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## From the Publisher Jenny Piper

We've made it to double digits! This is issue TEN of Travel & Cruise Weekly keep dreaming e-mag. I have to say this has been the strangest few months of my life, as it has been for most of you readers as well.

We have watched our world close down and now slowly start to open again, but not fast enough for those of us who love to travel. Our 'itchy feet' are frustrated by not having a clear idea of when travel will be allowed past our state and international borders. I know I am hatching plans for the next trip and where it could possibly be too – I'm thinking an island resort or cruise as these are likely to be places where COVID can be managed.

I hope this magazine is keeping you all inspired to keep dreaming of travel too, and weighing up the possibilities for when we have some clarity. Pop in to see your local travel agent for some ideas, they would love to help you make those dreams become a reality.

This week we have some great stories on the best golf courses, bars with a view that are worth a visit, and a review from me about the stunning Maria Island walk we did a few years ago with some friends. Also, a delicious Argentinian Empanada recipe and of course some puzzles to keep the mind active.

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xx Jenny

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# Norway

Catching sight of the Northern Lights, or Aurora borealis, is an experience on the bucket list of many travellers. The dancing light show occurs when charged particles from the sun get trapped in the Earth's magnetic field. While visible on dark winter nights throughout the Arctic Circle, the fjords of Norway make a particularly stunning backdrop for the atmospheric phenomena. This truly is the scenery of dreams.

DYAN HALLWORTH



# For foodies

## Aussie Bars with a view

Many Australians around the country are relishing in their newly returned freedom of being able to head out for a drink. Here are three stylish bars with stunning vantage points and tasty tipples.

### Opera Bar Sydney

You cannot get much more iconic than the Sydney Opera House. Opera Bar has a wide selection of beer, wine, and food, complemented by panoramic views of Sydney's most recognisable icons. The open-air venue is situated steps from the sails of the Sydney Opera House and offers a lively and laidback vibe.

### 2K.W. Bar and Restaurant

Adelaide's 2K.W. Bar and Restaurant is a cut above the rest, perched eight floors above the city and overlooking the cultural district. Visitors to the classy rooftop venue can choose from five indoor and outdoor entertaining zones, along with modern Australian menus and cocktails.

### Burleigh Pavilion

Nothing says Queensland like lapping up a warm ocean breeze as the sun fades. The Burleigh Pavilion sits on the corner of the Gold Coast's Burleigh Beach and is a hotspot for a quiet drink or group get together. The epic beachfront views can be paired with freshly shucked oysters, a burger or pizza.



## A Quantum leap for Royal Caribbean

Royal Caribbean International last week made a "Quantum leap forward" in Australia, opening bookings for its summer 2021-22 program, which will see *Quantum of the Seas* make its debut in the country.

The Quantum-class ship will sail from Sydney, joining her sister *Ovation of the Seas*, while *Radiance of the Seas* will sail from Brisbane, marking Royal Caribbean's

biggest season in the city.

The ships will sail a range of South Pacific holidays, including 10- to 13-night New Zealand trips and 07-to 08-night Australian vacations.

## Bubble boost

The proposed travel bubble received four more applicants last week, with New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tahiti's tourism bodies all throwing their support behind the concept.

The four have formed a working group to help the

bubble become reality, with a stated objective of forging "collaboration and positive discussion between the national governments of the South Pacific and Australia, as well as relevant stakeholders throughout the region, and demonstrate there's a strong appetite from the tourism industries in these countries".

A formal letter was recently submitted by the group to the offices of both the Australian and New Zealand Prime Ministers, outlining the benefits of including the group in the bubble.



# Island Wanderings

Jenny Piper has the chance to experience one of Tasmania's most spectacular landscapes, the beautiful Maria Island, off the East coast, with its sweeping bays, rugged cliffs and mountains and amazing wildlife as part of the four-day Maria Island Walk.



