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From the Publisher Jenny Piper

The cold front that has blasted the East Coast this last week has made me want to bunker down in the snow somewhere and sit by the fire and read a book – one of my favourite holiday experiences is the winter/snow stay with a bit of skiing and a bit of relaxing together.

But then I read this week's Take Four about the best swim up bars and I hanker for a beach escape at a resort with nothing better to do than lounge around and try one or two cocktails! Fortunately many of the resorts are in Queensland so once those borders are open we can start planning where to first!

We also have a great feature on art galleries well worth visiting. Hobart's MONA has a worldwide reputation, I visited a few years ago and it was definitely a highlight of my Tassie visit. Throw in a road trip, or do one of Tasmania's amazing walks, or book one of the new small group tours on offer showcasing some of the best of the state.

Visit your local agent for advice on where to stay and what will suit you best for that 2021 holiday.

Enjoy this weeks read and keep dreaming of travel. Follow us on **Instagram** (@travelcruiseweekly) and **Facebook** to stay up to date and see more travel inspiration.

xx Jenny

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Kangaroo Island, SA

Named for good reason, Kangaroo Island is one of the world's great nature destinations. Just across the water from mainland South Australia, Kangaroo Island is a playground for nature lovers. The 509km of rugged coastline is ready to be explored, offering stunning views, native bushland, and wildlife aplenty. Relax at the end of an adventurous day by watching the spectacular sunset with a glass of local wine in hand.



For Foodies



Daintree Ice Cream Company @Tourism & Events Queensland

Take a sweeter trip

The dense and creamy goodness we know as gelato is in high demand for Australians, with a string of chains like Gelato Messina and Gelatissimo testament to our love affair with the frozen delight.

For overseas travellers, the spiritual home of gelato is Italy, and the capital Rome is blessed with a vast array of gelaterias. Our recommendation is to pay a visit to the renowned Gelateria I Caruso, where not only are some of the best flavours and textures of the dessert available, but you can also watch the confectionery artists hard at work making it. The on-trend flavours are melon, mandarin

orange and cioccolato fondente. After all, you know what they say, when in Rome...stuff your face with gelato goodness.

Closer to home, one of the best places to try is located in the foodie mecca of Melbourne. Pidapipo has built itself a reputation for producing some of the tastiest gelato in the country. Flavours on offer include a rich mix of fruitiness and sweetness, but we recommend the banana milk or vanilla bean and honeycomb flavours for those wanting to indulge a sweet tooth, while for warmer days, perhaps try the blood orange or watermelon sorbet to cool you down.



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In the News

A Grandiosa MSC return

ITALIAN Italian cruise company MSC has marked a milestone with the first successful “big ship” voyage in the Mediterranean, which wrapped up yesterday.

The six-night voyage saw *MSC Grandiosa* operating with reduced occupancy and very strict health protocols, including having 10% of its staterooms set aside in case COVID-19 isolation was required.

Passengers who undertook shore excursions in the ports of call including Rome, Naples, Palermo and Valetta were required to do so only under strict supervision, with

one group who tried to “go it alone” in Naples denied reboarding, confirming MSC’s commitment to the rules.

Guests are also being temperature checked when they board, while measures also include elevated cleaning and the sanitation of on-board air conditioning with UV-C light technology.

The first local bubble opens

THERE was a glimmer of hope for a restart of travel on the weekend, when authorities in Singapore announced a relaxation of border restrictions - but only for travellers from New Zealand and Brunei.

Effective from next month Kiwis who have spent at least the last 14 days in New Zealand can apply for an Air Travel Pass which will allow them to avoid the current mandatory two week quarantine upon arrival.

Instead they will have to undertake a COVID-19 test and wait until the results are negative before venturing forth into Singapore, with the change based on the low rates of infection in NZ.

Singapore has also halved the quarantine requirement for travellers from Australia (except Victoria) to seven days - but that’s cold comfort for Aussie passengers whose wings are still clipped by Australia’s strict outbound travel restrictions.

