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OCEANIA Cruises' Tropics & Exotics and Europe & North America collections are on sale 05 May, featuring 355 itineraries.

For more information and to download an Oceania Cruises 2024 toolkit, visit the [cover page](#).

## Planting new ideas

INTREPID'S Real Food Adventures range is back, this time offering 21 new plant-based experiences across 21 adventures, which "are big on flavour and low on impact".

The relaunch is part of Intrepid's ongoing effort to rebuild responsibly and encourage travellers to take simple but significant steps towards a climate-conscious future.

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## EK's Dubai Experience

EMIRATES has launched a platform for its customers to browse and book bespoke itineraries in the UAE.

Dubai Experience, accessible [HERE](#), offers customers exclusive benefits on flights, hotels, attractions and other leisure activities, and is available in 19 countries, including Australia.

Customers Down Under can choose from pre-curated itineraries, or create a program from a selection of more than 100 hotels and 200 activities, all of which can be added onto an existing Emirates flight booking or created around a new one.

The program incorporates popular free attractions across the United Arab Emirates, for those which require pre-booking and payment.

The itinerary planner provides details such as estimated duration, location map, and cost, allowing customers to confidently

## IHG Our Rewards

IHG Hotels & Resorts has introduced IHG One Rewards, a new loyalty program offering guests more ways to redeem benefits and earn points faster.

Powered by leading technology on its new mobile application, the reimagined program connects One Rewards members to IHG's growing portfolio of brands.

Highlights of the program include faster point earning potential, including a new bonus point earning structure, as well as a wider range of benefits such as dining experiences, access to reward night discount promotions, early check-ins & late check-outs, and room upgrades.

IHG One Rewards marks the start of Milestone Rewards, a new platform allowing members to choose the rewards that matter most to them.

Starting at 20 nights, members will be offered rewards for every 10 nights stayed - see more [HERE](#).

plan and maximise their visit to the United Arab Emirates.

In addition to discounted rates, customers who plan and book their journeys via the Dubai Experience platform can also enjoy discounted flights, exclusive hotel benefits, and more.

Dubai Experience caters for those with an interest in sports, culture, adventure, and entertainment, among others.

"We are proud to promote the very best that Dubai and the UAE have to offer on Dubai Experience, which is fully integrated with [emirates.com](#)," Divisional Vice President Barry Brown said.

## Get us to the Greek

GREECE is the latest European country to remove all COVID-related entry requirements for inbound travellers, with the measures to be formally scrapped from 02 May.

The move arrives in time for the country's busy summer holiday period, with Greece authorities also agreeing to get rid of all internal vaccine passport requirements from 02 May until at least Sep, in a bid to incentivise more international travellers.

## EY aircraft pivot?

ETIHAD Airways is assessing the future of its narrowbody Airbus aircraft currently on order.

Speaking at the CAPA Leader Summit in Manchester, Chief Executive Officer Tony Douglas said the airline's future fleet strategy will centre around the Boeing 787 and Airbus A350.

"We believe those two are the winners because of the technology of the airframe, the avionics and control systems, and the environmental performance is essential," Douglas explained.

The airline's chief added a likely home for the 26 Airbus A321neos could be Air Arabia, its low-cost carrier joint venture.

## Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has five pages of news including **Business Events News**, a front cover page from **Oceania Cruises** and a full page from **Qatar Tourism**.

## Vale McClintock

IT IS with the heaviest of hearts the Skäl Club of Melbourne has advised of the passing of one of the club's most beloved Skalleaguers, Peter McClintock.

McClintock was incredibly well known and loved, not just throughout the travel industry, but throughout the Skäl world.

He was known as a lively, accomplished and "big hearted" gentleman.

"An aviation legend, social butterfly and renowned globetrotter, with a tale to tell for every occasion, Peter always lived life to the fullest," Skäl said.



## Vic cruising again

UNDER restrictions implemented by the Victorian State Government this week, all passengers cruising to and from the state over 12 must have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, and must also obtain a negative COVID test before embarking.

Unvaccinated children under 12 or anyone with a valid medical exemption can travel, but they must not make up more than 5% of the ship's passengers, while guests with COVID-19 symptoms may board a ship, but they must return another negative PCR test.

Read the full list of protocols in today's issue of **Cruise Weekly**.

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## \$50 gifts offered

SYDNEY Airport security staff have been offered \$50 gift cards in a desperate attempt to shore up major staff shortages.

The gift cards are being offered to those who work during the next fortnight, as SYD battles massive queues over Easter.

