keep dreaming...
Well the last week has been pretty gloomy for all of us, especially Melburnians and those in the travel industry, as the lockdowns set the hope of future travel across our own country and overseas back. I know I was very hopeful that the Trans-Tasman bubble would be something coming into effect sooner rather than later. Hopefully we will get the second wave under control soon and we can get moving on travel plans. For our Melbourne readers stuck at home, use this chance to research your next trip. Australia has so many treasures to be discovered and explored!

Did you know you can ski and surf in the same day in Australia? We have a great story telling you where. And what about a stay at a luxury lodge? Who doesn’t dream about that kind of break – I know I do, we take a glimpse at four of the best. Plus loads more.

I hope you enjoyed our culinary journey around the world with mince and meatballs. Well move over meatballs cocktails are coming! We are going to dream of travelling the world with a glass in hand with a weekly cocktail recipe for you to make at home.

Don’t forget to follow us on Instagram (@travelcruiseweekly) and Facebook for more travel inspiration.
Ascrib Islands, Scotland

Affectionately known by some Scots as ‘the clowns of the sea’, puffins are summer visitors to Scotland and can be spotted from late-March to mid-August. Take a wildlife tour from the Isle of Skye up to Scotland’s Ascrib Islands, a small group of uninhabited (by humans) islands, that are a haven for a variety of birds and seals alike. Spotting the curious looking seabird is sure to be a holiday highlight!
For foodies

Melbourne’s must-do vegetarian restaurants

Melbourne’s vegetarian food scene goes far beyond a token mushroom risotto on the menu or an unsatisfying salad. Gone are the days when vegetables were the steamed sides which sat next to meat, with many funky eateries now dedicated to vegetarian cuisine.

Fitzroy’s Transformer has been billed as having ignited Melbourne’s creative vegetarian restaurants. The venue opened in 2015 with a meat-free menu and a relaxed space. Housed in a former electrical transformer warehouse, which is where it gets its name, the restaurant has the industrial look in the bag, complete with concrete planter boxes, recycled timber, and brass. The menu and wine list changes seasonally and is inspired by a variety of cuisines and sourced from small-scale growers.

For a pub meal head to Green Man’s Arms, which offers all the charm of a local pub, but without the chicken schnitty. Green Man’s Arms serves a vegetarian and seasonal menu, complete with a “greenburger”, eggplant schnitzel and fermented beancurd ramen. There’s also local beer and kombucha on tap, and the venue is known to host live music, trivia and bingo.

Another must-do is Lentil as Anything, which started in St Kilda and has since grown to four restaurants across Victoria and NSW. More than just a restaurant, the social enterprise was founded on the idea of providing food to anyone who dropped in, for whatever price patrons decided to pay. Profits from their tasty dishes, such as vegan Okonomiyaki and Green Lentil Burgers, are then put back into funding projects for migrants and refugees.

End of the jumbo jet era

It’s sunrise, sunset for some of the world’s biggest planes, with Qantas’ final Boeing 747 to begin her final journey into retirement later this week.

British Airways has also announced the end of its jumbo jet fleet, with the four-engine Queen of the Skies to be replaced by more fuel-efficient alternatives.

Qantas has been operating Boeing 747s for almost 50 years, with the airline’s final jumbo, Wunala Dreaming, having served QF for 17 years. Wunala has operated three joy flights in recent days, and heads off on her final flight to the Californian desert on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Emirates’ A380s have returned to service after the COVID-19 grounding of the airline’s superjumbo fleet. Flight EK001 took off from Dubai International for Heathrow last Thursday, closely followed by EK073, headed for Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris.

River cruising OK for Brits

European river cruise operators have hailed a revamp of the official advice from the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office, which now explicitly specifies ocean cruising in its COVID-19 warnings.

Earlier in the month the UK Government issued blanket advice against all forms of cruising, but the revision calls out “international cruising on sea-going cruise ships.” “Cruise ship travel means staying overnight for at least one night on a sea-going cruise ship with people from multiple households,” the update noted.

River cruise companies said the small ships are effectively floating boutique hotels with limited passenger numbers, ensuring high standards of hygiene can be maintained.
Ride every wave in just one day

Adam Bishop discovers where in Australia you can ski and surf in the same day.

Perhaps there is no better testament to Australia’s abundant natural diversity than the fact travellers can ride the country’s amazing ski slopes and cut their way through the surf at its golden beaches - all in one day!

For those adventurous holidaymakers in New South Wales who want to embark on this tempting double-feature, we would recommend linking the state’s iconic Thredbo ski resort with the array of amazing surf spots dotted along the NSW far south coast.

