

# Travel & Cruise



## Weekly

An aerial photograph of a snowy forest. A red car is driving on a narrow, snow-covered path that cuts through the dense evergreen trees. The path is marked with tire tracks, and the surrounding trees are heavily covered in snow, creating a serene winter scene.

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*dreaming...*

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## From the Publisher Jenny Piper

Welcome to this week's special 'Drive' edition. Who doesn't love a good road trip? Many of my holidays over the years have included a road trip. My favourite place to do a drive trip is the USA. It gives you a chance to take it slow and really get out of the cities and explore the amazing diversity of the country, not to mention meeting the locals who can all be so different depending which part of the country you're visiting. I have some funny stories about locals we have met over the years that I love to pull out at a dinner party – particularly the one of the 18 year old buying a gun at the Sports Authority in Casper, Wyoming for his 18th birthday, just because he could. But he couldn't get a beer at the sports bar because he wasn't 21!! Ah America.

We have also been lucky enough to do a drive 'experience' with a group of car enthusiasts through the Scottish Highlands. This was a fantastic way to explore the countryside, and although I wasn't sure what to expect before we embarked on the trip it was one of the best holidays we have had, as we cruised around the narrow curvy roads of the mountains being wowed by the landscape and small towns, but also having the fun of keeping in touch with our leader and 'team' by walkie talkie.

So start planning that next road trip – domestic or international it's the best way to really explore a new destination and you are sure to have stories to tell afterwards.

xx Jenny

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# Lucky Bay, WA

Found in Cape le Grand National Park, just a 45 minute drive from Esperance, this picturesque bay is the perfect pit stop on a road trip along Australia's south west edge. The sheltered bay and turquoise water makes swimming a dream. Explore beyond the beach to find walking tracks that offer sweeping views of the wildlife-rich Recherche Archipelago - the truly lucky might even spot migrating whales between July and October.



©Sean Scott Photography



# For foodies



## The pie-fect pit stop for your NZ roadtrip

While a pie can contain a filling of various sweet or savoury ingredients, New Zealanders overwhelmingly prefer theirs with meat, be it steak, kidney, minced beef, or chicken; perhaps it's due to the cold? For those road-tripping around New Zealand – the country that produces more pies per capita than any other – a stop at a pie vendor is a must. Here are a few choice picks, bro.

### **The Burleigh, Blenheim**

Recommended pies at The Burleigh include the pork belly, and the steak & blue cheese, but don't leave without tasting one of the best coffees in the region. Oh, and while you're at it, you may as well also pick up a baguette, some local sausage, French cheeses...maybe just all of it?

### **Gold Star Patrick's Pies, Rotorua**

When the pies come with a bespoke wrapper detailing the fillings you're about to tuck in to, you know you've hit a winner. Top picks are the bacon, egg, cheese, onion & tomato; and the roast pork, caramelised onions, creamy mushroom and cheese. With three locations, there's no excuse not to give them a try.

### **Fat Bastard Pies, Invercargill**

Right now, Fat Bastard Pies are only available at its bakery on Tay Street in Invercargill. However, such is the demand for its pastries, Fat Bastard has started up a Pie Club, which will ship you a box anywhere in New Zealand if you decide you like what the Bastard had to offer.

# In the News



## Borders now closed till June

Health Minister Greg Hunt has announced a three month extension of the Government's biosecurity emergency declaration, which restricts international travel by Australians and foreign cruise ships in local waters.

Hunt said the ongoing COVID-19 situation overseas "continues to pose an unacceptable health risk to Australians," and also raised concerns about the emergency of more highly transmissible variants.

The move enables current measures to remain in place until 17 June, but the Minister noted that in the meantime

existing restrictions can be "amended or repealed if no longer needed".

While the announcement was disappointing to the cruise sector which has been working on a possible restart timetable, Hunt did confirm that the Government was in the throes of developing a "framework for the staged resumption of cruise ships in a manner that is proportionate to the public health risk".

## *Scenic Eclipse* heading here

Scenic Luxury Cruises and Tours has confirmed plans to deploy its six-star *Scenic Eclipse* "Discovery Yacht" in

Australian waters for the first time ever.