## Time for one last Farrar!



**STAFF** at The Travel Corporation's (TTC) headquarters came together last night to honour one of their own, who finishes up this week after 20 years with the company.

Head of Sales at Insight Vacations David Farrar (pictured centre) this week received gushing praise from his colleagues for his stellar work over the last two decades, with those present

delivering a warm thanks for his expert mentorship and service.

A huge St Kilda fan, Farrar was shocked to receive a personal message from the Saint Kilda team captain Jack Steele, before being given a framed jersey with his nickname "Faz" and "20" to celebrate the number of years he has successfully led the sales team at Insight Vacations.

## Melbourne taps in

**MELBOURNE'S** Sandbelt region will host the Presidents Cup golf tournament in 2028 and 2040, under a new agreement with the PGA Tour.

The deal is a major win for the state's Golf Tourism Strategy 2018-23, which combines the ambition of raising millions for the visitor economy and being recognised as one of the top five golf destinations in the world.

## Cairns adds Tesla

**CAIRNS** Luxury Car Hire has added the ruby red 2022 Tesla Model 3 to its fleet of rental options, offering visitors to the city an all-electric travel model.

The vehicle has a range of 400km per charge, with charging stations dotted around the region from Paronella Park and Historic Village Herberton to Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, Hartley's Crocodile Adventures and Mossman Gorge Centre.

## Viking Polar research

**VIKING** has endowed a new Chair of Polar Marine Geoscience at the University of Cambridge.

The new fund for the post will build on existing partnerships, and will create the first-ever professorship at the school's Scott Polar Research Institute.

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British Columbia is simply an example of a region that offers so many experiences that embrace this ethos. With Indigenous owned lodges in the Great Bear Rainforest, Haida Nation - who are committed to protecting Haida Gwaii's unspoiled beauty, to the Thompson Okanagan region being the first Biosphere Destination in the Americas, Canada's British Columbia has ample opportunities to enjoy authentic travel experiences that are custom designed with the fundamentals of sustainability in mind.

**Caryn Young, General Manager  
Adventure World Travel**



## Air NZ scales back rules

**AIR** New Zealand has confirmed an easing of its COVID travel protocols this morning, revealing that from today customers will no longer be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test to fly around the country.

The carrier also announced that from 01 May it will be removing its "no jab, no fly" vaccination policy for international travellers in line with New Zealand progressing to the lower orange traffic light alert setting.

"As Omicron took hold in the community, we put in place several temporary measures aimed at keeping our employees, customers and New Zealand safe and after a careful risk assessment, we feel now is the right time to step back some of those measures," the airline's CEO Greg Foran said.

"We're aware that COVID is not behind us yet and we have taken a considered approach and will continue to revise safety measures depending on what we're seeing here in New Zealand and around the world."

Air New Zealand will also recommence serving food and beverages on domestic flights from tomorrow.

**MEANWHILE** the carrier will soon resume flights to two more

### A plunge for health

**EXPERIENCE** Co's Skydive Australia has teamed up with the Black Dog Institute to launch the CEO Skydive for Mental Health, an event designed to raise funds to help support mental health and suicide prevention.

The charity initiative will see CEOs and senior leaders skydive for the cause, with this year featuring seven-time world champion surfer Layne Beachley, who will also take the plunge.

The first CEO jump will take place in Wollongong on 29 Apr, followed by a St Kilda jump on 06 May - for more details **HERE**.

US destinations, with services to Honolulu and Houston to take off again on 04 Jul and 07 Jul respectively.

Both return services will operate three times a week from Auckland Airport using 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft, with the news coinciding with services to San Francisco taking off today.

"Our North America network plays a key role in our Kia Mau Thrive strategy, so it's great to be able to reopen another important port into the region," Air New Zealand Chief Customer and Sales Officer Leanne Geraghty said.

"San Francisco is a year-round destination for Kiwis and equally, an important departure point for Americans looking to visit New Zealand and Australia."

### The power of cruise

**THE** end of the federal cruise suspension this Sun will herald the start of the multibillion revival for Australia's battered economy, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Managing Director Australasia Joel Katz has enthused.

"More than a million Australians took an ocean cruise every year before the pandemic and we now have an opportunity to return to sailing and revive an industry that was worth more than \$5 billion annually to the Australian economy," Katz said.

"The end of the cruise suspension is a huge landmark and will be celebrated by many thousands of Australians whose livelihoods depend on cruising."

