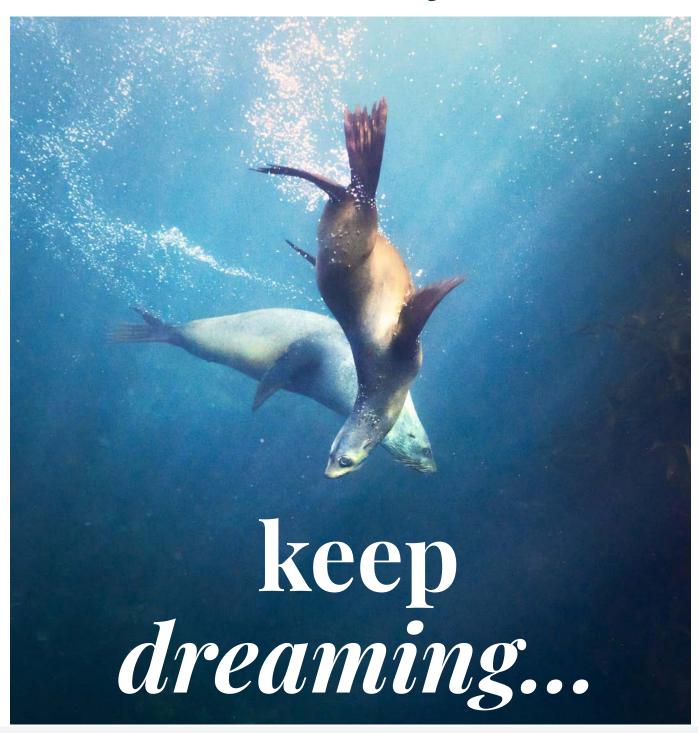
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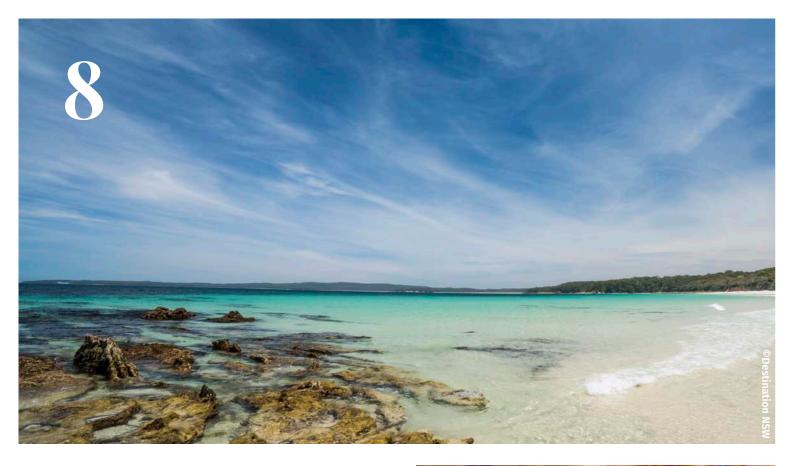
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### From the **Publisher**

Jenny Piper

It was fantastic news to hear last week that 'hopefully' all interstate borders will be open by Christmas. I know this will be a massive relief to so many families who are longing to be reunited with loved ones after a long year of separation. And it's also some positive news for the travel and tourism industry, let's continue to keep our fingers crossed that this is the re-start the industry so desperately needs. Unfortunately, it still looks like it will be a while before international travel begins again, so it's not looking good for my booked February cruise in Tahiti!! However plan B is formulating. Tasmania is beginning to seem like a great option to me, with this week's 'inspo' picture inspiring me to start planning.

Our feature story this week is based on my absolute favourite part of the world. The NSW South Coast – a road trip from Sydney to Merimbula. If this inspires you to take this route, a must stop is Jervis Bay with its white sands, natural beauty and abundant marine life. Allow time to take a dolphin watch cruise, you won't be disappointed.

Let's all 'keep dreaming' of those next adventures, start planning a 2021 holiday - 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 future travels.