The adventure began in Sydney where my friend saw a poster for the walk in her local travel agent. She was so taken with the beauty of the white beaches and turquoise waters that she decided that the walk was what she would like to do with her husband to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Of course when she told me her plans I asked if we could 'chime in', so one April, together with six other people and two guides we embarked on our exploration of the magnificent Maria Island.

The island has been a National Park since 1972 and is accessed by boat from the fishing village of Triabunna. It has a fascinating history as a whaling station, a convict settlement and later a farming community. Visitors can stay in the only township of Darlington where there is hostel style accommodation in the old Penitentiary or camping. But we were visiting on the guided Maria Island Walk, a four-day, three-night trek covering the length of the island, hiking about 30km in total (not including optional walks), and staying in exclusive, luxury wilderness camps, not a bad way to see this World Heritage-listed destination.

## The walk

After being collected from their hotel in Hobart, guests go to the city base to get kitted up for the next few days. Packs are provided and despite the suggested gear list I still managed to overpack, which I did regret as an inexperienced hiker. Guests carry their own packs (unless you have pre-arranged the no pack option). After transfer to Triabunna we board the boat for the 40 minute crossing to the island, arriving on the beach at



*Clockwise from opposite: Walk along Reidle Beach ©Jenny Piper*

*Walkers are transferred by boat to the island from Triabunna ©Maria Island Walk*

*Rocks are covered with stunning-coloured lichen ©Jenny Piper*

*Guests are provided with packs but carry their own, unless pre-arranged ©Jenny Piper*





Shoal Bay where French explorer Nicholas Baudin landed in 1802. Fortunately the walk to our first campsite is a short one and we offload our packs to replace them with day packs for the optional afternoon walk down to Haunted Bay, home of an old whaling station and named because of all the whale bones in the bay.

Day two is the longest walk of 13km, covering five beautiful beaches. We visit one of the oldest farmhouses on the island and then have lunch at the ruins of the convict cells, before encountering our first wombat. For the beachcombers we come across some amazing finds including whale vertebrae.

On day three we head inland through the forests towards the summit of Mt Maria. But due to inclement weather we can't climb to the summit, so instead we head straight to Darlington to dry out and explore the historic township with its many convict buildings.

Our final day sees us take on the twin peaks of Bishop and Clerk. This is an optional activity as it is a strenuous hike. The four hour round trip takes us along the edges of rugged cliffs and through forests and woodlands before climbing a scree slope to reach the summit at 620m. After scrambling up the last few boulders we reach the top with its spectacular views and celebrate our achievement with a cuppa provided by our wonderful guide, who has carried the thermos all the way up. Our guides for the trip have been two enthusiastic and knowledgeable young ladies – Holly and Jo. They have looked out for all of us and kept us informed about the history and the flora and fauna of the island.

## Food and accommodation

The first two nights of the walk are spent 'glamping' at the wilderness camps with permanent tents, comfy beds and sleeping bags provided. There are private showering and toilet facilities as well as a dining tent and sitting area in which to relax. The campsites are nestled in the bush and situated near secluded beaches. The final