Katz also highlighted this dependence on the cruise sector is not limited to cruise lines, with the restart just as important to supporting industries such as travel agents, tour operators, retailers, hotels, restaurants and food and produce providers.

It is estimated the suspension has cost the economy more than \$10 billion since early 2020.



## Window Seat

**HAS** your significant other ever bugged you to visit somewhere so much you've relented?

Professional tennis player Nick Kyrgios knows how you feel.

The former world #13 is returning to play the French Open next year for the first time in five years, simply because his new girlfriend Costeen Hatzi "wants to see Paris".

Kyrgios' aversion to the French Open stems from the event's famous clay courts slowing down his heavy-hitting, big-serving style of play.

"Next year I am going to go to Paris...I'm announcing that now," Kyrgios said.

"My girlfriend just wants to see Paris...I mean, I'll play the French Open as well I guess," he smirked.



### Out of their shell

**TURTLE** Island is celebrating the return of its husband and wife General Manager team to manage the Fijian island's resort.

After a two-year hiatus, Rob and Landi Burns have returned in time for Australian visitation.

Both originally from Africa, the couple first made Turtle Island their home in Jan 2017, when they assumed responsibility for the full management of the approximately 200-hectare island and resort.



## RADCLIFFE TO WORK HIS MAGIC

**THE** Adelaide Convention Centre has this week appointed a new General Manager, with Martin Radcliffe brought on board to lead South Australia's marquee events venue.

Radcliffe's track record has already seen him take on the challenge of attracting more events to Adelaide, having previously held the position of Director of Sales & Marketing at the Adelaide Convention Bureau from Jan 2008 to Aug 2015, in that time luring many high-yield international conferences.

He was so successful in his previous role at the venue that the state's bureau achieved a 40-year record in terms of economic value delivered in one year.

Speaking about the appointment this week, Anthony Kirchner, the CEO of Adelaide Venue Management which operates the Adelaide Convention Centre, said Radcliffe's vast experience across the global business events and hospitality industries make him uniquely qualified to lead the venue as it looks to recover from the



COVID-19 pandemic.

"Martin has overcome a highly credentialed field of international candidates to win the Adelaide Convention Centre General Manager role," he said.

"With his impressive background in business events sales at the Adelaide Convention Bureau and senior hospitality experience at some of Adelaide's leading hotels, he's the perfect fit for this important leadership position, and will be a fantastic ambassador for South Australia and the Adelaide Convention

Centre both nationally and internationally," Kirchner added.

Radcliffe's past experience also includes five years as General Manager at The Mayfair Hotel, where he and the venue earned multiple accolades, as well as stints in senior commercial roles with major convention hotels across the United Kingdom.

Most recently he had been running a successful business consultancy, and is currently serving as Chairperson of Adelaide Hills Tourism.

**Pictured:** Radcliffe in Adelaide.

## Sporting venue almost complete

**WORK** on the \$830 million Allianz Stadium in Moore Park Sydney is 90% complete, and when finished will offer a wide range of state-of-the-art corporate hospitality facilities, in addition to a revamped sporting field.

"The new Allianz Stadium will be a fitting home for some of Australia's biggest sporting and entertainment experiences, and we can't wait to open it to the public in time for the first event in Sep," NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet said.

"The new [stadium] will not only help attract the world's most exciting events to Sydney but also deliver a great boost to local tourism and create additional jobs for NSW," he added.

A major design pillar of the construction is to create a new Sydney venue that fosters an "open atmosphere" and public spaces not limited to just game-day activity.

## InterContinental Syd wants MICE

**THE** nearing completion of IHG Hotel & Resorts' InterContinental Sydney's \$100 million dollar refurbishment has prompted the MICE division of the property to bulk up its staffing roster.

Three roles are being sought to be part of the hotel's meetings and events team, including a sales administrator, a meeting and events coordinator, and a meetings and events executive.

The property features 15 flexible meeting & event spaces, as well as menus created by renowned chefs.

## Royal Easter Show suffers double blow



**ONE** of Sydney's most subscribed events has been dealt a double blow this week, with a safety breach on a ride and a fatal stabbing marring Sydney's Royal Easter Show.

A safety review has been launched after a four-year-old boy was allowed to board a ride without a safety restraint (**pictured**), while a wild brawl

also shocked onlookers, which resulted in the death of a teenage boy.

Metal detectors have now been installed at all entry gates of the show, and the police presence has been stepped up, with General Manager Murray Wilton labelling the incident "a horrific experience for everybody".

