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COVID-19 UPDATE

As the world comes to terms with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, rest assured Helloworld Travel Limited and our many agents in Australia and New Zealand are open for business and are here to support you with your travel needs in any way we can.

We understand that this is a stressful time for our customers and we appreciate many of you will be relying on us to help cancel or rebook your planned travel arrangements. We are working closely with our suppliers to ensure this process is as smooth as possible but there are delays and challenges as the terms and conditions of airline, cruise and other partners evolve and we thank you for your patience and support as our industry works through this challenging period.

The safety and wellbeing of our customers and team is our priority. We are following the advice of the Australian & New Zealand Governments and the World Health Organisation and are continually monitoring a wide range of official websites for the latest information.

The Australian and New Zealand governments have announced updated policies in relation to international arrivals and self-isolation requirements to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Arrivals into Australia

Anyone arriving in Australia from overseas must undertake a precautionary self-isolation period for up to 14 days. This applies to any traveller entering Australia, inclusive of Australian citizens and permanent residents.

For any travellers who are entering Australia for less than 14 days, they must self-isolate for the entire duration of their stay. If you need to transit domestically, you may complete this transit and then begin your precautionary 14-day self-isolation period. If you have a layover, you must remain in the airport or self-isolate in your accommodation for the transit period.

If you have returned from a country or region that is at higher risk for COVID-19, you may also be required to undergo enhanced health screening on arrival in Australia.

International cruise ships are also banned from docking in Australia for 30 days.

For the list of high-risk countries and information sheets visit the <u>Australian Department of</u> <u>Health</u> website.

For more information, the **Department of Home Affairs** lists travel restrictions.

Arrivals into New Zealand

Anyone travelling to New Zealand from any country, including Australia, will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travel from the Pacific is not included in these restrictions.

Cruise ships will also be banned from New Zealand until at least 30 June.



For information for people travelling or recently entering New Zealand visit the <u>New Zealand</u> <u>Ministry of Health</u> website.

Travel Changes

Right now, we are prioritising all enquiries based on date of departure, with the most urgent requests being dealt with first.

Australia

Bookings made instore: Please contact the preferred local travel agent with whom you made the booking.

Bookings made online: Please go on-line to the relevant site you made the original booking on or call 1300 722 501. We apologise for the extended wait times are present.

New Zealand

Bookings made instore: Please contact the preferred local travel agent with whom you made the booking.

Bookings made online: Please go on-line to the relevant site you made the original booking on or call 0800 43 55 66. Again, we apologise for the extended wait times are present.

Travel Supplier Updates

Our travel suppliers all have their own policies regarding refunds and cancellations. We are monitoring these and your local Helloworld Travel will be able to assist you with any required amendments, though we have provided links below that provide the most up to date information from each operator. In alphabetical order some useful supplier links are as follows:

Category	Supplier	Website
Land	ANZCRO & Kirra	https://www.anzcro.com.au/covid19/
Cruise	APT/Travelmarvel	https://www.aptouring.com.au/about-us/travel-
		<u>updates</u>
Land	Avis	https://www.avis.com.au/en/about-avis/company-
		information/press-release/2020/coronavirus
Air	Air Canada	https://www.aircanada.com/ca/en/aco/home/book/tr
		avel-news-and-updates/2020/covid-19.html
Coach	Back Roads Touring	https://www.backroadstouring.com/about/travel-alert
	Co.	
Air	Air China	https://www.airchina.com.au/AU/GB/info/news/
Land	Bench Africa	https://www.benchafrica.com/bench-press/covid-19-
		travel-update/
Air	Air France & KLM	https://www.airfrance.com.au/AU/en/common/page_
		flottante/hp/news-air-traffic-air-