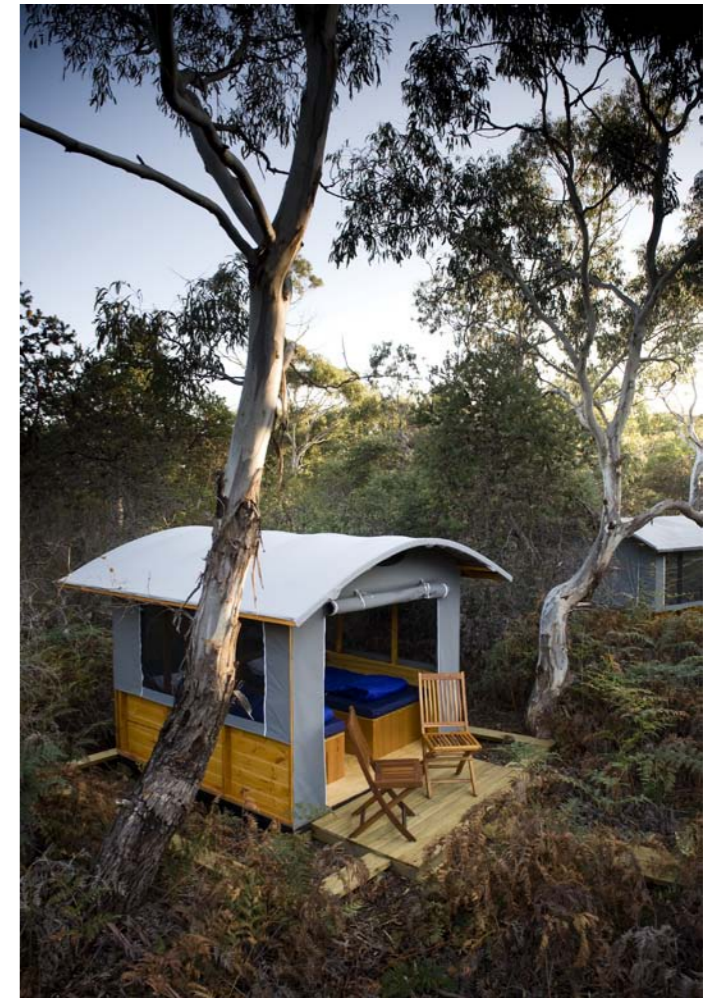


Top: There's a high chance that you'll get to encounter wombats on your walk ©Sean Crane

Middle: The view from the top of Bishop and Clerk ©Jenny Piper

Bottom: Food is nothing like what you would normally associate with hiking - enjoy a three course gourmet meal every night ©Maria Island Walk

Right: Nights are spent 'glamping' in wilderness camps with permanent tents and comfy beds ©Maria Island Walk



night is spent at Bernacchi House, the restored cottage of Diego Bernacchi, a flamboyant resident who helped shape the history of Darlington with his various entrepreneurial endeavours. We celebrate new friendships and new experiences with a banquet dinner. Each night we have been treated to a candlelit three course gourmet meal cooked by our guides. The food is delicious and showcases the best of Tasmanian produce and local wines. There are also hot breakfasts and delicious packed lunches each day.

## The wildlife

One of the highlights of Maria Island is the

abundance of wildlife. We were lucky enough to see pademelon, wallabies, kangaroos and the famous wombat. Our first encounter with the wombat saw all the group grabbing for cameras and phones to get a good picture of it hiding in the undergrowth. We were soon to discover they weren't as elusive as we all thought. In fact there are hundreds of them. We spotted them in the forest, by the side of the track and even on the rocks by the waters edge. Despite their abundance we were all excited every time we spied one of these shy creatures.

The bird life is prolific and our 'twitcher' in the group managed to identify over 26 species of bird, including

various gulls, sea eagles, swans, black cockatoos and Cape Barren geese.

But the highlight would have to be the close up sighting of a Tasmanian Devil. The devils are not native to Maria Island, they have been introduced as part of a breeding program to eliminate the facial tumour disease that is endangering the species. One cheeky devil ventured up to our BBQ one night to see what was cooking, much to the delight of the group.

Our four days finish with a final champagne lunch in Darlington, just a group of new friends and the local wombats, before returning to civilisation, tired yet exhilarated, and ready for a long soak in a bath!



# Take four

The reputations of golf courses count for a lot. Here are some of the best regions in the world to swing the wrenches in the footsteps of the greats.



## Scotland

The birthplace of golf, Scotland is home to a plethora of esteemed courses, many of which feature lush green fairways and unforgiving thick rough. Despite its small size and diminutive population, Scotland is rich in golf venues, offering more than 500 courses to choose from. The Old Course at St Andrews would be the pick of the bunch, one of the world's oldest clubs and home to many past British Open championships.

