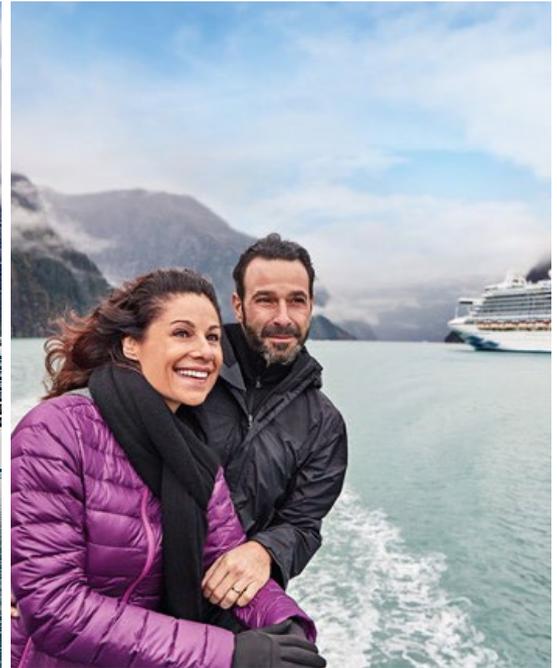




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Airline frontline staff get the jab

More than 15,000 front-line airline staff in Thailand get their Covid-19 jabs this week.

Thai Airlines Association members airlines gained the green light from health authorities to launch a mass vaccination programme that started on Monday.

Vaccinations against Covid-19 for frontline airline employees are now underway until 28 May, according to the TAA announcement.

The Thai Airlines Association represents the country's seven airlines, comprising Bangkok Airways, Thai AirAsia, Thai AirAsia X, Thai Smile Airways, Nok Air, Thai Lion Air and Thai Vietjet.

Approved by the Department of Disease Control and Thailand's Ministry of Health, the vaccination programme is now underway at the Paragon Hall, Siam Paragon Department store, supported by



Bangkok Hospital.

TAA president Puttipong Prasarttong-Osoth commented: "The association received government approval to allocate Covid-19 vaccines for all employees working for the seven Thai airlines because they are considered the first point of contact when people

who travel.

"These employees are dealing directly with a lot of passengers. Therefore, having our employees vaccinated builds not only their confidence but also enhances the image of Thai tourism."

The Covid-19 vaccinations will be administered to 15,970

employees of all seven airlines in Thailand. In addition to that, some fully vaccinated employees are voluntarily coming in to assist medical personnel and nurses during the 24 to 28 May vaccination sessions supervised by the Department of Disease Control and the Ministry of Public Health.

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Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne names GM

Team in place to manage a new 984-key adventure-themed retreat, scheduled to open in Q3 2021 in Mui Ne Vietnam.

Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne has announced the appointment of Franck Rodriguez as general manager of the family-centric Centara Mirage brand in Vietnam.

The new property will open during the third quarter of 2021 with the executive led by Rodriguez, who has worked for some of hospitality's biggest names, including Leading Hotels of the World (LHW), InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) and Starwood Hotels & Resorts (now part of Marriott International).

properties, before joining IHG, where he was responsible for the opening of several key hotels, including Holiday Inns in Bali and Thailand, Vietnam's inaugural Hotel Indigo in Ho Chi Minh City, and the

will also mark the arrival of Centara Hotels & Resorts in Vietnam.

Nestled on Hon Rom Bay, a four-hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City, Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne is centred around an "Explorer's



He is also no stranger to the Centara brand, having spent a formative part of his career as the food & beverage manager of Centara Villas Samui.

More recently, Rodriguez was group director of operations with The Unique Collection of Hotels & Resorts for almost five years, overseeing a portfolio of 27 upscale

Asia Pacific region's first-ever voco hotel in Danang.

Rodriguez is now spearheading the highly-anticipated launch of Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne, which will become only the second Centara Mirage resort worldwide, following the popular Lost World-themed Centara Grand Mirage Beach Resort Pattaya, Thailand. It

Playground" water park, complete with pools, slides, a sailing ship, lazy river, splash zone and cliff-jumping rock. It will also comprise 984 spacious rooms and pool villas, six restaurants, six bars, playgrounds, an entertainment complex, a family lounge, SPA Cenvaree and the world's first Spa Candy – a sweet wellness centre designed specifically for kids. A grand ballroom and outdoor amphitheatre will create outstanding options for corporate meetings, social events and weddings, and a 100-metre-high Observatory Tower will offer panoramic views of the East Sea and the beautiful coastline of Binh Thuan province. Together with neighbouring Phan Thiet, Mui Ne is becoming a nationally- and internationally-acclaimed destination, with more hospitality, dining and entertainment options opening.