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## For foodies









Chicago-style pizza, also known as deep-dish or deep pan pizza, is one of the most recognisable takes on the Italian dough-based dish there is. This high-edged pizza can be found throughout the Midwest, but when you find yourself in the Windy City, we suggest heading to one of these iconic institutions to try some.

#### Pizzeria Uno

This family-friendly pizza chain is found throughout the city, but if you find yourself in the River North neighbourhood, you're at the place it all began. Uno also serves pastas, steaks and burgers, but founder Ike Sewell would be offended if you didn't try the pizza style he invented and perfected in the 1940s.

#### **Peqoud's Pizza**

Known for its own take on Chicago-style pizza, featuring caramelised crusts, Peqoud's is another Chicago institution with a small number of locations across the city. This writer's favourite is found in the Lincoln Park neighbourhood on the city's

North Side, set among the brownstone houses for which this part of Chicago is famed.

#### Big G's Pizza

Located on Clark Street outside famous Wrigley Field, Big G's is known for attracting Chicago Cubs fans as they make their way out of the stadium and into the trendy bars of affluent Wrigleyville. Famed for serving its pizza by the slice, Big G's is perfect if you've come to experience the Chicago creed that is baseball - grab a slice of deep-dish without paying Wrigley Field prices.



## Travel hopes rise on vaccine

Health Minister Greg Hunt this morning revealed that an Australian-developed COVID-19 vaccine was set to commence Phase 3 clinical trials before Christmas.

Initial data on safety and efficacy of the vaccine was very encouraging he said, and with the program now ahead of schedule it's possible that if the trials are successful, it could become generally available early in the third quarter of next year.

That in turn "opens up the possibility of travel for Australians, so they can travel safely, they can return safely. "It reduces the need for hotel quarantine," Hunt said, adding the Government was looking to add progressive layers of safety in a series of travel bubbles with other low risk priority countries.

"In an ideal world, if the vaccination strategy is complete as we anticipate, then by the end of 2021 we'll be very close to, I would put it this way, widespread international travel," the Minister promised.

## **Celebrity goes** all-inclusive

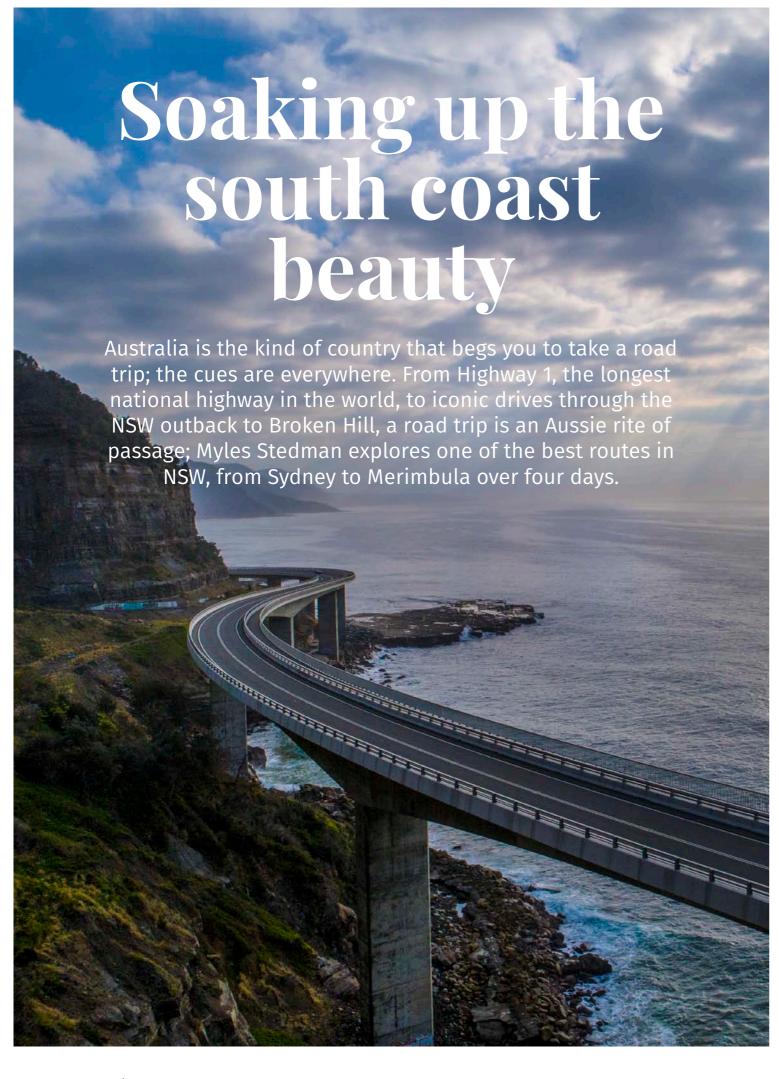
Celebrity Cruises hasn't been resting on its hands during the pandemic pause, last week unveiling a switch to simplified pricing under a new approach called "Always Included".