Australian art galleries worth the trip

Myles Stedman takes a look at some of the local museums where you can get your art fix.

Museum of Old & New Art, Tasmania

Located within the Moorilla winery in Berriedale, Hobart, Tasmania's Museum of Old & New Art (MONA) is the largest privately funded museum in the Southern Hemisphere, bankrolled by professional gambler and art sugar daddy David Walsh, who describes his pursuit as a "subversive adult Disneyland". MONA opened in 2011 and has already become an essential part of Australian visual art culture, to which it also contributes through its annual MONA FOMA and Dark MOFO music and arts festival.

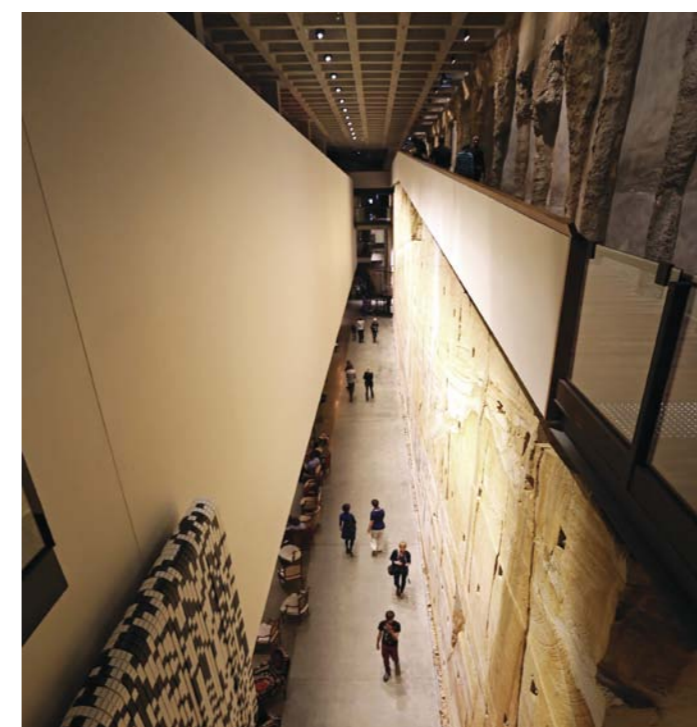
MONA brings in over 350,000 people annually to view its collection of 1,900 pieces, which include strong themes of sex, death, and grotesquery, such as Wim Delvoye's *Cloaca Professional*, a digestive machine which turns food into faeces. Other "highlights" include Stephen Shanabrook's *On the road to heaven the highway to hell*, which features the remains of a suicide bomber cast in chocolate, and Chris Ofili's *The Holy Virgin Mary* – a painting created partially with elephant dung. To complete the feeling of not being in an art museum, Walsh's gallery does not feature museum labels; rather, visitors use a device called the O, which has an inbuilt GPS, and displays information about nearby artworks. If you're a snob, we suggest clicking on "art wank", where the curator's notes on the works can be read.



Top: Tasmania's Museum of Old & New Art (MONA) from the water ©MONA

Left: One of the exhibitions at MONA ©Joe McNally/Tourism Australia

Right: Interior of MONA ©Tourism Australia



National Gallery of Australia, Canberra

One of the largest art museums in the country, the National Gallery of Australia holds more than 160,000 works, including the largest collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art in the land. Located near Lake Burley Griffin, the building opened to the public in 1982, after being announced by the late Harold Holt in 1967.

Perhaps one of the museum's most striking aspects is its gardens, which are adorned with sculptures and ferns. 26 different sculptures feature at the National Gallery of Australia,

made by both local and international artists, with a highlight being Fujiko Nakaya's *Foggy wake in a desert: An ecosphere*, which between 12:30pm and 2pm daily, sees 900 nozzles operated by a pump create a fine mist of water, which wafts across a pond and through the surrounding vegetation, creating a self-sustaining "ecosphere", which is often welcome by Canberrans jogging the Lake on a hot day. Also on display in the museum's gardens is Anthony Gormley's maquette for *Angel of the North*, located in England's North East. The angel rose in Canberra in 2010, showing there's always something new and interesting to discover at the National Gallery of Australia.



