international travel, well below the global average of 32%, with low vaccination rates and tough restrictions viewed by the study as a key driver.

Whitsundays push

TOURISM Whitsundays, in partnership with Whitsunday Coast Airport and Tourism & Events Queensland, has launched a new Skytrans campaign to encourage travel from Cairns and Rockhampton.

Set to take off on next Mon, the campaign has been developed to entice new consumers in the two cities to make the Whitsundays their next holiday destination through a variety of different creative assets and mediums.



Window Seat

HUMANS are not the only ones affected by the travel shutdown, just take the monkeys in Bali who are used to feasting on the food handed to them by thousands of tourists each year.

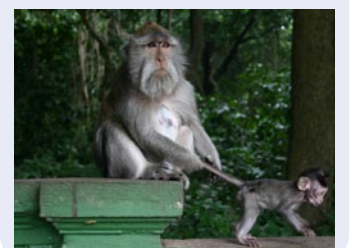
As a result of the lack of visitors, and with them their tasty treats, Bali residents have reported a sharp increase in the number of monkey-led break-and-enters on the island.

Concerned villagers have now moved to appease the tribe of treat-deprived primates, taking fruit, peanuts and other food items to the Sangeh Monkey Forest in an attempt to head off a potential monkey invasion.

"We are afraid that the monkeys will turn wild and vicious," one villager said.

The Sangeh Monkey Forest typically sees about 6,000 visitors a month, but international travel restrictions has seen that number drop to less than 500.

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Where in the world?



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THIS hotel is an icon in the city where it is located.

It was opened in 1887 and was seen as a haven for world travellers, with the city in which it is situated being a hub for many traversing the globe.

Numerous writers, movie stars,

dignitaries and journalists have stayed at the hotel, including Rudyard Kipling and Elizabeth Taylor.

An iconic cocktail also originated in this hotel, now known the world over.

Do you know where this is?

Sudoku

DIABOLICAL

THE aim of Sudoku is to complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Each number can only be used once in each row, once in each column, and once in each of the 3x3 boxes.

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Pub quiz

1. The Suramadu Bridge connects two islands in what country?
2. Australia's Great Northern Highway links which two cities?
3. In which country's Antarctic territory is the South Pole located?
4. Mount Tilga is the geographic centre of which Australian state or territory?
5. Kaffeklubben Island is the northernmost point of land on Earth, and is located where?
6. Excluding Russia, Qatar will be the third Asian nation to host a FIFA World Cup, after which other two?
7. Ramadan is what number month of the Islamic calendar?
8. Which South American airline was recently the first to return the Boeing 737 MAX to the skies?
9. What is the most populous city in the Southern Hemisphere?
10. To the nearest decade, when was gold discovered in Bendigo?

Seen it at the movies



THE fortified village of Ait Ben Haddou in Morocco has been the backdrop for a number of famous films and TV shows over the years.

The village dates back to the 11th century and served as a stopping point on a caravan route, but in this film it is where

the main character is sold into slavery.

In fact the town can be seen in background as the protagonist wins his first fight and utters the famous lines, "Are you not entertained?"

Can you name the movie filmed here?

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Seen it at the movies: Gladiator

Where in the world: Raffles Hotel, Singapore
 Pub quiz: 1 Indonesia, 2 Perth and Wyndham, 3 Australia, 4 New South Wales, 5 Greenland, 6 Japan & South Korea, 7 Ninth, 8 Gol Transportes Aereos, 9 Sao Paulo, 10 1850s

ANSWERS 06 SEP



VS unveils The Booth

VIRGIN Atlantic has unveiled its latest in-flight concept called The Booth, a corner of the Upper class cabin providing comfortable lounge-style seating for two, separated by a single leaf table.

The new facility will be offered on its reconfigured 397-seat A350 jets, offering 16 upper Class suites, 56 Premium seats and 325 Economy seats.

VS intends to introduce The Booth and the revamped aircraft before the end of 2021 flying between London Heathrow and Orlando (MCO).