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Princess Cruises Plans to Resume Cruising in Alaska Departing Seattle in July 2021.

Following the passage of the Alaska Tourism Restoration Act, work with Alaska government officials, and recent guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Princess is announcing its intent to return to service in the United States with a partial season of Alaska sailings from Seattle.

Departing 25 July through to 26 September 2021, round-trip Seattle, seven-day cruises, onboard Majestic Princess, a MedallionClass™ ship, opened for sale 21 May.

These cruises will visit signature ports, glaciers and attractions in Alaska including:

- *Glacier Bay National Park – this 3.3-million-acre world-renowned landmark – a UNESCO World Heritage site features the magnificent Margerie Glacier*
- *Juneau – the 49th state's capital city, with the chance*

to see humpback whales and Mendenhall Glacier

- *Skagway – this Gold Rush-era town is home to the White Pass Scenic Railway*
- *Ketchikan – this quaint seaside port is known for its infamous Creek Street and as the salmon capital of the world*

Plans for these itineraries to fulfil our obligations under the Passenger Vessel Services Act (PVSA) are expected to be approved, as are final instructions from CDC. Princess is continuing its return-to-cruising preparation already underway. Dining, entertainment, and shore excursion details are currently being finalized and will be communicated in the coming weeks.

These Princess cruises to Alaska are available for guests who have received their final dose of an approved Covid-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the cruise and have proof of vaccination. Crew vaccinations will be in accordance with CDC guidelines.

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More Cruising in Alaska

Holland America Line will resume its cruise operations to Alaska with seven-day itineraries aboard Nieuw Amsterdam, calling at Juneau, Icy Strait Point, Sitka and Ketchikan, with scenic cruising in Alaska's iconic locales, including Glacier Bay and Stephens Passage. The first cruise for the brand is scheduled to depart on 24 July, with 11 Saturday departures through 2 October.



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Bali: A ritual purification experience

Time to plan a trip to Bali and get ready for the rebirth of refreshing travel experiences.

Bali is one of Indonesia's most famous tourist destinations. In addition to its many beautiful beaches, mesmerizing rice fields and spectacular waterfalls, Bali is

But local Hindus, perform this ritual on every Banyu Pinaruh (a day after Saraswati's Day or Knowledge's Day), and when there is a full moon.

Most of the Melukat rituals are held at Tirta Empul Temple. Located near the town of Tampaksiring, this temple is about 55km from Bali Airport and about a 30-minute drive

located in the same area of Tirta Empul Temple. This temple is surrounded by beautiful natural scenery and visitors can perform the Melukat rituals.

In addition, Mengening is also a place for the Hindus to request Tirta (holy water ceremonies). This local temple allows a more thoughtful



also home to numerous religious sites because this island has many interesting ancient temples boasting centuries-old architecture.

Not known to many travellers, they can also neutralize negative energies at some of these temples through a ritual known as Melukat.

Melukat (perform self-cleaning with holy water) derived from the word "Sulukat" where "Su" refers to great while "Lukat" refers to purification. This ritual aims to cleanse the human body – both spiritually and physically in order to prevent bad lucks, sickness and banish bad spirits.

The Melukat rituals can be performed many times, according to the situation, goals and needs.

to the north of Ubud.

Tirta Empul means Holy Spring in Balinese. The temple was founded in 962 A.D. and it is dedicated to Vishnu, who is the Hindu god of water. The temple compound consists of 3 main sections: Jaba Pura (Front Courtyard), Jaba Tengah (Central Courtyard) and Jeroan (Inner Courtyard). The Jaba Tengah is the most popular courtyard as it contains two purification pools and 30 showers.

Check out the video here from the team at Hard Rock Hotel Bali, as they take you on a virtual tour to the beautiful and natural scenery of Tirta Empul and Mengening Temple.

There is another local temple known as Mengening which is



and engaging experience as it is less crowded. This Mengening is divided into two pools, one for women and the other for men.

Pro Tip:

Bring a local guide who understands the process, bring offerings and dress appropriately.

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