Top: The National Gallery of Australia features a number of Aboriginal artworks ©Ramingining artists: *The Aboriginal Memorial* 1987 - 88

Left: There's plenty of art inside and outside the museum ©National Gallery of Australia

Right: With more than 160,000 works, the benches around the museum are great to rest and take it all in ©Tourism Australia



Top: AGSA's building is heritage listed ©South Australian Tourism Commission

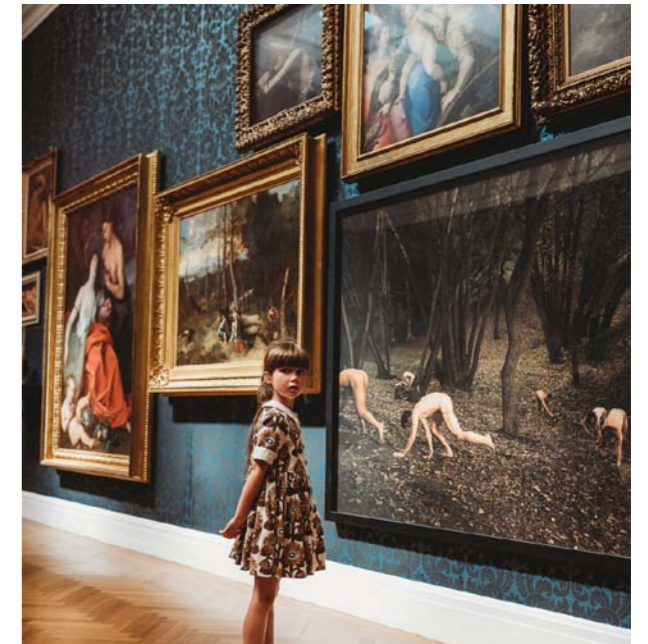
Middle: There are almost 45,000 works in the AGSA ©Megan Crabb

Bottom: AGSA is renowned for its 19th century works ©South Australian Tourism Commission

Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide

Paris' Louvre may be the oldest art museum in the world, but not far behind is the Art Gallery of South Australia, which traces its roots back to 1881. The most significant of its kind in a state full of visual art culture, the Art Gallery of South Australia (AGSA) aptly stands as the jewel in the crown of the North Terrace cultural precinct and hosts almost 45,000 works.

The gallery is renowned for its 19th century works, with a heavy emphasis on silverware and furniture, as well as Australian impressionist paintings. There is also a large collection of British art, as well as sculptural works, by artists such as Auguste Rodin. The Gallery is also known for hosting Australia's only permanent display of Islamic art. For those planning a future trip, AGSA hosts the Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art every two years. Obviously most of us can't visit this year's exhibition in person, which due to border closures is only open to South Australian residents, but the gallery is offering a virtual tour on their website, with curators, artists and guest speakers, and planning for the 2022 Biennial is already underway, with Sebastian Goldspink named as the curator of the event.



Take four

Who doesn't love a swim-up bar? Here are our top picks around Australia.



Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

This accommodation may be known as one of the region's more family friendly stays, but it also happens to feature a fantastic swim-up bar. This resort is also located near the beach and is a convenient 10-minute walk from Cairns Aquarium, the Esplanade and Cairns Night Markets.

Sofitel Noosa Pacific Resort

Another Queensland-based resort, Sofitel Noosa Pacific Resort is situated by the ocean, and is also a short walk from Noosa Beach and Weyba Creek Bushland Reserve North, as well as Hastings Street, and if you don't feel like a night out on Noosa Heads' main street, just relax in the pool, where you're just a short swim away from your next tippie.



