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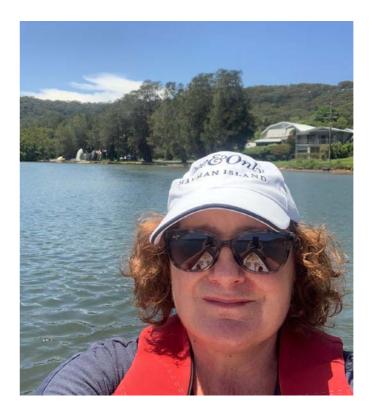


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From the **Publisher**

Jenny Piper

We have just had our first glimpse of summer in Sydney with a few hot days. And with less than five weeks until Christmas, the traditional Aussie summer holidays are nearly upon us. So have you booked your 'Holiday here this year' vacation?

I just spent the weekend up on the NSW Central Coast. For Sydneysiders why not consider this area for 2020/2021 summer. Only an hour and a half from Sydney there is loads to discover. The buzz of Terrigal with its array of shops, restaurants and cafes, to some quieter areas on Brisbane Waters - Wagstaffe, Ettalong or Umina. Bouddi National Park has loads of walks - long and short, with spectacular coastal views. There are also tour operators who offer indigenous and cultural walking tours in the National Park.

For water lovers, hit the surf, there is a massive array of beaches to choose from. There are boat hire operators across the coast who offer kayak hire or try the BBQ boat - take it out for a day with the family to a secluded spot, do a bit of fishing and cook up your catch.

Let's all 'keep dreaming' of those summer holidays, it's not too late to book. Visit your local travel agent for more ideas and special offers and follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@travelcruiseweekly) for more stories to inspire those 2021 travels.

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Arguably the dish Singapore is most famous for, chilli crab is just one of the red-hot reasons you need to spare some time to hit the streets of this bustling city searching for some tasty salvation from the crowds. Despite the ancient metropolis claiming chilli crab as its unofficial national dish, the origins of its creation don't stretch back too far. The credit for its invention belong to husband and wife street vendors who, rumour has it, haphazardly threw together some stir-fried crabs mixed with some bottled chilli and tomato sauce from a pushcart. The rest was salivating history.

To make sure you aren't clawing your way around the streets looking for the best chilli crab dishes, here are a couple of places you simply need to shell out for to get you started.

Jumbo Seafood

The award-winning restaurant has gained a loyal following from crab connoisseurs wanting one of the freshest crab dishes in Singapore. The signature chill crab here is its best seller, boasting a combo of Malay and Indian spices such as turmeric, lemongrass and candlenuts. For the record, the black pepper crab here is also quite tasty.

Roland Restaurant

Operating for close to 70 years, Roland Restaurant is where it all began, with the inventors starting out with just a few wooden tables and some kerosene lamps along the banks of the Kallang River. Here, the locals would take a seat and eat some of the freshest seafood around. Today the restaurant is a flourishing enterprise, serving traditional chilli crab the way it always was, with a crusty French loaf and some of the eatery's famous dipping sauce.



Domestic booking boom

Last night's long-awaited reopening of the border between NSW and Victoria has seen a massive spike in flight bookings, with both Qantas and Virgin Australia reporting a strong rebound in demand.

Qantas/Jetstar will today operate a combined 17 return flights between Sydney and Melbourne, while the newly relaunched Virgin Australia will ramp up from an initial four daily services on the route, as well as bringing forward the relaunch of four weekly flights between Melbourne and Newcastle.

Qantas will also today start

a new route between Sydney and Mildura, while flights from Sydney to Bendigo will resume early next month.

After the announcement that the border would reopen earlier this month Qantas said it sold more than 25,000 seats in the first 48 hours.

Huge demand for cruise trial

Royal Caribbean
International says it has
received more than 100,000
expressions of interest from
keen cruisers wanting to take
part in special "mock cruises"
which have been ordered by
the US Centers for Disease
Control (CDC) to help pave the
way for a cruise resumption.