Effective for reservations made after Wed 18 November, all Celebrity fares include unlimited wi-fi, beverages and gratuities, with the cruise line's CEO Lisa Lutoff-Perlo saying the move will make it easier to book a cruise.

"Today, nothing is more luxurious than when things are extra simple and extra special...we wanted to bring that big, wonderful feeling of 'everything is taken care of' to life for our guests."

There's also the option to add on an "Elevate" package offering unlimited premium drinks and up to US\$200 towards shore excursions, or the ultimate "Indulge" package with streaming wi-fi.

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Pack your bags and empty esky for a trip down the south coast. Starting from Sydney, head south, passing through the National Park, to where you will find your first notable monument and photo opportunity, the Sea Cliff Bridge - New South Wales' answer to California's Bixby Creek Bridge. Be sure to savour your traversing of this bridge, as you are travelling one of only seven off-shore parallel-to-coast bridges in the world.

From there, follow
Lawrence Hargrave Drive
to Wollongong, and stop
for a coffee on the beach,
preferably from local
institution Buck's Café. If
coffee on the beach is not
Australian enough for you,
consider a surf lesson with
Australian Surf Tours, which
offers learn to surf programs

for all levels and abilities.
The company has a range of lessons, from one day to 12 weeks, and their progams also include delicious food, beautiful scenery and wildlife experiences, allowing travellers to experience much more than just the waves if they want.

A little further down the coast is the famous Kiama Blowhole, which under certain conditions, can spray 50 litres of water up to 25 metres in the air, more than enough to thoroughly soak you and any travelling companion you may have brought.

After Kiama, your next stop is Jervis Bay, where you can take the White Sand Walk which winds through the coastal forest of Jervis Bay National Park and past some of the purest sands in the

world. Make sure you take your swimmers as well – after a brisk bushwalk the blue of the water coupled with the stunning white sands is so enticing it will be hard to resist a dip.

Jervis Bay is also a marine sanctuary and the wildlife in the area has increased dramatically in the past 20 years since it was so designated. Dolphin Watch Cruises is one of the most experienced operators in the bay, and will take cruisers to drop in on up to 120 bottlenose dolphins in the region. For those after food and wine experiences, head to Cupitt's Estate, a family run boutique combination winery, cellar door, restaurant, bar, microbrewery and fromagerie set in the coastal countryside between Ulladulla and Milton. If you're looking for



Opposite page: Sea Cliff Bridge is one of the few off-shore parallel-to-coast bridges in the world

This page top: Take a dip in the turquoise waters of Jervis Bay

Left: Take in the famous Kiama blowhole

Right: Head to Cupitt's Estate for food and wine experiences

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a place to rest your head, try Bangalay Luxury Villas, located on Seven Mile Beach at Shoalhaven Heads. There are 16 fully self-contained villas and the onsite restaurant Bangalay Dining offers quality food from local producers.