The 228-passenger ship, which offers a wide range of experiences and activities - complete with two helicopters and a submarine - is scheduled to operate a series of Kimberley voyages between Broome and Darwin, with the five-cruise season kicking off on 19 June.

Guests on board the inaugural Kimberley season will be the first to experience several innovations on the ship which has been undergoing works during the cruising pause.

Additions include new cabanas and a Panorama Bar on Deck 10, a "reimagined" yacht club and new dining experiences - [scenic.com](https://www.scenic.com).





# Road Tripping New England

Jenny Piper discovers that a road trip through New England is like driving through a fairytale.

I love the USA. It is a place of great diversity, from its people and regions to some of the world's most amazing landscapes, and nothing beats a good old road trip to see the sights and meet the locals. I have always wanted to discover the New England region on the East Coast and what better time to do it than in autumn – to see the 'Fall Foliage'.

New England is a collection of six states – Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. All of them are within easy driving distance from Boston and even New York. Each state has its own unique charm and are all well worth a visit. We headed out from New York, but Boston is also a great starting point for a round trip.

## Rhode Island

The smallest of all the states in the USA, one of its most famous towns is Newport. We stopped for lunch, but you could spend a few days here exploring this glamorous coastal town, with its yacht filled harbour, which has played host to the America's Cup sailing many times and the 'Gilded Mansions' built in the late 1800's as the summer homes of the nation's wealthiest families.



# Massachusetts

This state is home to the Cape Cod region known for its beautiful beaches, coastal communities and the islands of Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard. If visiting in late autumn you can see the cranberry harvest at one of the cranberry bogs.

Massachusetts is a state filled with history and there are so many places to stop and take it in. See the rock where the pilgrims landed in Plymouth, or discover more about the witchcraft trials in Salem. Spend time in Boston for more American history. A tour of the ‘Freedom Trail’ in the city gives a great insight into the American revolution, plus it’s also a great city to wander or cycle around with all its different neighbourhoods.

# Maine

Heading north along the east coast you end up in Maine, known for its spectacular rocky coastline and nature areas. Dotted with numerous lighthouses, lobster shacks and sandy beaches this is a state that deserves some attention. Make sure to try a famous lobster roll at any of the quaint coastal villages such as Camden or Rockport. Or stay in Kennebunkport, with its ship building roots, in one of the historic inns. Visit some of the galleries, souvenir shops and sample some of the great cuisine on offer. Detour a few minutes out of town to see the ‘Bush compound’ summer home for the Bush family. The secret service detail has been known to queue at the Clam Shack for the lobster rolls – voted the best in the USA!

Then head further north to Bar Harbor, which although a bit of a drive (400km from Boston), is a must on a visit to Maine. Located on Mount Desert Island, this town is the base for exploring the magnificent Acadia National Park. The park is spread over a massive 46,000 acres with miles of shoreline and hiking trails to explore. There are also over 70km of carriage ways to cycle or walk. While in Bar Harbor hop on the Lulu Lobster boat for a sightseeing tour and lobster fishing demonstration, and get to handle