Guidelines issued by the CDC have laid out procedures for a safe phased return to cruising, with the test voyages aiming to test and refine measures aiming to mitigate the spread of COVID.

Cruise operators are carefully working on new measures, with the mock cruises expected to take place from January 2021 and several lines now confirming they are not return to normal operation until April.

A clause in the CDC plan also requires US cruises to be a maximum of one week long, meaning cruise lines are in the process of cancelling longer voyages calling at American ports through until the beginning of November next year.





Clockwise from top: Las Vegas has plenty to delight kids and adults alike.

Downtown Container Park is a great spot for families in Vegas.

Head to Circus Circus' indoor amusement park under the pink dome.

Bora Bora is somewher that will please the whole family ©Four Seasons Bora Bora





Will you ever get to holiday like an adult again? It's a thought many of us have had as we've clapped on a kids club clown, or danced the hula at a resort's in-house talent show and with good reason: studies* confirm 82% of parents feel trapped by the kind of holidays their kids seem to enjoy and dream of finding a destination everyone in the family can enjoy.

*These studies are a complete fabrication.

Happily such a holiday is within easy reach; all you have to do is zero in on something a little left-of-field such as one of our top picks below:

Las Vegas

It's not the first destination that comes to mind for a family holiday we'll grant you that, but if you can get past the 'Sin City' label (and all three of *The Hangover* movies), Vegas

with its multitude of kid-friendly attractions and entertainment options is a surprisingly great family holiday destination.

Make a base of Aria, a chic hotel that's home to over 4,000 rooms, 16 restaurants and a 20,000m² pool, then pencil in the following as 'must sees': Circus Circus which is an indoor amusement park housed under a pink dome; Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat; and High Roller; a 500-feet tall observation wheel which

takes in views of the whole area. Off the strip, Treehouse Playground at Downtown Container Park and Discovery Children's Museum will continue to delight kids and kidults alike.

Got time for a show? Kids of all ages will enjoy *Lake of Dreams* at Wynne, David Copperfield at MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, and Gregory Popovich's *Comedy Pet Theatre*. Sadly, *Zombie Burlesque* may just have to wait for another visit.

Singapore

Once considered a mere stopover hub, Singapore is fast becoming one of the leading Asian holiday destinations for young families – largely due to the overwhelming popularity of Sentosa Island – an island resort located south of the city.

Teeming with family friendly activities, your best bet is to check into Shangri-La's Rasa Sentosa, a wonderland for kids which has everything from a Flying Trapeze to a Sea Sports Centre. It will be difficult to get the kids to leave Shangri-La's premises, but all the cajoling will be worth it; outside the property's gates, endless entertainment options such as Universal Studios, Skyline Luge and Wave House await. Help get them on board by showing them the sentosa. com site for full listings.

Should you head into the city, tack on a stroll through the colourful Gardens by the Bay; take a night safari; or simply just enjoy the activities that are part of the gorgeous Marina Bay Sands such as the ice-skating rink, a sampan (boat) ride through the canals of the hotel's The Shoppes, or even just a swim in its famous infinity pool.

French Polynesia

Often dismissed as the kind of place where oligarchs pay for cocktails with handfuls of sweaty diamonds, this tropical paradise is working hard to cater to young families, and the good news is, there are now plenty of options at every price point.

At the higher end of the scale, Bora Bora's Four Seasons, and St Regis are the main players when it comes to providing little ones with fantastic kids clubs, amenities and activities, but Moorea's InterContinental Resort Moorea and Manava Beach Resort and Spa aren't too far behind.







Top left: Four Seasons Bora Bora has plenty of activities for little ones © Four Seasons Bora Bora

Top right: Swim in the famous Marina Bay Sands infinity pool.

Centre: Singapore has loads of kid-friendly activities including the Gardens by the Bay ©Danny Santos

Bottom left: Check out the Dubai Aquarium © Dubai Tourism

Bottom right: Aquaventure at Atlantis the Palm is the largest water park in the emirate.