Next up is the coastal town of Narooma, the gateway to Montague Island - one of New South Wales' bestkept secrets. It is here you can take in a wide array of animals, such as the native colony of seals and sea lions, and more than 90 bird species. If you prefer to stay on shore, Narooma is at the heart of the Oyster Coast, and there are no shortage of locations at which you can sample this Australian delicacy. The Sydney rock oyster, still heavily farmed in this area, is one of the local favourites. If you want to take in Narooma from the sky, South Coast Seaplanes offers a range of tour packages, or if they don't suit they can arrange a bespoke adventure.

Soon after departing Narooma, you will arrive on the Sapphire Coast. Merimbula makes a great base to visit and take in some of Australia's best produce including wine, meat, oysters, seafood, olives, dairy, fruit & vegetables, honey, herbs, jams and eggs. Captain Sponge's Magical Oyster Tour is a great way to taste the locally farmed oysters, with a two-hour on the water experience run by owner and Captain Brett Weingarth AKA "Sponge". Make sure you take your time in this region to satisfy your tastebuds as well as enjoy the area's stunning natural scenery. Soak up some of the outdoors when you stay at Tanja Lagoon Camp in Mimosa Rocks National Park. There are four luxurious self-contained safari tents at the camp, which overlook a coastal lagoon. Bushwalk, kayak, stargaze or simply sit back and relax in your queen-size bed.

Travellers can easily do this road trip in four days one way. There's so much to see and do that you'll have to miss things on the way down - luckily you can take in some of what you've missed on the way back.





From top: Experience quality local food at Bangalay Dining

See the coast from the sky with South Coast Seaplanes

Merimbula makes a great base to explore the Sapphire Coast

Taste locally-farmed oysters on Captain Sponge's Magical Oyster Tour

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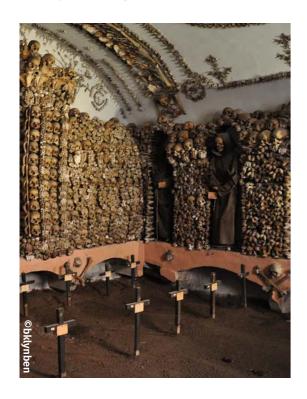
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## Take four

Crypts and catacombs around the world offer fascinating glimpses into history. Here's four to keep on your gothic radar.



#### The Capuchin Crypt

Italy seems to be the mecca for strange crypts and catacombs, most likely owing to its plethora of ancient churches which are known to house dead bodies beneath many of their floors. If the site of human remains doesn't make you run for cover, check out The Capuchin Crypt located underneath the church of Santa Maria della Concezione dei Cappuccini near Piazza Barberini in Rome, Italy. Here you will find the skeletal remains of 3,700 bodies speculated to be Capuchin friars buried by their order. If its grim atmosphere wasn't already abundantly obvious, you should note that The Marquis de Sade once noted a visit to the crypt was "well worth the effort".



#### **Wawel Cathedral**

Poland is home to many examples of impressive gothic architecture, so it makes sense you might find some interesting crypts in this region of eastern Europe as well. The country's Wawel Cathedral is an exquisite example of gothic church construction, but it's the morbid treasure that lies within that draws just as many visitors to this site. The building houses one of Poland's oldest burial sites, with a pastiche of various leaders and monarchs laid to rest here from as early as the 14th century. Perhaps the most famous rulers interred here include Ian III Sobieski, the King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania from 1674 until his death, as well as Tadeusz Kosciuszko, one of Poland's most revered military leaders.

#### **Grand Masters Crypt**

A trip to this crypt is a bit of a two-for-one because it is located underneath the beautiful St John's Co-Cathedral in Malta. When you are done gawking at the majesty of the temple's grand architecture, wander below deck to see the crypt containing the bodies of former Grand Masters of the Order of Malta, such as Philippe Villiers de L'Isle-Adam, Claude de la Sengle, Jean Parisot de Valette and Alof de Wignacourt. The remains are positioned underneath the church's main altar to emphasise their religious significance, with the stone sarcophagi decorated with baroque sculptural decorations depicting various floral themes and narratives.