Travellers can get up early and attack the many and varied slopes of the Thredbo resort, presumably working up enough of an appetite to enjoy a hot coffee and a warming snack at one the destination’s many restaurants, bars and cafes located throughout its charming commercial village.

Once you have exhausted the perils of the mountain, throw the snowboard and skis in the boot of the car and snake your way along the picturesque Snowy River Way and Springfield Way arteries, a journey that will see travellers reach the sandy coastal oasis of Merimbula’s Bar Beach in only two and a half hours. This should leave ample time for a great paddle and to enjoy many hours’ worth of afternoon surf in the winter sun. Take note though, make sure to coincide your trip with the best surf conditions, as they can be somewhat intermittent in Merimbula. Luckily, the surf near the mouth of the town’s river runs more often during the winter months.

Once your legs and arms can carry you no further, take a load off for a quiet drink and pub meal at the quaint Merimbula Lakeview Hotel – after all, you’ve earned it, right?

For the really keen surfers, make sure you check out a few of the great surrounding swells in the area such as Aslings Beach in...
Eden, Tathra beach and the hidden gem, Lennards Island.

Those seeking out ski/surf adventures further south of the border in Victoria should think about combining the famed Baw Baw Alpine Resort with the wild and woolly surf beach of Gunnamatta Beach.

The popular ski spot, located 120km east of Melbourne, boasts 35 hectares of snow terrain complete with a number of groomed runs, seven ski lifts, several snow play areas and toboggan areas.

For those not so keen on simply gurning it down the numerous steep slopes, never fear, Mount Baw Baw is also home to more than 10km of slower-paced X-Country ski trails to explore.

Once you have cut through enough powder to make your hearts content, jump in the car and plot a course to the big surf of the Gunnamatta break. The two popular destinations are linked together by the windy Mount Baw Baw Tourist Rd and Main Neerim Rd, with the trip taking less than three hours to complete.

Located in the Mornington Peninsula National Park, the Gunnamatta surf spot forms part of a 30km long and sandy coastline that extends from Cape Schanck to Point Nepean. You’ll never be short of a wave on this beach, with the waters here flush with an extensive network of intertidal reefs and rocks which form its boundaries and create some amazing glassy walls.

It should be noted though, the beach has a reputation for being treacherous in terms of rips, so perhaps only attempt to ride this break if you are an experienced board rider. If you are keen on mixing things up a little, you can always hang ten at the neighbouring Portsea Beach as well.

From top, all images ©Visit Victoria: Grab some air at Victoria’s Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort
Head down to the Mornington Peninsula where the surf is usually pumping
Drive the windy Mount Baw Baw Tourist Road from the mountains to the beach
Grab your surfboard in the afternoon

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Take four

Staying in a luxury lodge is something that many of us dream of, usually located in extraordinary locations and offering unforgettable experiences. Here are a few of the best.

Capella, Lord Howe Island

Perched overlooking Lovers Bay on the World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, this luxury lodge claims to have a 'feeling of relaxed sophistication' for those wanting an exclusive sub-tropical island escape, with only 9 suites. Offering culinary delights showcasing local seafood and fresh regional produce as well as so much to explore on the island from rainforests to reefs and beaches, this is a perfect getaway only a 2 hour flight from Sydney.

El Questro Homestead, WA

The Homestead is an iconic destination in the Kimberley region, 90 minutes drive from Kununurra. Situated atop a cliff overlooking the Chamberlain River and Gorge, it accommodates a maximum of 18 guests. This is a great place to really appreciate the wilderness of the region with a plethora of experiences on offer - guided 4WD drives, bush, culture and nature tours, hiking, swimming in pristine waterfalls and rock pools and much more.

Saffire Freycinet, TAS

A luxury coastal sanctuary on Tasmania’s East Coast, Saffire features 20 private suites all with magnificent views. With a fabulous culinary offering the fully inclusive dining uses the best local produce from an area known for its premium aquaculture and agriculture. A day spa offers a range of treatments to help restore guests’ wellbeing. Or you could explore the spectacular Freycinet Peninsula with a variety of experiences available from deserted islands and beaches to wild bushland.

Silky Oaks Lodge, QLD

The ultimate rainforest escape. Neighbouring Daintree National Park, guests to the lodge are accommodated in one of 40 private treehouse rooms, each with own balcony and hammock with views over the Mossman River. Immersed in the rainforest environment, dining is in the open-air restaurant with contemporary Australian style cuisine. The property also has a Spa as well as on site experiences, or explore the region with a diverse range of tours available.
Keep your cruising dream alive

Cruise expert, Peter Kollar, shares his favourite cruise destinations

Issue 014 of Keep Dreaming featured Peter’s top five cruise destinations. But with such a stunning and diverse world to see, there are so many more places to visit. So this week, Peter shares his next five favourite cruise destinations. Our bucket list is getting longer by the day!