St Andrew's Golf Course ©Bill Johnstone

## South Carolina

The global mecca for golf courses is the United States, claiming close to half of all official golf courses in the world. There are many great places to play, but we would advise not passing up the chance to play in South Carolina. Located on the south-east coast, the courses here are peppered with interestingly shaped lakes and challenging sand traps. If in town, have a few drives at the coastal Kiawah Island Golf Resort, a stunningly difficult configuration with tricky slopes on the greens and strong Atlantic winds guaranteed to play havoc with your tee shots.



Kiawah Island Golf Resort ©Eric Sturdivant



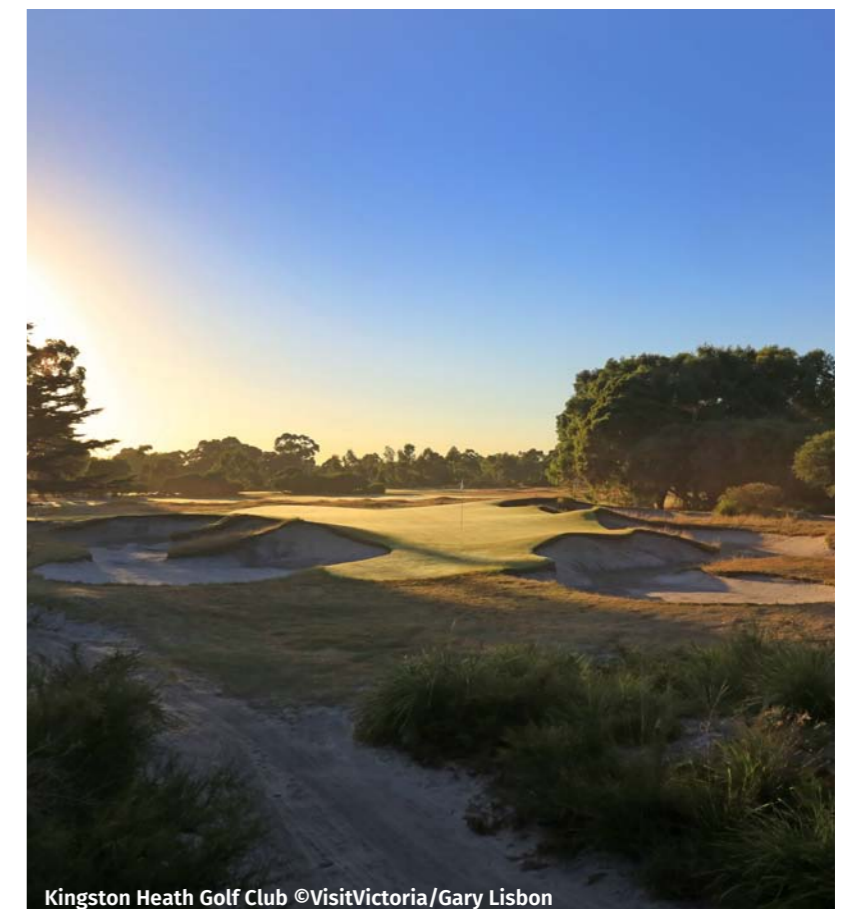
Arrowhead Point, Pebble Beach Golf Links ©Noah Rosenfield

## California

Another great spot in the States to jump in the buggy and play a few rounds, California has many of courses dotted up and down it's sunny coastline. It is hard to pick a must-play course in this golf-loving state, but we would suggest checking out the famous Pebble Beach Golf Links. This course has hosted the US Open six times and is infamously known for several treacherous holes perched on the cliff tops far above the crashing Pacific surf below. Don't fade right!