#### Lenin's Mausoleum

For somewhere a little bit more current, why not stop in and visit the well-preserved remains of Russia's former leader Vladimir Lenin. Resting peacefully inside a large glass coffin inside Lenin's Mausoleum in Red Square, Moscow, visitors can gaze upon the Russian revolutionary who presided over one of the bloodiest periods of Russian history - a far cry from his restful look forever inscribed on his face in death. It's hard not to feel a part of 20th century history when visiting here, with Lenin's body providing a macabre time warp into a period of revolutionary uprising and violent totalitarianism.



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## Keep your cruising dream alive

Travel agents are the best people to help you plan a cruise, they are experts in the product - they know the different cruise lines, what each offer, and what will suit your budget. But they have also experienced many cruises themselves! This week's agent review comes from Craig Mathieson from Helloworld Toowoomba Ridge.



### APT - MS Island Sky, Kimberley Cruise: Broome to Darwin



### The ship

Small ship expedition cruising, does it get any better? The ship's décor is traditional, the cabins are huge and the service great. So easy to find you way around and the lectures were interesting, informative, and often fun. The entertainment is intimate as the bar is small and you eat and explore with the entertainers.



#### **Dining**

The great place to eat was the alfresco dining area on the stern of the ship. The food was good, varied and served to you at the buffet and you got to enjoy the spectacular scenery. The main dining room was good, but the weather made outside the choice. The included drinks list is more than adequate, I found something for each occasion.







#### Itinerary highlight

The absolute highlight was the excursions on the zodiacs. Getting on and off the zodiacs is so slick even people using walking frames were going. The stunning scenery, the wildlife, the history, the interaction with local indigenous people and a glass of bubbles on a beach as the sun sets had you looking forward to getting off the beautiful ship.







### Top tip for clients

This is all inclusive, intimate, expedition cruising on a small ship. You won't spend anything on this cruise and you will see so much that can only be seen from a small ship cruise with zodiacs. The crew are happy and it shows in the brilliant service.

## 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!



## **Splendor**

Regent Seven Seas Cruises has provided this week's cocktail. The cruise line has created a number of different cocktails, all named after their ships. We've chosen just one, Splendor, named after Regent's newest luxury vessel, Seven Seas Splendor.

### **Ingredients**

45ml Crown Royal Whisky (or any kind of whisky you already have) 25ml fresh lemon juice 25ml ginger puree 15ml honey syrup 3-5 drops of citrus bitters Orange peel to garnish

#### Method

Combine all ingredients in a glass. Add an orange peel to garnish and enjoy!



#### Sudoku

#### **FIENDISH**

Complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Numbers can only be used once in each row, column, and 3×3 box.

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#### Whose flag is this?



The green background and crescent of this flag represent the majority Islamic population of the nation, while the four stars stand for the islands that make up the country off the coast of Africa. That part of the flag was designed by a French herald, and was the whole flag while the country was a still a territory of France. After independence the stripes were added.

Do you know whose flag it is?

### Pub quiz

- 1. Prior to it moving to Melbourne, which city hosted the Australian Grand Prix?
- 2. Is Perth closer to Darwin or Melbourne?
- 3. By area, what is the largest country in the Arab world?
- 4. The Thomas Cook brand is kept alive by operations in which country?
- 5. Wild Life Sydney in Darling Harbour was formerly known as what?
- 6. The Hazards and Wineglass Bay are features of which Australian national park?
- 7. Asiana Airlines is based in which country?
- 8. New Orleans' airport is named after who?
- 9. Bamboo Airways is an airline originating from which country?
- 10. What is the easternmost point of mainland Australia?
- 11. What South Australian town are these pictures spelling out?





#### Pub quiz

- 1. Melbourne's Flinders Street railway station is located at the intersection of Flinders Street and which other major artery?
- 2. When was petroleum first discovered in Saudi Arabia?
  - a) In the 1910s
  - b) In the 1920s
  - c) In the 1930s
- 3. Port Macquarie is located at the mouth of which river?
- 4. AYQ would be printed on your baggage tags if you were headed to which airport?
- 5. Approximately how many islands are in the Whitsundays?
- 6. What is the current flagship of Cunard Line?
- 7. Which airline is also known locally as Zennikku?
- 8. Are there more indigenous Fijians or Indo-Fijians in Fiji?
- 9. The 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo were postponed by 12 months, and will now occur how many years after the city last hosted the games?
- 10. The Empire State Building is built in what architectural style?