Florence, Italy

So many attractions lay within close proximity in this enchanting city. From the Academia where Michelangelo’s David stands centrepiece, to the Duomo and Santa Croce where leather goods are aplenty, to the world renowned Uffizi Gallery and next door the Ponte Vecchio bridge. In between are small piazzas to grab an espresso or gelato, surrounded by top brand outlets.

Note: If you’re cruising into Florence and you want to explore the city on its own (which is easy to do), book the cruise lines transfer which eliminates overpriced taxis that double-charge you for their efforts to get back to Livorno without you.

Stockholm, Sweden

Apart for my love of Stockholm itself, one of the great reasons to make sure this city is part of your cruise itinerary is the incredible sail-in (or sailing out). Not many people know but you have to cruise for 3 hours through an archipelago of 30,000 islands and islets, a journey that is absolutely breathtaking as you pass the summer cottages of Swedish residents, all unique in their character on small islands that often house just one wooden dwelling. Stockholm is a mix of old and contemporary, parks and playgrounds, fresh markets and great shopping malls – all within a matrix of canals and waterways. If you could only do one tour, try the hot air balloon over the city; there’s nothing else like it.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

My favourite city on the continent of South America, Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan delight. Watching a Tango (and participating if you have enough confidence) is a highlight, from the district streets of La Boca to small bars and taverns; even glitzy shows in the evening. You will shop on Florida St. buying leather shoes and getting your teeth into the best beef in the world. It feels like Europe but with a Latino freedom that generates youthfulness in this beautiful city.

Peter Kollar

With more than 150 countries & territories visited across all 7 continents, Peter’s wealth of travel experience has led to regular speaking roles at Cruise Industry trainings and events. Peter spent 12 years at sea, the majority with Crystal Cruises as their Shore Excursion Manager, a role that allowed him to participate in-excess of 800 tours world-wide and have a chance to experience a life-time that we can only dream of. Moving back to land Peter worked as a Travel Agent (cruise specialist of course) before being promoted to State Cruise Product Manager for Flightcentre, Escape Travel, and Cruiseabout.
Swahili Coast, Africa

The Swahili Coast lies on the East Coast of Africa, known for centuries old trade routes that have resulted in a rich cultural blend of architecture and practices. These areas include Kenya, Tanzania and northern Mozambique, as well as the charming island of Zanzibar. These features are not the only things that give this cruise destination distinctiveness; it’s the bucket list of land options available. I’ve been very fortunate to have trekked through the Ngorongoro Crater, picnicked under Mount Kilimanjaro, tented at Grumeti River camp, and canoed along Botswana’s Okavango Delta. Added to that were other safaris around Kenya, dancing with the Masai Mara, and riding a donkey through Lamu Town. Take a cruise to Africa!

Sydney, Australia

Most people would have Sydney higher up their order but as my birthplace and home I tried to remain as impartial as I could. That is until I was thinking about “best sail-in” cities (my top 5 would be New York, Sydney, Stockholm, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro) which gave me no choice. I pictured the cruise balcony view you have of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge shimmering on one of the most beautiful harbours of the world, a flurry of white sailed yachts scampering amongst the ferries. Add to that the fact that you are in the heart of Sydney as soon as you step off the gangway and minutes later you’re on your way to the beaches, pubs, bush, or even to The Blue Mountains. Oh…and the weather’s not too bad either!
Where in the world?

There are many iconic waterfalls around the world, famous for different reasons. These falls are some of the best known in this country, and are a day trip away from the nation’s capital. Do you know where in the world these are found?

New Zealand word search

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

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.