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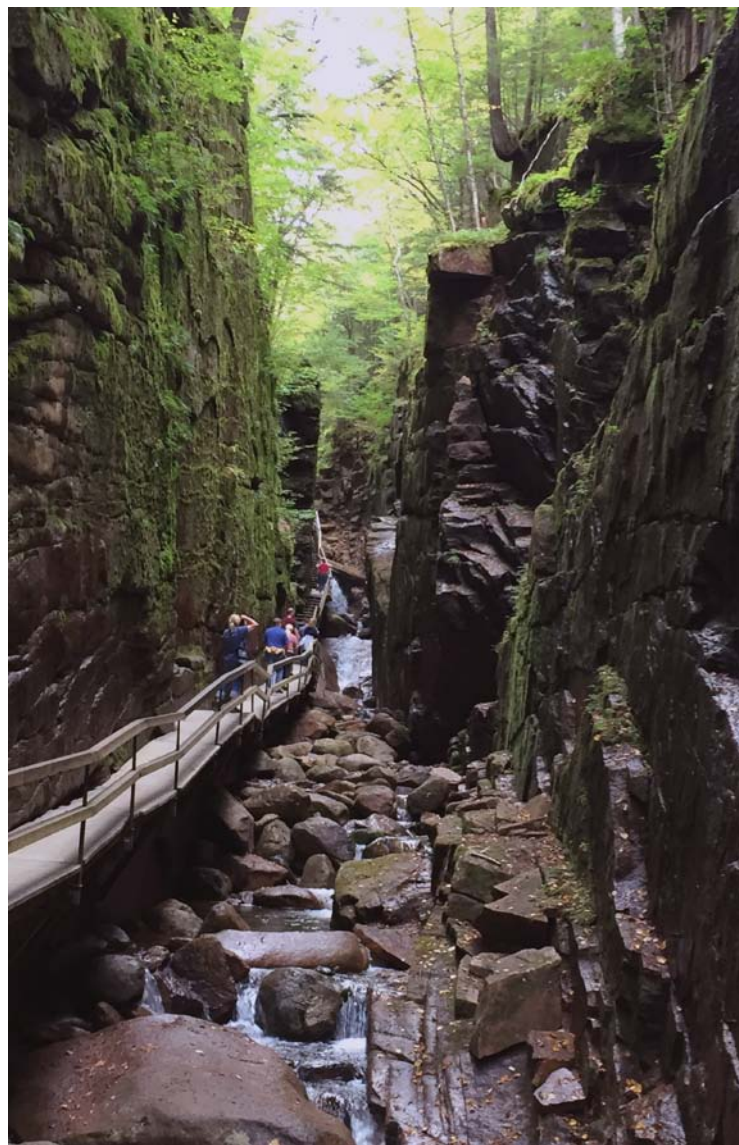
*Clockwise from top: Discover the rich history of the island of Nantucket.*

*Explore the stunning natural beauty of Acadia National Park. ©Visit Maine*

*Trying a fresh lobster roll is a must while in Maine.*







some freshly caught lobster. Bar Harbor is also a stop for many cruise ships so the town has plethora of shops and eateries to explore. Lobster is on every menu and definitely worth sampling.

## New Hampshire

From the coast we headed inland to New Hampshire and the magnificent White Mountains, the highest mountain range in the north east. A drive through this area gives you a chance to see the fall foliage at its best and maybe even spot a moose! We spent some time exploring Franconia Notch State Park, walking into the Flume Gorge with its waterfalls and covered bridges, and taking the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway for spectacular panoramic views. En-route south we stopped at Polar Caves Park where you can explore nine caves formed as granite boulders were dropped by the movement of a glacier in the last ice age.

Continuing south you hit the Lakes Region of New Hampshire – with over 273 lakes and ponds there is too much to see and do on a road trip! This is a place worth returning to. In summer the area is filled with visitors and city dwellers escaping to their lakeside cabins or mansions - while in winter the region is completely transformed as lakes freeze solid and only a few locals remain. Explore local towns and villages, try wine at Hermit Woods – locally produced from various fruits and berries found in New Hampshire, rather than grapes. Go hiking on one of the many trails throughout the area, or visit Squam Lakes Natural Science Centre. This education centre and zoo focuses on New Hampshire's natural world with fascinating exhibits and a chance to see many of the animals native to NH such as the mountain lion, black bear and the bald eagle.



*Clockwise from top: Take a walk through Flume Gorge in New Hampshire to immerse yourself in nature.*