Mindil Beach Casino & Resort

Formerly SKYCITY Darwin, this Northern Territory resort is set near the beach, and is 10 minutes on foot from SKYCITY Casino, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens and the resort's namesake beach. Darwin has a reputation for getting more than a little packed at night, making this swim-up bar one of the most relaxing locations for a drink in town.

Hamilton Island, Great Barrier Reef

Hidden amongst lush tropical gardens, the main pool at Hamilton Island is the perfect place to unwind into holiday life. The big drawcard is, of course, the swim up bar, perfect for enjoying your favourite cocktail without even leaving the water. Relax and enjoy the serenity with a drink in hand.



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.

Expedition cruising combines the best of both worlds - incredible locations on a luxurious vessel. This week, we take a look at the fine dining options onboard expedition cruise ships.

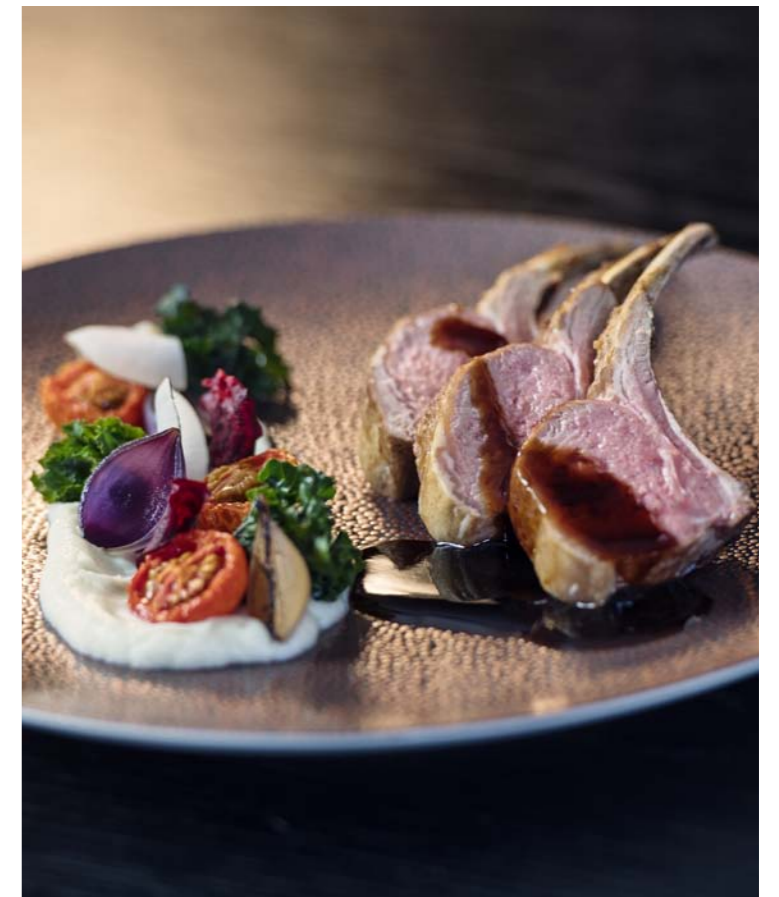


Gastronomic Restaurant Ponant

At dinner, Ponant's Gastronomic Restaurant showcases the grand traditions of French fine dining, with menus paired with one of the best wines from the cellar, as recommended by a sommelier. At lunch, a selection of dishes inspired by contemporary French brasseries is offered.

Lindstrøm Hurtigruten

Lindstrom is Hurtigruten's fine dining concept, named after the chef who journeyed with Roald Amundsen on his polar expeditions. Suite guests are able to dine at the venue for breakfast and dinner each day and other guests can join for either or both meals on an a la carte basis. Lindstrom serves Nordic cuisine using premium ingredients and a first-class wine list. The dining room sports classic Scandi-chic design and modern art.