T O F
M Y A
L R I

Good – 21 words
Very good – 32 words
Excellent – 42 words

Pub quiz

1. What was the flight number of the Malaysia Airlines plane that vanished in 2014?
2. What currency is used in Scotland?
3. What is the capital of Romania?
4. Which US city is home to the world’s largest McDonald’s restaurant?
5. What is the name of Finland’s largest airport?
6. Which country is smaller in area, Cyprus or Lebanon?
7. What celestial object is represented on the flag of Uruguay?
8. What country are you visiting if you are gazing upon the beauty of Milford Sound?
9. What was the name of the David Attenborough documentary series that focuses on the environments of the Antarctic and the Arctic?
10. What was the former name of the Vietnamese metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City?
11. Which city is this collection of pictures spelling out?
**Pub quiz**

1. Why do so many multinational companies choose Ireland as their strategic European base?
2. What is the capital of Belarus?
3. To the nearest 100m, how tall is Uluru?
4. How many years did it take to construct the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
5. .kr is the internet domain code for which country?
6. True or false, Al Capone was once an inmate at the infamous Alcatraz prison in San Francisco?
7. The cruise port of Halifax is located in which Canadian province?
8. Which structure is taller, the Sydney Tower or the Empire State Building?
9. Which city was home to the world’s first Airbnb listing?
10. Garrett Camp co-founded which peer-to-peer travel company?
11. What region of Australia does this collection of pictures spell out?

**Where in the world?**

This place is famous for its lakes which are arranged naturally into cascades. There are 16 lakes which are separated by natural dams made of travertine. Each of the lakes has distinctive colours ranging from azure to green, grey or blue, and the colours change depending on all sorts of variables. Do you know where this is?

**Sudoku**

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, column and 3x3 box.

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Where in the world?

Australia may be seen as the home of ‘big things’, with our big banana, big merino and many more, but it’s not the only country where you can find these kind of statues. Case in point is this place, which is both a factory and museum. Do you know where it is?

Pub quiz

1. What is the capital of Northern Ireland?
2. What country are you visiting if you are trekking through the Gorkhi Terelj National Park?
3. Which major archaeological discovery depicts the armies of the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang?
4. Which Australian beach are you visiting if you are walking along the longest wooden jetty in the world?
5. Vinson Massif is the tallest peak on which continent?
6. Cape Malay curry is a traditional food consumed in which African country?
7. What popular bean is one of East Timor’s most lucrative exports?
8. Who is currently fourth in line to the British throne?
9. What is the primary currency used in Lithuania?
10. In what year did Chernobyl officially open itself to tourists?

All answers are on page 24

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.

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Make it at home

At the end of the week it’s nice to relax with a drink in hand. Travel & Cruise Weekly is showcasing a selection of cocktail recipes from around the world for you to make at home. Enjoy!

Kiwi Crush

This unique and delicious cocktail recipe comes from Crystalbrook Collection’s Riley resort, featured at its restaurant Greenfields. According to the hotel, the Kiwi Crush is the epitome of Cairns, colourful and fun, and is the perfect cocktail to sip whilst dreaming of warmer weather.

Ingredients

- 30ml vodka
- 30ml Midori
- One kiwi fruit
- Lemon wedges
- Soda water
- Lemonade

Method

Muddle kiwi fruit and two lemon wedges. Add liquids. Shake and pour into highball or hurricane glass. Top with 1/2 soda water, 1/2 lemonade. Enjoy!
**Puzzle answers**

**Page 18**
Unscramble: airy, amity, army, arty, aerial, fairy, family, fatly, filmy, firmly, fitly, flaky, floaty, foamy, foray, FORMALITY, forty, frailty, fry, laity, limy, loamy, lofty, malty, matily, mayo, mayor, miry, morality, moray, mortify, oily, ramify, ratify, rimy, royal, ray, troty

Pub quiz: 1 MH370, 2 Pound sterling, 3 Bucharest, 4 Orlando, Florida, 5 Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport, 6 Cyprus, 7 The Sun, 8 New Zealand, 9 Frozen Planet, 10 Saigon, 11 Istanbul (e [note] + Stan [Lee] + bull)

Where in the world: Seljalsandfoss Waterfall, Iceland

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Whose flag is this: Nauru

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Whose flag is this: Cuba

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Pub quiz: 1 Santiago, 2 Java, 3 PORTUGUESE and ANDORRAN, 4 It was a tomb for ancient pharaohs, 5 He drowned in a river during a rest day, 6 1996, 7 Coffee, 8 Princess Charlotte of Cambridge, 9 The Danish krone

Where in the world: Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia

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Pub quiz: 1 Belfast, 2 Mongolia, 3 The Terracotta Army, 4 Busselton in WA, 5 Antarctica, 6 South Africa, 7 Coffee, 8 Princess Charlotte of Cambridge, 9 The Euro, 10 2011

Unscramble: bluing, blur, bugling, bulging, bung, burgling, burin, burl, Burling, burn, glug, gluing, gum, grub, GRUMBLING, lignum, lung, luring, mung, numb, ruin, ruing, ruing, rumbling, rung, ugli, unrig, urging

Where in the world: Louisville Slugger Factory and Museum, Louisville, Kentucky, USA

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