*Keep your eyes peeled for the local moose.*

*Explore the historic village of Woodstock.*

*See Vermont's famous covered bridges.*



## Vermont

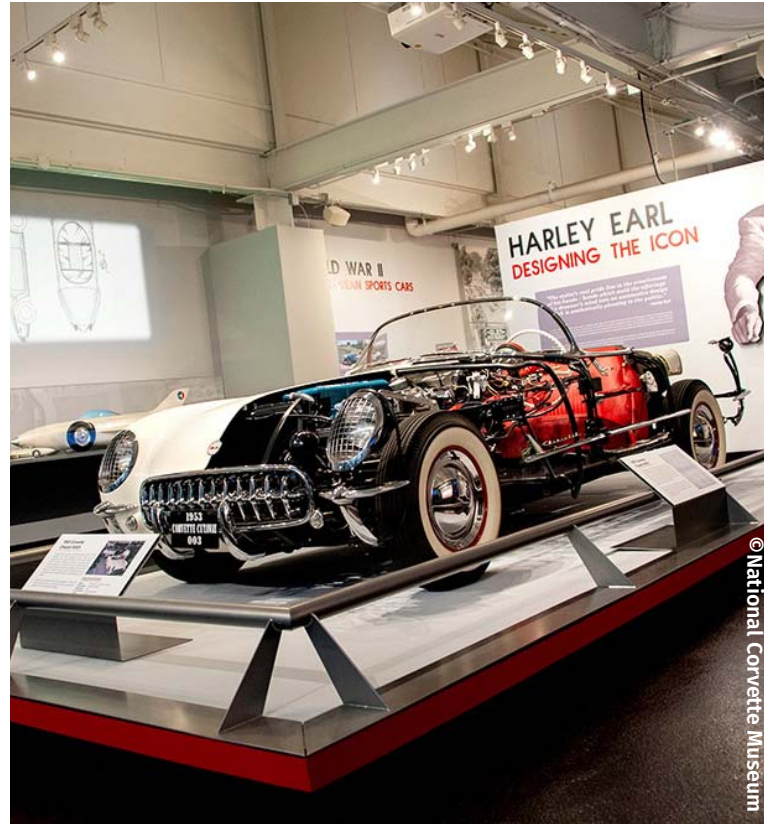
Like its neighbour New Hampshire, this is a state filled with natural beauty. With mountains and forests to explore it's worth a visit at any time of year. Go skiing in Stowe, or see Vermont's rural heritage and try local produce in quaint historic villages such as Woodstock. Leave the main roads behind and go in search of some of Vermont's 100 covered bridges.

We took about 10 days to tour New England, covering over 1,500km of some of the most picturesque, peaceful and beautiful places I've seen. Many places seemed like they were straight out of a fairytale and I'm wondering already – when can I return?



# Four things

Car museums aren't just for car enthusiasts, and here are four places we suggest you make a pit stop when in town.



## The National Corvette Museum

Since 1953 the Corvette has been one of America's favourite sports cars, and that fascination is on full display at The National Corvette Museum. Located in Bowling Green Kentucky, the site is home to more than 10,000m<sup>2</sup> of floor space dedicated to the Chevrolet Corvette in all eight of its generations throughout the years. Fun fact, the very first Corvette retailed for only US\$3,513 in 1953, when adjusted for inflation, that is just US\$31,600 - a far cry from the current US\$200,000 price tag it will set you back these days.

## The Henry Ford Museum

Where cars all began can be learned about in more detail at The Henry Ford Museum located in Dearborn Michigan. Many of the most famous Ford vehicles are on display here, including the 1929 Model A Ford, the 1955 Ford Thunderbird and the 1965 Ford Mustang. Beyond the cars themselves, the museum also educates visitors on the brand's impact on wider society and about the polarising founder himself, Henry Ford.