## What's our worth?

**THE** global voice of the business events industry has linked with Oxford Economics to create a new survey that will seek to determine the contribution made by the business events sector to the global economy.

The Events Industry Council's (EIC) Global Economic Significance of Business Events survey is open until 25 Jun, and is comprised of four insight streams to examine the global events industry's economic impact and, for the first time, quantify the cumulative losses experienced in 2020/21 due to the pandemic.

The EIC wants to use its findings to create a framework for better tactics employed by the events industry to accelerate its recovery - to take part **CLICK HERE**.

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## Victoria primed to host Comm Games

**REGIONAL** Victoria is set to be showcased during the state's recently secured win to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

While the Opening Ceremony will be held in Melbourne, the hubs of Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat, Shepparton & Gippsland will each have their own athletes' village and events program.

"The 2026 Commonwealth Games will provide a chance to showcase all we have to offer to the world," Victorian Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas said.

The bid is the first time the Games has been awarded to a state instead of a specific city.

## COVID-19 impact

**TOURISM** can better prepare for future crises through internal reforms and restructures, according to a new article published in *Tourism Review International*.

As borders reopen, travel between countries face new challenges and the pandemic must be a catalyst for the tourism sector and governments to look at future strategies to balance citizen safety with the survival of vital travel industries, the publication suggests.

The article builds on calls for further investigations into how tourism destinations plan for, and respond to, future global crises and disasters, and the role political leaders can play.

## Paving the way for a new era



**THE** Council of Australia Tour Operators (CATO) Board met this week to lay the foundations to pave the way forward over the next two to three years as part of a revamped strategic plan.

The high-level planning day followed extensive consultation and input from CATO's membership through a series of focus groups in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, in

recent weeks (**TD** 04 Mar).

**Pictured:** Entire Travel Group Managing Director Brad McDonnell, Bunnik Tours Managing Director Dennis Bunnik, Julie King & Associates founder & Chief Executive Officer Julie King, Crooked Compass founder & Director Lisa Pagotto, CATO Managing Director Brett Jardine, ITC Pacific Managing Director David Walker, and Blue Steps Consulting MD Greg Tye, with a number of screen friends.

## APPOINTMENTS



**WELCOME** to Industry Appointments, *Travel Daily's* Thursday feature which has the latest job appointments from across the industry. If you have just appointed someone to a new position and would like to update the industry email appointments@traveldaily.com.au.

**Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas** has welcomed five directors of sales and marketing to the company. **Louise Smythe** will join Six Senses Fiji as its Director of Sales & Marketing **Mona Metwally** has joined Six Senses Southern Dunes, The Red Sea, **Bobby Bazemore** has joined Six Senses Ibiza, **Harry Tangalos** has joined Six Senses Zil Pasyon, while **Michael Vance** will take up the role of regional Director of Sales & Marketing for the Maldives.

**El Al Israel Airlines** has appointed **Dina Ben Tal Ganancia** as its new Chief Executive Officer. She will be the first woman to head El Al since its founding. She was formerly the airline's Vice President of Commercial & Industry Affairs.

**Magic Travels** has announced the appointment of Sandra Cahill as its new local Sales Manager. Cahill brings with her a portfolio of sales and marketing experience in the tourism, aviation, and cruise industries, and will represent the eight DMC destinations of Oman, UAE, Jordan, Egypt, France, Portugal, Armenia, and Georgia.

**Virtuoso** has elevated three key executives to new strategic roles. **David Kolner** has been named Executive Vice President; **Jennifer Campbell** has been appointed SVP, Network Products & Events; and **Michelle Rashid** is now the SVP, Culture & Human Resources.

## Responsibility wins

**OL'AU** Palau is a world-first initiative rewarding responsible travel, with the archipelago of more than 500 islands to become the first to "gamify" responsible tourism, offering exclusive experiences to visitors based on how they treat its environment and culture, not by how much they spend.

The Ol'au Palau application will consist of a world-first personal carbon calculator which uses a points-based system to unlock the new areas and site access across the country, with a microsite also launching **HERE**.

## New Viet Radisson

**RADISSON** has opened its doors in Phan Thiet via the Radisson Resort Phan Thiet.

Located on Vietnam's southeast coast, the property introduces an exciting new era of upscale hospitality to the popular beachfront destination.

Located just a short drive from Ho Chi Minh City and Tan Son Nhat International, the 76-key Mediterranean-style resort is nestled directly on a secluded stretch of sandy beach, 15 minutes' drive from town.



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