		france.htm?_ga=2.264916303.1361075710.158451 0938-1073214790.1584510938
Coach	Bunnik Tours	https://www.bunniktours.com.au/COVID-19- information
Land	Chimu Adventures	https://www.chimuadventures.com/en-au/covid-19
Air	Air India	http://www.airindia.in/images/pdf/Waiver-due- COVID-19-14th-March-2020.pdf
Air	Air Mauritius	https://www.airmauritius.com/news/covid-19- outbreakupdates
Air	Air New Zealand	https://www.airnewzealand.com.au/travel-alerts
Air	Air Vanuatu	https://www.airvanuatu.com/travel-info/travel-alerts
Air	All Nippon Airways (ANA)	https://www.ana.co.jp/en/jp/notice/notice 011.html
Air	American Airlines	https://www.americanairlines.com.au/i18n/travel- info/travel-alerts.jsp
Air	Asiana Airlines	https://flyasiana.com/C/AU/EN/customer/notice/detai l?id=CM202002030001195030
Land	Club Med	https://www.clubmed.com.au/l/coronavirus-update
Air	Austrian Airlines	https://www.austrian.com/Info/Flightinformation/Travel%20Alerts.aspx?sc_lang=en&cc=AU
Air	British Airways	https://www.britishairways.com/en- us/information/travel-advice
Air	Cathay Pacific Airways	https://www.cathaypacific.com/cx/en_AU/travel- information/travel-preparation/travel- advisories/covid-19-refunds-and-ticket- changes/refunds.html
Air	China Airlines	https://www.china- airlines.com/au/en/discover/news/travel- advisory?travelAlert=36257-7030
Air	China Eastern Airlines	https://us.ceair.com/newCMS/us/en/content/en_New s/TravelAlert/202001/t20200124_13804.html
Coach	Collette	https://www.gocollette.com/en-au/landing- pages/2020/travel-advisory-coronavirus
Air	China Southern Airlines	https://www.csair.com/au/en/about/news/news/2020 /1dvta13osg8i0.shtml
Air	Delta Airlines	https://pro.delta.com/content/agency/au/en/news/ex ception-policy-archive/2020/march- 2020/coronavirus-situationchange-feebulletin- 2.html
Air	ELAI	https://www.elal.com/en/About-ELAL/About- ELAL/News/Pages/Coronavirus-Foreginers.aspx
Air	Emirates	https://www.emirates.com/au/english/help/travel- updates/#3515
Air	Etihad Airways	https://www.etihad.com/en-au/travel-updates/covid- 19
Air	Fiji Airways	https://www.fijiairways.com/en-au/flight- information/travel-alerts/?utm_source=browser
Air	Finnair	https://www.finnair.com/au-en/flight- information/travel-updates



Air	Garuda Indonesia	https://www.garuda-indonesia.com/other-
	Galuda muonesia	countries/en/news-and-events/index.page
Air	Hawaiian Airlines	https://www.hawaiianairlines.com/coronavirus
Air	Japan Airlines	https://www.jal.co.jp/jp/en/info/2020/other/200228/
Air	Jetstar	https://www.jetstar.com/au/en/travel-alerts
Air	Kenya Airways	
All	Reliya Aliways	https://www.kenya-airways.com/Coronavirus-travel- updates/en/
Air	Korean Airlines	https://www.koreanair.com/content/koreanair/global/
		en/customer-support.html#fags
Air	LATAM	https://www.latam.com/en_us/press-
		room/declarations/what-you-should-know-before-
A .		you-start-your-travel/
Air	Lufthansa	https://www.lufthansa.com/de/en/flight-information
Air	Malaysia Airlines	https://www.malaysiaairlines.com/au/en/advisory/im
Air	Oman Air	portant-notice.html
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Air	Philippine Airlines	https://www.philippineairlines.com/en/faqs/2019nove
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Air	Qantas	https://www.gantas.com/au/en/travel-info/travel-
		updates/coronavirus.html#international-and-
		australian-domestic-bookings
Air	Qatar Airways	https://www.qatarairways.com/en/travel-
Air	Devel Drunei	alerts/COVID-19-update.html
Alf	Royal Brunei Airlines	https://www.flyroyalbrunei.com/australia/en/covid- 19-updates/
Air	Samoa Airways	https://samoaairways.com/flight-travel-advice/
Air	Scoot	https://www.flyscoot.com/en/announcements/update
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Air	Singapore Airlines	https://www.singaporeair.com/en_UK/sg/travel-
		info/covid-19/
Air	South African	https://www.flysaa.com/
- -	Airways	
Travel	Cover-More	https://www.covermore.com.au/coronavirus-update-
Related Services		march-12
Cruise	Crystal Cruise Lines	https://www.crystalcruises.com.au/corona-virus-
		health-advisory
Air	Sri Lankan Airlines	https://www.srilankan.com/en_uk/au
Air	Swiss International	https://www.swiss.com/ch/en/various/breaking-news
Cruise	Evergreen	https://www.evergreentours.com.au/media-
	-	centre/coronavirus
Air	Thai Airways	https://www.thaiairways.com/en_TH/news/news_an
		nouncement/news_detail/coronavirus.page
Cruise	GFOB - Avalon	https://www.avalonwaterways.com.au/travel-
Casab	CEOD Claburg /	tips/updates
Coach	GFOB - Globus /	https://www.globus.com.au/travel-tips/updates
	Cosmos/Monograms	https://www.cosmostours.com.au/travel-tips/updates