Those who are on a tighter budget are also in luck; private accommodation rental across Tahiti is booming which means families can now rent a private overwater bungalow complete with kayaks and bicycles for as little as \$100 a night. Add to that a long list of natural pursuits the whole family can enjoy – be it hiking through the mountains, meandering around caves and waterfalls or diving and snorkelling at some of the world's top sites, and you have the perfect holiday.

Dubai

From camel-riding and camping out in the desert to undertaking a wide range of thrill-seeking activities within its city limits, a visit to glamorous Dubai can be a wondrous experience for kids of all ages.

First, there are the gargantuan hotels such as Atlantis The Palm, a 1500-room mega-resort which is not only home to Aquaventure, Dubai's largest water park (guests of the hotel can enter free of charge), but also features an impressive 11-million-litre aquarium, marine encounters and kids club. Check in, and use the hotel as a base to explore all the fun activities – most of which are located within the Dubai's equally gargantuan shopping malls.

At the Mall of the Emirates for example, kids can enjoy the craziness that is Ski Dubai, an indoor ski field complete with chair lift, snow luge and tobogganing, while at The Dubai Mall, families can fly an A380 in a simulator, ice-skate or 'work' in one of over 80 professions at KidZania play land.

Outside (provided you haven't come here in the middle of summer when temperatures soar past 45 degrees), take an abra across the creek and explore the souks of the old city. It could be an education for everyone involved; it will certainly be a breath of fresh air.

Four things

Australia's famed food festivals



Tasting Australia, SA

Any festival with a name as indicative as this has a lot to live up to, and Tasting Australia never disappoints. Billing itself as "where foodies come to discover what's new on the menu", Tasting Australia takes place over 10 days, spotlighting the food and drink of its host state, South Australia, but also offering up the best from the rest of the country, including its chefs, winemakers, producers, restauranteurs and more.

Melbourne Food & Wine Festival, VIC

Melbourne likes to appoint itself as the king of [insert latest trend here], but admittedly, it certainly comes to the table with its annual Food & Wine Festival. More than 200 events take place in this celebration of gastronomy, which hosts food & drink masterclasses, events such as the 'World's Longest Lunch', and more.





Taste of Tasmania, TAS

Tasmania is coming into its own as a destination, period, and this rapid ascent is occurring in the food sector as quickly as any other. A large part of that is owed to the Taste of Tasmania, Australia's largest and longest running food and wine festival. Located on Hobart's waterfront and featuring Tasmania's finest flavours, this carnival-like festival is the perfect way to spend a summer night. While the 2020/21 festival has been cancelled due to COVID-19, we can't wait for next year!

Margaret River Gourmet Escape, WA

Offering up endless supplies of surf and wine, there may not be a more iconically Australian town than Margaret River, so there's no surprise this South West WA location now also hosts a premier food festival, Margaret River Gourmet Escape. This festival features three days of chefs, vintners and foodies converging for beach barbecues, long table lunches, cooking demonstrations, wine tastings and O&A sessions.



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Keep your cruising dream alive

Dining is a key part of your cruising experience, so to help you choose which ship you should sail on next, we're bringing you a series of comparisons of onboard dining. This week, take a look at the asian dining options onboard family cruise lines.

Teppanyaki Norwegian Cruise Line

Teppanyaki is one of the many food options available on most of Norwegian Cruise Line's ships. The restaurant costs US\$29.95 per person and is available for dinner, and for the cost you won't just get a delicious Japanese dinner, but also a show, with the chefs showing off amazing skills of juggling, slicing and dicing your meal in front of you. The three-course meal includes miso soup, a main course and dessert, with highlights including chicken yakiudon, filet mignon and jumbo shrimp.