## Melbourne

For those who do not want to travel too far for their golfing glory, never fear, Australia has plenty of appeal and prestige when it comes to golf courses as well. The country's destination pick is arguably Melbourne, featuring a lengthy list of esteemed clubs to hack around. Rated one of the city's finest is the Kingston Heath Golf Club, a course that has hosted the hotly contested Australian Open seven times. Considered by some to be the understudy to Royal Melbourne's West Course, Kingston Heath has achieved almost cult status amongst golfers because of its intricate design and the maximising of space on a smaller parcel of lands than most.



Kingston Heath Golf Club ©VisitVictoria/Gary Lisbon



# Keep your cruising dream alive

Just because we can't cruise now, doesn't mean we can't dream where we're going to cruise next time. We'll be showcasing different ships each week to help you plan your next cruise.

## Norwegian Cruise Line - *Norwegian Encore*

### Public spaces

*Norwegian Encore* seems to have a space for every mood and tipples. The Observation lounge is a must. This classy establishment is the ideal spot to settle in for a pre-dinner cocktail while watching the sun set through floor-to-ceiling windows. The District Brew House provides a pub atmosphere, with more than 50 different bottled and 22 draft beers and live music. There's also elaborate mojitos at Sugarcane Mojito Bar, over 34 wine varietals at The Cellars and freshly brewed Caramel Macchiatos at Starbucks.



### Accommodation

The accommodation on board ranges from studios for solo travellers, through to the luxurious suites of the ship-within-a-ship concept of The Haven. The lucky travellers who are privy to the Haven also have access to 24-hour butler service, concierge service and private restaurant and sundeck.



### Dining

To dine in every restaurant would be a true feat. The ship's headliner is the at-sea debut of fine dining Italian restaurant, Onda by Scarpetta, serving beautifully presented seafood and signature dishes. Other specialty dining options range from all-American classics at the American Diner, fine French cuisine at Le Bistro to Japanese food with flair at Teppanyaki. The three main dining rooms - The Manhattan Room, Savor and Taste - are also worth checking out, all serving high-quality, delicious fare.



### Activities

*Norwegian Encore* is home to the largest go-kart racetrack at sea, an Aqua Park with waterslides that snake over the side of the ship and an outdoor laser tag venue. The adventure continues in Galaxy Pavilion, a playground for virtual reality lovers with immersive experiences, thrilling simulator rides and an escape room. There's also a Kids' Aqua Park, fitness centre and spa which comes equipped with a Thermal Suite, Salt Room and Snow Room. Norwegian Cruise Line prides itself on its entertainment, which is headlined on *Encore* by six-time Tony Award winner *Kinky Boots*.

### Why?

Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Encore* provides something to keep the whole family entertained. The mammoth vessel provides a smorgasbord of options, allowing cruisers to pick and choose, designing their own ideal holiday.





## 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	N	R
N	C	E
E	U	O

Good – 18 words

Very good – 27 words

Excellent – 36 words

## Whose flag is this?



This flag was designed by the wife of the first head of government for this country. Each of the points of the star symbolise a different district or area of the country, but there are so many of them that it also means the flag has the most points on a star of any national flag. Do you know whose flag it is?

## Pub quiz

1. The Palm Islands are three artificially created sand islands. Where in the world would one find them?
2. Which Oceanic country has the most languages in the world at 840?
3. Which small European country is the oldest in the world?
4. Nicaragua is the best place on earth to view what phenomenon:
  - a) Blue Whales
  - b) Stars
  - c) Tidal Waves
  - d) The Southern Lights
5. Which Cambodian landmark literally translates to 'temple city'?
6. What is the capital of Canada?
7. Which US State is home to both the easternmost and westernmost point in the United States?
8. The expression 'Hakuna Matata' popularised by the movie The Lion King is in what language?
9. True or False: there is a town in Norway just named 'A'
10. Which city is SUN HOOT an anagram for?