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Air	Turkish Airlines	https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-int/index.html
Land	Hertz Australia	https://www.hertz.com.au/rentacar/Car-hire-
		deals/Updates-Regarding-Coronavirus
Cruise	Hurtigruten	https://www.hurtigruten.com.au/practical-
	+	information/coronavirus-update/
Land	Insider Journeys	https://insiderjourneys.com.au/covid-19-travel-
		update/
Land	Intrepid	https://www.intrepidtravel.com/au/covid19
Land	Mat McLachlan	https://battlefields.com.au/
Cruise	MSC	https://www.msccruises.com.au/en-au/About-
		MSC/News/Itinerary-Updates-Covid-19.aspx
Cruise	Norwegian Cruise	https://www.ncl.com/au/en/travel-alert/coronavirus
	Lines	
Cruise	Oceania	https://www.oceaniacruises.com/coronavirus-
		statement
Land	Peregrine	https://www.peregrineadventures.com/en-
		au/covid19
Air	United Airlines	https://www.united.com/ual/en/au/fly/travel/notices.h
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Air	Vietnam Airlines	https://www.vietnamairlines.com/au/en/news-travel-
		alerts/travel-alert/0124-VI-Thong-tin-ve-dich-viem-
		phoi-virus-corona-lien-quan-den-cac-chuyen-bay-
		cua-VNA-va-JPA
Land	Rail Europe	https://www.raileurope.com.au/about-rail-
		europe/health-advice-for-train-travel-in-europe-
		13200
Cruise	RCCL - Azamara	https://www.azamara.com/en-au/travel-advisory
	Cruises, Celebrity &	https://www.celebritycruises.com/travel-alert
	Royal Caribbean	https://www.royalcaribbean.com/aus/en/cruise-
Cruise	Regent Seven Seas	ships/itinerary-updates https://www.rssc.com/collections/details?Id=f094164
Cruise	Regent Seven Seas	9-a430-4456-ba43-f4c2c78b7232
Cruise	Scenic	https://www.scenic.com.au/media-
Cruise	Scenic	centre/coronavirus
Cruise	Silversea	https://www.silversea.com/temporary-amendment-
Cluise	Silversea	to-cancellation-policy.html
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Travel	Sure Save/NIB	https://www.ouroopuo.com.cu/customor
Related		https://www.suresave.com.au/customer-
Services	Travel Insurance	service/covid-information-hub
Land	Wendy Wu	https://www.wendywutours.com.au/before-you-
		go/travel-advice/
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Coach	The Travel	https://www.contiki.com/au/en/resources/travel-
	Corporation -	<u>alerts</u>
	Contiki	
Coach	The Travel	https://www.insightvacations.com/au/information/tra
	Corporation - Insight	vel-update
	Vacations/Luxury	
	Gold	
Coach	The Travel	https://www.trafalgar.com/en-
	Corporation -	au/resources/coronavirus-travel-update
	Trafalgar/CostSaver	
Cruise	The Travel	https://www.uniworld.com/en/already-booked/travel-
	Corporation -	information/
	Uniworld	
Coach	Topdeck	https://www.topdeck.travel/community/travel-alerts
Air	Virgin Australia	https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/bookings/flight
	_	-status/travel-alerts/
Air	Virgin Atlantic	https://flywith.virginatlantic.com/gb/en/news/coronavi
		rus.html
Cruise	Worlds Leading	https://www.carnival.com.au/travel-advisory
	Cruise Lines -	https://www.hollandamerica.com/en_US/news/coron
	Princess, Holland	avirus-travel-advisory.html
	America, Seabourn,	https://www.pocruises.com.au/news-centre/notices-
	P&O, Carnival	advisories
	-,	https://www.princess.com/news/notices and adviso
		ries/notices/global-ship-operations-pause.html
		https://www.seabourn.com/en_US/news.html

Air Tickets

Airline carriers are changing advice daily and we encourage agents to monitor the Air Tickets portal for full information.