Bonsai Sushi Carnival Cruise Line

Cruisers looking for a casual lunch or dinner can head to Bonsai Sushi, with the restaurant offering a range of sushi and bento boxes. Diners pay extra per item, with small sushi rolls from as little as \$1.50. You can watch as the chefs roll your sushi at the bar or else enjoy your meal at one of the many tables. All your Japanese favourites are on the menu including California sushi rolls, yellow fin tuna sashimi, yakitori and ramen.





IzumiRoyal Caribbean International

Enjoy sushi, sashimi, nigiri and more at Izumi, with this a la carte dining restaurant available for at lunch and dinner for an additional cost. Izumi is a Japanese restaurant, so expect some delicious, high quality dishes including shrimp and vegetable tempura, octopus yuzu chimichurri, fried udon noodles with your choice of chicken, beef, shrimp or tofu or sushi rolls such as the chef's signature baked snow crab and salmon dynamite roll.



Dragon Lady P&O Cruises

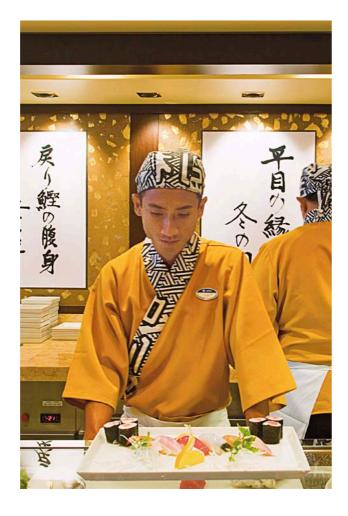
If variety is what you're after, head to Dragon Lady, with the restaurant offering a range of dishes from across Asia. Dragon Lady is open every night and includes Chinese, Thai, Korean, Vietnamese, Indian and Japanese cuisine. Highlights include miso-poached chicken or Thai red curry for entrée and grilled snapper Marsala or vegetable noodles with bok choy and lotus root for main course. Dragon Lady is very popular so bookings are recommended, but cruisers won't have to pay extra to enjoy the restaurant.

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Kaito **MSC Cruises**

Japanese favourites including sushi, sashimi and tempura are available at Kaito on MSC ships. Kaito Teppanyaki is a stylish Japanese restaurant with four cooking stations allowing travellers to watch their food prepared in front of them on an open grill. There are less flames at Kaito Sushi but no less quality food, with fresh sushi prepared on the spot. Both Kaito Teppanyaki and Sushi are available on four of MSC's cruise ships, while the sushi bar alone is on some vessels.





Silk Road Dream Cruises

Dream Cruises' Silk Road restaurant offers Chinese dishes in an atmosphere of old world glamour. The menu includes a range of unique dishes with a contemporary twist and travellers can choose a set menu or select dishes. The dining venue is on Genting Dream, World Dream and Explorer Dream and is open for both lunch and dinner. The restaurant also hosts a cabaret show after 11pm, and prices to dine here after 11pm are dependent on how close to the stage your table is.



Sudoku

EASY

Complete the entire grid. Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

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www.sudokuoftheday.com – visit them and get a new Sudoku every day!

Where in the world?



This stadium is the only in the world built entirely out of marble. It's an astounding claim to fame but makes sense when you consider that it was built in 144 AD. The stadium was largely abandoned after the 4th century but was excavated in 1869 and was the site of the very first modern Olympics in 1896. It has since been used for a number of different sporting activities and events and was once again an Olympic venue in 2004. Do you know where in the world this is located?