La Dame Silversea Cruises

La Dame presents a bespoke French menu from Silversea's top chefs and is on board *Silver Spirit*, *Silver Cloud*, *Silver Muse*, *Silver Wind*, *Silver Moon*, *Silver Dawn*, *Silver Shadow* and *Silver Whisper*. Named after "La Dame de Paris", or the Eiffel Tower, La Dame is designed to showcase the traditions and culture of the French gastronomy and the menu promises "a fusion of tradition and modernity". The restaurant provides a chic contemporary style, with white table linen and white gloved service.

Pub quiz

1. Which country would you find the Sagrada Familia?
2. Pho is the national dish of which Asian nation?
3. The American continents derived their name from which Italian explorer?
4. Much of ancient Persia is now occupied by what modern day country?
5. What is the currency most commonly used in East Timor?
6. What is the national sport of Thailand?
7. What animal is clutching a sword on the Sri Lankan flag?
8. Who is the current Prime Minister of Canada?
9. Which country has the internet domain code .fj?
10. True or false: Kylie Minogue and comedian Wil Anderson starred in Tourism Australia's Matesong campaign late last year?
11. What city does this collection of pictures spell out?



Whose flag is this?



This flag is very similar to Turkey's: in fact the main difference is the circle that the central symbols are in (it's missing on Turkey's flag). The crescent moon and star are very common symbols used in flags of countries once part of the Ottoman Empire. This flag was formally adopted by the country in 1959, but is identical to the one that was in use as far back as the 1830s. Do you know whose flag this is?

Sudoku

MEDIUM

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 box.

4		8			2			
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			9			6		3

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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.

E	T	C
A	H	H
R	A	E

Good – 24 words

Very good – 36 words

Excellent – 47 words

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

Where in the world?



Although these look like giant horse heads, they actual depict kelpies, which are shape-changing mythological spirits. The horse shape was chosen by the artist to reflect the importance and history of horses in the area where these huge sculptures are placed. Do you know where in the world you would find this art installation?

Pub quiz

1. What European country are you in if you are staring at the view from the Pulpit Rock?
2. Asados is the national dish of which South American country?
3. What is the currency of Cambodia?
4. The flag of Albania features an eagle with how many heads?
5. Prayut Chan-o-cha is the current Prime Minister of which Asian nation?
6. What is the national sport of New Zealand?
7. Who is depicted on top of the world's largest statue of a horse in Ulaanbaatar?
8. True or false: Russia once drafted legislation to ban emo culture because the government believed it promoted depression?
9. How much money did tourists spend in Australian wine region for the 2018/19 period, according to Wine Australia?
 - a) \$2.6 billion
 - b) \$4.6 billion
 - c) \$9.6 billion
 - d) \$19.6 billion
10. Which country has the internet domain code .az?

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.

D	T	V
E	I	E
T	C	E

Good –
10 words
Very good –
15 words
Excellent –
20 words

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

Whose flag is this?



This country has gone for a very simple flag to represent their nation, with only two colours and no other symbols. The flag was first used by revolutionaries who were wanting independence from the state that controlled the country and originally the colours were switched. Do you know whose flag this is?

Activities to travel for

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

ARTGALLERIES
BIRDWATCHING
CAMPING
CYCLING

DIVING
DRIVING
EATING
GOLF

HISTORY
MUSEUMS
ROCKCLIMBING
SIGHTSEEING

SKIING
SURFING
WALKING
WINETASTING

Pub quiz

- Which Japanese island is the city of Kyoto located?
- Harissa is the national dish of which small European nation?
- Who is the current President of Brazil?
- True or false: Argentina is home to the world's largest resort swimming pool?
- What is the currency of Papua New Guinea?
- What is the national sport of Papua New Guinea?
- Which mythical creature is featured on the national flag of Wales?
- Which modern country was referred to as Gaul in ancient times?
- Which country has the internet domain code .kh?
- Which country boasts the largest population of pigs?
- What country is this collection of pictures spelling out?



Where in the world?

There's a hint of where in the world this is in the picture, if you look closely enough. This bridge was the longest suspension bridge in the world when it was first opened and is an iconic landmark. Do you know what is pictured?