#### **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 – 21 words Very good - 31 words Excellent – 41 words

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

### Where in the world?

This race track is most famous for a motor race held each October. Technically the track is classified as a street circuit, as it is a public road when no racing events are being run. The track is unusual by modern standards, with the 6.2km length having a 174m vertical difference in height between the highest and lowest points and numerous very steep grades. Do you know where in the world this race track is?



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#### Pub quiz

- 1. Prior to moving to Melbourne Park in the city's downtown area, which suburb was the Australian Open played in?
- 2. Mecca and which other city play host to the two holiest sites of Islam?
- 3. Which river flows through New Orleans?
- 4. New South Wales' Northern Rivers region draws its name from which three waterways?
- 5. The Indonesian capital of Jakarta is located on which island?
- 6. How many states have territory in the Arctic and what are their names?
- 7. Nuku'alofa is the capital of which country?
- 8. Are there more people in Albury or Wodonga?
- 9. Hervey Bay is known as a prime location to spot what animal?
- 10. Langtree Avenue is the main street in which town?

#### Whose flag is this?



The tree in the centre of this flag is a cedar, which has long been associated with this country. The first flag of this country unofficially had the cedar on a plain background, but in 1920 the country became a state under the administration of France which had previously ruled over it and the flag had the cedar on top of the French tricolour.

The country became independent in 1941 and the flag wasn't changed. In 1943 however, an agreement between the main religious groups in the country created this flag, removing the blue from the tricolour and making the stripes horizontal instead of vertical. 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 – 18 words Very good – 27 words Excellent – 36 words

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

#### Museums and galleries word search

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

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TATEMODERN THEGETTY UFFIZIGALLERY VATICAN

## Where in the world?

Despite being commonly referred to as a cathedral, this is actually just a parish church.

The church was built in the 1960s and comprises 11 concrete slabs in an asymmetric form with openings in between each slab which let daylight in. This is particularly useful as the church is in a place that has short winter days.

Where in the world is this?



#### **Puzzle answers**

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Pub quiz: 1 Adelaide, 2 Darwin, by roughly 100 kilometres, 3 Algeria, 4 India, 5 Sydney Wildlife World, 6 Freycinet National Park, 7 South Korea, 8 Louis Armstrong, 9 Vietnam, 10 Cape Byron, 11 Snowtown (snow + town)

Whose flag is this: Coromos

Sudoku:

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Unscramble: aide, aired, arid, dairy, dare, dear, deary, diary, dire, dray, dreary, drey, drier, dryer, dyer, HAIRDRYER, haired, hard, harder, hardier, hary, hared, harried, hayed, hayride, head, heady, heard, herd, hide, hied, hydra, idea, raid, raider, rayed, read, ready, ride, rider, yard

Pub quiz: 1 Swanston Street, 2 c) 1930s, 3 Hastings River, 4 Ayres Rock Airport, 5 More than 70, 6 Queen Mary 2, 7 All Nippon Airways, 8 Indigenous Fijians, 9 57 years, 10 Art deco

Where in the world: Mount Panorama, Bathurst, Australia

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Pub quiz: 1 Kooyong, 2 Medina, 3 Mississippi River, 4 Clarence River, Richmond River and Tweed River, 5 Java, 6 Eight - Canada, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, United States, 7 Tonga, 8 Albury, 9 Whales, 10 Mildura

Unscramble: enrol, eulogy, glen, glory, glue, gluey, gluon, gruel, logo, lone, loner, long, longer, loon, lore, lounge, lounger, lour, luge, lung, lunge, lunger, lure, lurgy, lyre, NEUROLOGY, ogle, ogler, oleo, ology, only, rely, role, rule, ugly, urology

Whose flag is this: Lebanon

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Where in the world: Arctic Cathedral, Tromso, Norway