Pub quiz

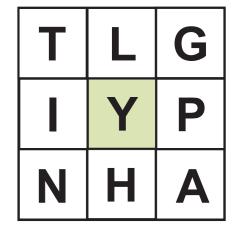
- 1. Naarm is the indigenous name for which Australian city?
- 2. Tamworth is situated on what river?
- 3. In terms of yearly visitors, what is the most popular tourist attraction in Western Australia?
- 4. Norfolk Island was formerly a part of which Australian state?
- 5. "Speedbird" is the callsign for which airline?
- 6. British low-coast airline easyJet is headquartered at which of London's six airports?
- 7. By population, what is the largest settlement in the Whitsunday Islands?
- 8. When did Rhodesia become Zimbabwe?
 - a) In the 1970s
 - b) In the 1980s
 - c) In the 1990s
- 9. If you were exploring South Bank Parklands, which Australian city would you be in?
- 10. Chapel Street and Commercial Road are well-known arteries in which trendy Melbourne neighbourhood?

Pub quiz

- 1. Of the six airports which service London, how many are actually within the city limits?
- 2. Mount Beauty is known for being the town nearest to which Australian holiday destination?
- 3. Which Australian state refers to itself as 'The Education State'?
- 4. Seattle is situated on an isthmus between Lake Washington and what other body of water?
- 5. Name any of the five founders of Star Alliance.
- 6. What is the world's most populous Muslimmajority country?
- 7. Which city is sometimes known as the Pairs of the East?
- 8. According to the United Nations, which European country's people enjoy the longest lives?
- 9. Which country has by far the world's fastest internet, consistently over 5 megabits per second faster than the next-fastest?
- 10. WestJet is the second-largest airline in which country?

Unscramble

How many words can you make out of these nine letters? Every word needs to include the letter in the centre, have four letters or more and not be a proper noun or a plural. You can only use each letter once. There's also one word that uses all nine letters.



Good – 16 words Very good – 24 words Excellent – 32 words

NOTE: We've used Chambers Dictionary to decide what words are acceptable.

Whose flag is this?

This country first had a flag which was red with two horizontal light blue stripes, when it was part of an empire.

The country declared independence in 1991 and looked for a new flag design, which was introduced in 1992.

The flag includes a vertical stripe of Bordeaux red and has five carpet motifs, each associated with different tribes which have used these traditional patterns in their carpets for centuries.

The green of the flag is taken from Islam, which is a dominant religion of the country. The crescent symbolises faith, while the five stars are for the senses and the five points



on each symbolise different states of matter. The flag was slightly modified to the current one in 1997, with the addition of an olive wreath. Do you know whose flag this is?

Pub quiz

- 1. Lufthansa's primary hub is at which airport?
- 2. Is Christianity or Islam the more observed religion in Lebanon?
- 3. Mauritius is an island nation located in which Ocean?
- 4. What was the port of registry for the Titanic?
- 5. The Catskill Mountains region in New York is famous for being a hotbed for what style of entertainment?
- 6. What airline pioneered the first airport lounge?
- 7. The Parritjima Festival takes place in which Australian town?
- 8. How many boroughs are there in London
 - a) 32
 - b) 38
 - c) 43
- 9. Griffith Observatory offers fabulous views of which city?
- 10. What is the most populous city in Texas?

Whose flag is this?



This country's flag began with lion and sun emblems displayed on a plain white background. In the late 19th century the red and green stripes were added, making the flag similar in design to many other national ensigns which featured a tricolour.

The colours of the stripes are reflective of the country's religion, peace and valour.

In 1979 the government was overthrown and the flag was modified to the current one - the sun and lion emblems were removed and replaced with a new coat of arms, while a stylized inscription was added to the top and bottom of the stripes.

Do you know whose flag this is?

Unscramble

How many words can you make out of these nine letters? Every word needs to include the centre letter, have four letters or more and not be a proper noun or a plural. You can only use each letter once.



Good – 13 words Very good – 20 words Excellent – 26 words

NOTE: We've used Chambers Dictionary to decide what words are acceptable.

Action & adventure in NZ word search

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See if you can find these words. They are hidden horizontally, vertically and diagonally, forwards and backwards.