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D	A	G
M	T	I

**Good – 18 words**

**Very good – 27 words**

**Excellent – 36 words**

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

# Pub quiz

1. What is the name of one of the main tourist attractions in the Indian city of Hyderabad, which is thought to have been constructed to commemorate the eradication of an unspecified disease?
2. What is the name of the largest cactus in the USA, which also happens to be the namesake of a National Park in Arizona?
3. Approximately how many basalt polygon columns are there along the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland?
  - a) 12,000
  - b) 37,000
  - c) 98,000
  - d) 7,000
4. In which country would you find Sprinkles Cupcake vending machine?
5. What is the national flower of Italy?
6. Pinotage is a variety of wine which is unique to which country?
7. The nickname 'the Sunshine State' is shared by which two states in Australia and the US?
8. The historical figure behind Santa Claus, St Nicholas, was born in which country in around 300AD?
9. Where were Chinese fortune cookies invented?
10. In Greece a number of monasteries are built on top of tall natural rock pillars. What is the name of this UNESCO site?
11. What city does this collection of pictures spell out?



# Pub quiz

1. The name Sahara is derived from an Arabic word meaning what?
2. What animal are the Canary Islands named after?
3. Which country is named for the Spanish word for 'depths' referring to the deep waters of its northern coast?
4. Imran Khan was an international cricketer. What country is he now the Prime Minister on?
5. Where would one find the Cerro de los Siete Colores or 'Seven Colour Mountain'?
6. True or False: most Las Vegas casinos accept chips from other nearby casinos.
7. Which country is famous for its tulip fields that flower from March to May each year?
8. What Oceanic island country is the only country to be in all four hemispheres?
9. The scenic Great Ocean Road in Victoria is also the world's largest what?
10. Which city is SLOGAN EELS an anagram for?
11. What city does this collection of pictures spell out?



# Sudoku

**BEGINNER**

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.

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

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# Where in the world?



This unusual-looking horseshoe building is actually a hotel, do you know where it is?



## Where in the world?

This unique sculpture can almost disappear into the landscape, depending on which direction you view it from, but from other angles it looks like a massive building. Do you know where this art installation can be seen?



## Pub quiz

- Which city has the nickname the Big Easy?
- The Iguazu Falls are on the border of which two South American countries?
- As of 2019 which country has the highest Human Development Index (HDI)?
- Which country consumes the most beer per capita?
- How many UNESCO World Heritage sites does Australia have:
  - 5
  - 10
  - 15
  - 20
- What country is Beirut the capital of?
- What was the first ever national park?
- What city is also known as the Eternal City?
- Patagonia is a region shared by which two countries?
- Which city is TORN MEAL an anagram for?
- What place is this collection of pictures spelling out?
- What city is this collection of pictures spelling out?



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## Spain word search

E	F	U	M	Y	Z	S	Y	Y	P	E	O	G	B	G
A	Q	L	X	A	O	G	L	J	A	L	M	A	A	A
F	Z	W	A	R	D	L	A	L	M	L	K	U	G	N
M	N	I	R	M	A	R	H	J	P	I	H	D	W	O
C	O	U	B	B	E	A	I	E	L	V	A	I	T	L
E	H	U	T	I	M	N	G	D	O	E	Q	A	B	E
C	E	O	A	B	T	X	C	N	N	S	P	L	D	C
U	O	T	R	L	W	R	Z	O	A	A	J	O	I	R
F	G	A	Z	P	A	C	H	O	S	L	B	J	M	A
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P	V	Z	H	I	C	G	Q	H	N	J	K	T	V	P
B	Q	Q	Z	W	P	R	E	M	K	P	X	B	A	R
D	O	U	V	W	U	W	I	J	Q	Q	F	H	O	C
A	X	A	A	Z	L	K	B	P	R	S	J	D	W	Z
L	M	M	N	A	R	K	N	U	X	C	K	L	P	J

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

ALHAMBRA  
BARCELONA  
CATALAN  
CHURROS

FLAMENCO  
FOOTBALL  
GAUDI  
GAZPACHO

IBIZA  
MADRID  
PAELLA  
PAMPLONA

PICASSO  
RIOJA  
SEVILLE  
TAPAS

## Whose flag is this?

This flag was originally used as the ensign of an uprising against the nation's colonial rulers, with the red representing bloodshed and revolutionary struggle and the five points of the star for the main classes in the country's society. Do you know which nation this flag belongs to?