Air Tickets is asking consultants to electronically queue through urgent bookings, amendments and cancellations and they will be dealt with in departure date order.

Viva Holidays, Sunlover Holidays, Seven Oceans and ReadyRooms

Reminder of Increased Booking Flexibility

One of the benefits of the Viva Holidays and Seven Oceans wholesale business has been the flexibility we give agents. As a wholesale business we have generally been able to provide flexible terms on bookings.

For all bookings for Viva Holidays and all Seven Oceans bookings globally:

• All amendment fees will be waived



- Viva Holidays and Seven Oceans deposits can now be kept on file and rebooked to depart anytime until 30 June 2021
- Any amendment, deposit or cancellation charges from a third-party supplier will be passed on

In addition to instant purchase rates, ReadyRooms has significant inventory that can be booked and held with zero money due until the payment deadline. These rates in ReadyRooms are also a source of additional flexibility when required. You can identify these rate types by looking for the clock symbol next to the sell price.

We have also set up dedicated contact details for agents looking to cancel or amend last minute bookings.

Call Centres

We are experiencing a high volume of calls to our call centres and to assist with an increasing number of cancellations and amendments we have set up hotlines for each business unit.

We have also brought staff onto the phones from other parts of our business to support agents in this difficult time.

Hotline numbers

Viva Holidays: 1300 552 323 Seven Oceans Cruising: 1300 130 451 Sunlover Holidays: 1300 793 997

Callers will receive three options and they will be prioritised in that order:

- 1. Departures within 24 hours
- 2. Departures within 7 days
- 3. All other departures

Email also remains an option. To enable faster responses please include the booking number and departure date in the email subject line. Emails are also being prioritised in departure date order.

Viva Holidays: cancellations@vivaholidays.com.au

Seven Oceans Cruising: cancellations@sevenoceans.com.au

Updated Operating Hours

Effective 18th March 2020, Viva Holidays, Sunlover Holidays and Seven Oceans Cruising will have new Operating hours. Operational Hours for our brands are available below:

Viva Holidays

• Monday – Friday: 9.00am - 7.30pm AEDT (Daylight Saving until Friday 3rd April 2020)



- Monday Friday: 8.00am 6.30pm AEST (Non-Daylight Saving from Monday 6th April 2020))
- Saturday and Sunday: Closed
- *Scandinavia Specialist Team: Mon Fri: 9.00am 5.00pm (Melbourne time)

Sunlover Holidays

- Monday Friday: 9.00am 5:30pm AEDST
- Saturday and Sunday: 9.00am 1:00pm AEDST

Seven Oceans Cruising

- Monday Friday: 9.00am 5:30pm AEDST
- Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Don't forget Tango is available to book online 24/7.

Plus, our 24/7 customer care number remains available if your customer requires emergency assistance. For travellers overseas please call +61 2 9317 7799.

<u>QBT</u>

QBT is using its best endeavours to keep our clients informed about flights affected by COVID-19.

We are issuing daily updates to client contacts about flights with known coronavirus cases and whether they may have had passengers on board.

Each airline has individual waiver and cancellation conditions in place which need to be processed manually. The relevant QBT offline fee will apply.

If you need to discuss alternative arrangements to an existing trip, or you would like to speak further about planning a trip via an alternative flight route, please contact QBT on your dedicated 1300 number.

QBT continues to:

- provide general information and updates to organisations on COVID-19
- facilitate new travel bookings and process cancellations and changes at the direction of organisations or as a consequence of route or schedule changes by airlines.

THANK YOU

These are difficult and challenging times for all of us. This crisis will pass and life will return to normal, however it will be some months before we see any sign of that and many more months before "normality" returns.



In the meantime, we thank you for your support of our business and the businesses of our many travel agency members in our networks, of our corporate, wholesale and inbound businesses and on behalf of everyone at Helloworld Travel Limited & our agency members we look forward to again organising your leisure and corporate travel in the very near future.

Andrew Burnes Chief Executive Officer