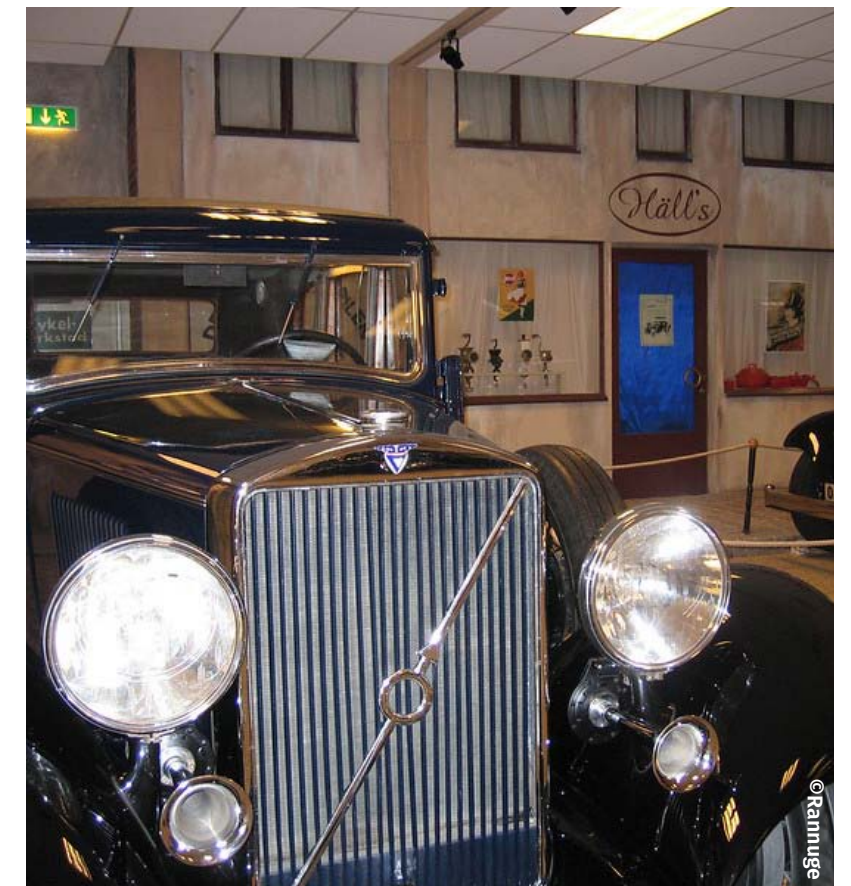


## Mercedes-Benz World

Look but don't touch, just kidding! Mercedes-Benz World is your one-stop interactive shop to all things vehicle luxury. Located in Surrey in England, there is plenty to do and look at for all ages here, with kids encouraged to jump on the Mercedes-themed arcade games while the parents can revel in the artistry of a deconstructed Merc suspended by wires. Other experiences include special Formula One race movie screenings, the chance to take a peek inside the AMG Performance Centre where all of the latest models are being worked on, as well as the opportunity to take a test drive as a passenger. Brmmm brmmm!

## Volvo Museum

There are few things more Swedish than the Volvo, so when on that next Scandinavian holiday and dropping by Gothenburg, check out the Volvo Museum. The attraction has been in operation since 1995 and features examples of many of its car models in addition to other vehicles types such as buses, trucks and industrial equipment. The museum also boasts an impressive array of historical documents and images that provide a primary source insight into the foundations of this iconic multinational company.





# Keep your cruising dream alive

Myles Stedman explores the revival of the roll on/roll off ship, and why it should be part of your next roadtrip.



Able to accommodate cars, the Hurtigruten Coastal Express is the perfect way to explore Norway's stunning coast as part of a European roadtrip. ©Hurtigruten

Roll-on/roll-off (RORO) ships may have lost a bit of their lustre with the once-rapidly expanding travel options available to tourists. However, with the industry going through a period of massive contraction thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, experiences like these may return to vogue.

A self-drive trip featuring a RORO ship allows the traveller to enjoy the world-leading health & safety protocols enacted aboard ships, while keeping themselves to their own four doors while exploring their destination.

Incorporating a RORO trip into your holiday

is the perfect way to add a few destinations onto your itinerary on the cheap – RORO enthusiasts no longer worry about airfares between Ireland and the United Kingdom, with Irish Ferries' *Ulysses* serving the route between Dublin and Holyhead in Wales.

Standing at 12 decks high, *Ulysses* towers over most other vessels, more like a cruise liner than a ferry. When she launched 20 years ago, she was the largest RORO in terms of vehicle capacity.

Arguably the most iconic RORO voyage is Norway's *Hurtigruten* – literally "coastal express" – which has formed the foundation

of this rapidly expanding brand.

While the Hurtigruten AS cruise line has since added many strings to its bow, the traditional coastal route, travelling from Bergen to Kirkenes, is still one of the company's most popular, allowing passengers to alight with their car at many destinations along the coast.

For those who want to continue the fun after they

have arrived back in Norway's capital of Oslo, hop aboard *Color Magic*, operated by Norway's Color Line, which connects the Tiger City with the north German provincial capital of Kiel.