All answers are on page 22



# Travel the world with mince & meatballs

We can only afford mince at the moment and we're confined to our homes but that doesn't mean we can't travel the world with our tastebuds. Each week we will feature a recipe from a different corner of the globe.



## Martin's Empanadas

Makes about 20

This week we are have a delicious Argentine Empanada recipe supplied to us by Martin, the South America specialist at Adventure World.

### Ingredients

- 400g beef mince
- 2 brown onions, diced
- ½ tsp sugar
- 4 hard boiled eggs, roughly chopped
- ¼ cup pitted black olives, roughly chopped
- Shortcrust pastry – frozen, five sheets
- Pinch of sugar
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of pepper
- ½ tsp cumin

### Method

Preheat oven 180°C. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Cook onions until golden, add beef mince until beef is cooked through. Add sugar,spices, salt and pepper and cook for 2 minutes. Add eggs and olives. Allow filling to cool for about 10 minutes. Cut each sheet into quarters. Using finger or a pastry brush – brush edges of pastry with a little bit of water. Place filling mixture in centre. Fold the pastry in half and press down on edges, keeping the filling inside. To create the fancy edge – fold a small corner of the pastry in a triangle then twist and press a small piece of the pastry on top, continue press and twist until you have sealed the parcel all the way around. Repeat until you have used up all your filling and pastry. Makes 20. Brush the pastry with a beaten egg. Bake in oven 12- 15 minutes and serve.

## Puzzle answers

### Page 16

Pub quiz: 1 Dubai, UAE, 2 Papua New Guinea, 3 San Marino, 4 b) Stars, 5 Angkor Wat, 6 Ottawa, 7 Alaska, 8 Swahili, 9 True, 10 Houston

Unscramble: cent, centre, cere, cert, cone, core, corn, cornet, cote, count, counter, court, cretonne, crone, cruet, cure, curt, cute, cuter, ecru, encore, ENCOUNTER, erect, nocturne, once, ounce, recent, recount, recto, renounce, terce, torc, trounce, truce, unco

Whose flag is this: Marshall Islands

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Pub quiz: 1 Charminar, 2 Saguaro, 3 b) 37,000, 4 USA, 5 Lily, 6 South Africa, 7 Queensland and Florida, 8 Turkey, 9 San Francisco, USA, 10 Meteroa, 11 Nicosia (Nick [Cage] + owe + see + ahh)

Unscramble: admit, aged, aide, aimed, amid, amide, dame, date, digitate, gait, gaited, game, games, date, dated, idea, image, imaged, imitate, imitated, made, maid, mate, mated, matt, amtte, matted, mead meat, mega, mitigate, MITIGATED, tame, tamed, team, teat

### Page 19

Pub quiz: 1 Desert, 2 Dogs, 3 Honduras, 4 Pakistan, 5 Peru, 6 True, 7 The Netherlands, 8 Kiribati, 9 War Memorial, 10 Los Angeles, 11 Jakarta (jar + kart + ahh)

Where in the world: Sheraton Huzhou Hot Spring Resort, Huzhou, China

Sudoku:

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

### Page 20

Pub quiz: 1 New Orleans, 2 Brazil and Argentina, 3 Norway, 4 Czech Republic, 5 d) 20, 6 Lebanon, 7 Yellowstone, 8 Rome, 9 Chile and Argentina, 10 Montreal, 11 Rockhampton (rock + ham + tonne)

Where in the world: Reading Between the Lines Church, Borgloon, Belgium

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Whose flag is this: Vietnam

Word search:

E	R	U	M	Y	Z	S	Y	Y	P	E	O	G	B	G
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