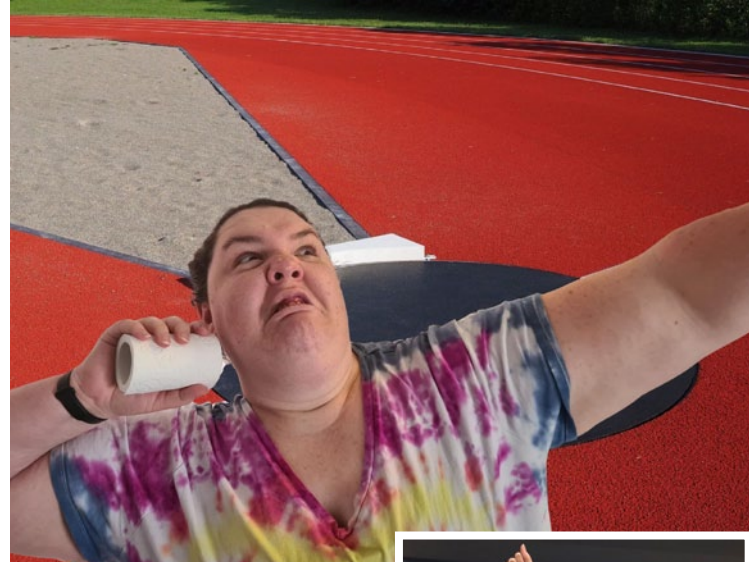
Accelerator program

TRAVELPORT has unveiled a plan to take on the biggest retail challenges facing the global travel sector by teaming up with Amazon Web Services to launch a global accelerator program.

The first major objective of the program will be to use behavioural and demographic traveller data to deliver more targeted and personalised digital marketing tools, leveraging AI and machine learning concepts.

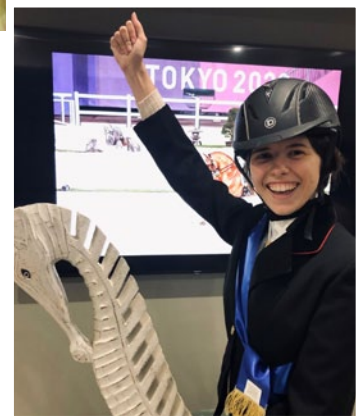
Start-ups chosen for the initiative will receive US\$100,000 in Amazon web credit.

Globus goes for selfie gold



THE creative team at Globus family of brands Australasia are not ones to be left out of the excitement of a big event, which is why Japan's Olympic Games spurred a fun photo competition in honour of the athletes.

Being stuck at home or in the office did not dampen the spirit of the team's sporting glory, as can be seen with Kristi Knight's novel version of the shot put competition (pictured top), or through Alexa Papoulias' slightly less lively version of the popular equestrian event (inset).



Agency selected

JOURNEY Beyond Group has chosen GroupM's Wavemaker as the media agency to manage its portfolio of brands in Australia.

Tinkerbell was formerly the agency handling media for the brand's rail expeditions arm, which includes the iconic Ghan and Indian Pacific services.

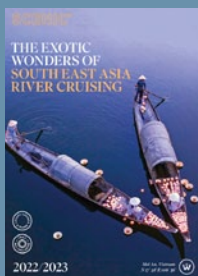
Journey Beyond has been active in resetting its agency connection, only last month appointing creative agency Town Square to handle its brand account.

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.



Evergreen Western Australia and NT - 2022
Evergreen's latest Western Australia and NT brochure details the 12- to 22-day trips on offer in 2022, including the best of Kimberley, the Kakadu National Park and the state's Coral Coast. On the all-experience 22-day tour, travellers will visit the wonders of the Pilbara, explore the stunning cliffs at the Kalbarri National Park and check out the majesty of the waterfalls located inside the Karijini National Park. Guests will also see the Ningaloo Reef up close, mingle with the local bottlenose dolphins at Monkey Mia and enjoy the aqua waters of Hamelin Pool.



Scenic Southeast Asia 2022/23
Scenic's new Wonders of South East Asia 2022/23 brochure provides visitors with a fusion of "east meets west", showcasing a diverse mix of itineraries across Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Highlights include a nine-night "meandering" of the Mekong with more time in luxury on board *Scenic Spirit*, departing Ho Chi Minh City and ending in the bustling tourism mecca of Siem Reap. Historical temples are a feature of this journey, including a full exploration of the UNESCO-listed Angkor Wat site, as well as a floating market in Vietnam's Cai Be.

PAL files Chapter 11

PHILIPPINE Airlines filed for bankruptcy in the United States over the weekend in a bid to manage US\$2 billion in pandemic-induced debt.

The carrier is hopeful of securing US\$655 million in new capital when it emerges from Chapter 11 and plans to downsize its fleet of aircraft by 25%.