Know your brands

Logos are the main way that companies distinguish themselves, and some logos are so famous that you don't even need to see the company's name to know who it is. See if you can identify these four logos.



Whose flag is this?



This flag incorporates the colours of the flag of the country which rules over it. The circle in the centre represents the sun and the white of the flag stands for ice and snow, which covers most of the country. The flag initially proposed in 1973 for the country was green with a cross design in the centre, but that was rejected. This flag was designed by a local artist and was one of 555 designs that were submitted in 1978 when they decided to choose a new flag again. Do you know whose flag this is?

Sudoku

EASY

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 box.

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8	1		7	4		3		

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All answers are on page 26

Make it at home

In these stressful times, we're often looking for a drink, so why not make one of our unique cocktail recipes at home!



Caliente Margarita

The recent cold snap working its way through parts of Australia over the weekend has us dreaming of warmer climes, but with international travel off the cards for a while, why not spice things up with your cocktail choice? The recipe for this Caliente Margarita comes from Celebrity Cruises, who serves the drink at its Sunset Bar on some of its ships.

Ingredients

60ml Don Julio Blanco Tequila
15ml Ancho Reyes (or Chili Liqueur of choice)
20ml fresh lime juice
20ml simple sugar syrup
2 strawberries, diced
Lime wedge, to serve
Salt and chili flakes, for salt rim
2 cups ice cubes

Method

Combine tequila, chili liqueur, lime juice, sugar syrup and strawberries into a cocktail shaker. Wipe lime juice around rim of short cocktail glass, gently roll glass edge in salt and chili flake combination until flakes stick to glass rim. Place ice cubes into short cocktail glass. Fill cocktail shaker to rim with ice, add lid and shake for 15 seconds. Strain mixture over ice into cocktail glass ensuring no large pieces of strawberries are in the mixture. Serve with wedge of lime.

Puzzle answers

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Unscramble: ache, aether, arch, char, chart, chat, cheat, cheater, cheer, cheetah, chert, each, earache, earth, echt, etch, etcher, ether, haar, hare, hart, hatch, hate, hater, hath, hear, heart, HEARTACHE, hearth, heat, heater, heath, heather, hectare, here, hetaere, reach, reheat, retch, rhea, teach, teacher, tech, thee, there, three, trachea

Where in the world: Kelpies, The Helix, Scotland

Pub quiz: 1 Spain, 2 Vietnam, 3 Amerigo Vespucci, 4 Iran, 5 The US Dollar, 6 Muay Thai (Thai boxing), 7 A lion, 8 Justin Trudeau, 9 Fiji, 10 False (Kylie Minogue and Adam Hills were the two main stars), 11 Seoul (sole)

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Pub quiz: 1 Norway, 2 Argentina, 3 The Cambodian riel, 4 Two, 5 Thailand, 6 Rugby Union, 7 Genghis Khan, 8 True, 9 c) \$9.6 billion, 10 Azerbaijan

Whose flag is this: Tunisia

Sudoku:

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3	9	6	1	2	4	8	7	5
8	4	5	3	7	6	9	2	1
2	7	1	9	5	8	6	4	3

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Pub quiz: 1 Honshu, 2 Armenia, 3 Jair Bolsonaro, 4 False (San Alfonso del Mar in Chile has the largest), 5 The kina, 6 Rugby League, 7 A dragon, 8 France, 9 Cambodia, 10 China, 11 Liberia (lie + beer + e [note] + ah)

Whose flag is this: Ukraine

Unscramble: cite, cited, civet, deceit, deceive, DETECTIVE, device, dice, diet, dive, edict, edit, evict, evicted, iced, tide, tied, vice, vide, vied

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Where in the world: Brooklyn Bridge, New York, USA

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Know your brands: 1 Australian Open (Tennis), 2 Toyota, 3 Airbnb, 4 Louis Vuitton

Whose flag is this: Greenland

Sudoku:

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5	6	4	8	3	9	1	7	2
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8	1	2	7	4	5	3	9	6

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