If this is all too exciting, and you can't wait to get rolling (on and off), there's no reason not to give TT Line's *Spirit of Tasmania* a go.

Travelling between Melbourne and Devenport,

there's never been a better time to give this iconic Australian pilgrimage a shot, with passengers currently able to bring their car for free for new bookings made until 30 June.

Once you add up the cost of airport transfers, airfare, and ground transport on any other holiday, the Spirit of Tasmania's offering seems like a heck of a way to see Australia in 2021.



## Pub quiz

- Which three cities have served as the capital of the United States?
- In which decade was Bombay renamed Mumbai?
  - 1980s
  - 1990s
  - 2000s
- Despite its name, where in California is New Orleans Square located?
- Romania's capital Bucharest is so close to which other country that it may as well be in it?
- You would find the Royal Concertgebouw in what city?
- The Theme Building is an iconic Space Age structure located at what airport?
- Which two countries use the won as their currency?
- In which city can you find the Vizcaya Museum & Gardens?
- Which airport boasts the largest terminal, which is also the second-largest building in the world by floor space?
- Which city occasionally goes by the nickname "Capital of Second Chances"?

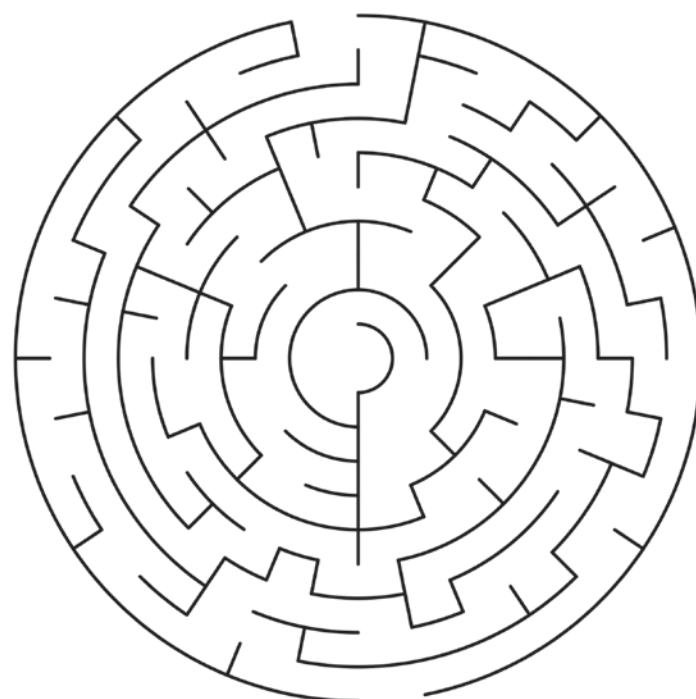
## Icon under a microscope

This landmark is iconic and easily recognisable when you see the whole picture, but can you identify it from this small portion of the image? This statue is the national symbol of the city where it is located and depicts a mythical creature. It has been located in a few different places over time and today there are six different versions of it located around the city.



## A-maze-ing

Can you find your way through this maze? Start at the top right corner and finish in the bottom left.



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## Pub quiz

- The Cascadia independence movement supposes the secession and then unification of what three regions, to form a sole independent country?
- In which New York City borough is John F. Kennedy International Airport located?
- Mumbai was formerly known as what?
- Which famous travel industry company built the luxury resort on Hayman Island?
- What modern-day Sydney suburb was the first point in Australia James Cook landed at?
- The Adelaide Hills are located in what ranges?
- What is the capital of California?
- What percentage of Sea Life Sydney Aquarium's visitors annually come from overseas?
  - 5%
  - 15%
  - 55%
- The Dambovit River runs through what major European capital?
- You would find the Rijksmuseum in what city?

## Sudoku

TRICKY

The aim of Sudoku is to complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Numbers can only be used once in each row, column & 3x3 box.

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

## Seen it at the movies



Glendale and North Hollywood in California were the primary locations for shooting this entwined cult crime drama. Normally an allure for travellers wanting to check out the global headquarters of celebrity, the streets of Hollywood in this film seem far less inviting, as the ensemble cast find themselves inadvertently drawn into each other's crime webs, leaving a few dead bodies in their wake. Can you name the movie?