ADRENALIN ADVENTURE AJHACKETT BACKPACKING

CATAPULT
HELICOPTER
JETBOAT
MOUNTAINBIKE

MOUNTCOOK QUEENSTOWN RAFTING SKYDIVING SKYWALK TREKKING WILDWIRE ZIPLINE

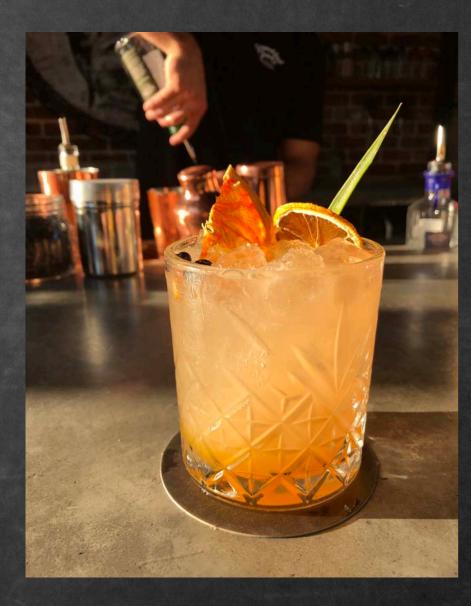
Where in the world?

This rustic town is a true outdoor enthusiast's paradise.
Set against a background of native beech forest and towering mountain range its landscapes have become a prime location for film scouts, depicting many scenes from *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy as well as featuring in the *Narnia* movies.
This beauty is definitely a must-visit, but can you guess where it is?



Make it at home

These days, going out for a cocktail looks different, so why not make one of our unique cocktail recipes at home!



28 Degrees Cocktail

Named after the Gold
Coast's perfect temperature,
the latitude of the
destination and the local
lifeguard tower of the
Gold Coast Convention
and Exhibition Centre, this
cocktail will give you a taste
of summer.
The drink was put together
for the Gold Coast
Convention and Exhibition
Centre award winning
distiller and creative
mixologist Luke Ridden.

Ingredients

45ml Greenhouse Gin
30ml passionfruit pulp
20ml lime juice
20ml pineapple juice
Grapefruit tonic
Pineapple leaves, rosemary sprigs, dehydrated
grapefruit and lime wheels to garnish

Method

Pour passionfruit pulp into a glass an add ice. Pour gin, lime juice and pineapple juice over ice. Top with grapefruit tonic. Garnish with pineapple leaves, rosemary sprigs, dehydrated grapefruit and lime wheels for the full 28 Degrees experience.

Puzzle answers

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Pub quiz: 1 Melbourne, 2 Peel River, 3 Kings Park, 4 Tasmania, 5 British Airways, 6 London Luton, 7 Hamilton Island, 8 b) In the 1980s, 9 Brisbane, 10 South Yarra

Where in the world: Panathenaic Stadium, Athens, Greece

Sudoku:

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Whose flag is this: Turkmenistan

Pub quiz: 1 Two: Heathrow and London City, 2 Falls Creek ski resort, 3 Victoria, 4 Puget Sound, 5 Air Canada, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Thai Airways International or United Airlines, 6 Indonesia, 7 Beirut, 8 Italy, 9 South Korea, 10 Canada

Unscramble: aptly, gally, glyph, haying, hiya, hying, hyping, inaptly, inlay, laity, laying, lint, litany, lying, nightly, nighty, paying, piny, pithy, pity, play, PLAYTHING, plying, tangly, tangy, thinly, tingly, tiny, tying, typing, yang

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Whose flag is this: Iran

Pub quiz: 1 Frankfurt Am Main, 2 Islam, 3 Indian Ocean, 4 Liverpool, 5 Stand-up comedy, 6 American Airlines, 7 Alice Springs, 8 a) 32, 9 Los Angeles, 10 Houston

Unscramble: fight, firth, forth, FORTNIGHT, fright, froth, frothing, girth, hint, horn, hotting, nigh, night, north, rhino, right, righto, thin, thing, thong, thorn, thrift, throng, tight, tonight, truth

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Where in the world: Glenorchy, Queenstown, New Zealand

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