# Pick the nation

Countries have unique geography, ethnicities and cultures which come together to often form very distinctive symbols. Based off the four different symbols and famous faces, see if you can figure out which country they represent.



# Where in the world?



This interesting structure hosts a museum, one of four that make up the institution. It is one of the largest museums of modern and contemporary art in the world, and holds a collection of works from 1900 to the present day. It is housed in a former power station, which consists of a turbine hall 53m high by 152m long, alongside a boiler house and a single central chimney. Do you know the name of this museum and where in the world it can be found?

# 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.

R	E	C
E	N	L
E	V	A

Good – 21 words

Very good – 32 words

Excellent – 42 words

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

# Monaco word search

L	A	R	V	O	T	T	O	B	E	A	C	H	E	S
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See if you can find these words. They are hidden horizontally, vertically and diagonally, forwards and backwards.

- GRANDPRIX  
PRINCIPALITY  
FRENCHRIVIERA  
MONEGASQUE
- MONTAGEL  
FONTVIELLE  
PRINCERAINIER  
PRINCESSGRACE
- LARVOTTOBEACHES  
GRIMALDIFORUM  
MONTECARLO  
MONABIKE
- CAFEDEPARIS  
CREPESUZETTE  
CASINO

# Whose flag is this?

This flag was officially adopted in 1957, and the colours are based on the nation's traditional coat of arms. The green symbolises the country's mountains, the white for the rivers and the red represents blood spilt in many battles. Although the flag is a more recent adoption, the colours have been associated with



the nation since the 13th century.

Do you know whose flag this is?



# Make it at home

In the lead up to Easter we're celebrating chocolate recipes from around the world



## Cacao Mousse with Fresh Raspberries and Pistachios

Serves 4

Just because a recipe has chocolate as the key ingredient doesn't make it necessarily unhealthy, as this cacao mousse recipe from COMO Hotels and Resorts proves. The recipe comes from the COMO Shambhala cookbook called *The Pleasures of Eating Well*. And if you really want to up the healthy-ante, if you soften the cacao butter in the sun, you could consider this recipe raw as well as vegan.

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup raw cacao powder
- 1 large banana, peeled and sliced
- 200g avocado flesh
- 1/4 cup raw honey
- 1/4 cup young coconut meat
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tbsp freshly squeezed lime juice
- 80g cacao butter, room temperature
- 1 pinch sea salt
- 175g raspberries (to serve)
- 35g shelled pistachios, chopped (to serve)

### Method

To make the cacao mousse, place all the ingredients, except the cacao butter and salt, in a blender until well combined. Add the cacao butter and salt and blend until smooth and emulsified. Spoon into serving glasses, cover and refrigerate for at least a couple of hours, or until set. To serve, scatter the fresh raspberries on top of the mousse and sprinkle with the pistachios.

## Puzzle answers

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Pub quiz: 1 New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, 2 b) 1990s, 3 Disneyland, 4 Bulgaria, 5 Amsterdam, 6 Los Angeles International, 7 North Korea and South Korea, 8 Miami, 9 Dubai International, 10 Las Vegas

Icon under a microscope: Merlion, Singapore

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Pub quiz: 1 British Columbia, Oregon and Washington, 2 Queens, 3 Bombay, 4 Ansett Australia, 5 Kurnell, 6 Mount Lofty Ranges, 7 Sacramento, 8 c) 55%, 9 Bucharest, 10 Amsterdam

Seen it at the movies: Pulp Fiction

Sudoku:

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Where in the world: Tate Modern, London, UK

Pick the nation: Cuba

Unscramble: acne, cane, careen, cavern, clan, clean, cleaner, crane, reaven, crenel, earn, elan, elevan, enclave, enlace, even, lance, lancer, lane, lean, leaner, learn, leaven, nacre, narc, nave, navel, near, nerve, neve, never, ranee, raven, RELEVANCE, renal, valence, vane, vena, venal, veneer, venereal, vernal

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Whose flag is this: Hungary



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