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### ATP ANNOUNCES UPDATED START TO 2021 CALENDAR

**LONDON:** The ATP has today announced an update to the 2021 ATP Tour calendar, outlining a revised schedule for the first seven weeks of the season as tennis continues to navigate its return during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Confirmed details of weeks 8-13 will be announced separately, while all subsequent sections of the 2021 calendar, beginning with the Spring clay-court season from week 14, remain unchanged at this time, with all tournaments planned to take place as originally scheduled.

The opening week of the season will kick off with the ATP 250 Delray Beach Open by VITACOST.com, alongside a new single-year ATP 250 license on hard court in Antalya, Turkey.

Australian Open men's qualifying will take place from 10-13 January in Doha, and the allocated dates of 15-31 January will then allow for travel and a 14-day quarantine period for all players and support staff travelling to Melbourne, in accordance with requirements of Australian public health and immigration authorities. The controlled environment quarantine period will enable players to prepare ahead of a 12-team ATP Cup in Melbourne, played alongside the relocated Adelaide Open, as well as an additional ATP 250 tournament, all held in Melbourne.

The Australian Open, the first Grand Slam of the season, will follow from 8-21 February.

2021 ATP TOUR CALENDAR			
DATES	LOCATION	TOURNAMENT	
5-13 JAN	DELRAY BEACH	<b>ATP</b> 250	Delray Beach Open By Vitacost.com
5-13 JAN	ANTALYA	<b>ATP</b> 250	ANTALYA OPEN
10-13 JAN	DOHA	٨O	AUSTRALIAN OPEN QUALIFYING
31 JAN - 6 FEB	MELBOURNE	<b>ATP</b> 250	MELBOURNE 1 (ADELAIDE RELOCATION)
31 JAN - 6 FEB	MELBOURNE	<b>ATP</b> 250	MELBOURNE 2
1-5 FEB	MELBOURNE		ATP CUP
8-21 FEB	MELBOURNE	٨٥	AUSTRALIAN OPEN

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ATP 250 events confirmed as not taking place in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic include the ASB Classic (Auckland) and the New York Open, while the Tata Maharashtra Open (Pune) is unable to stage in its scheduled February week.

The Rio Open presented by Claro, an ATP 500 event, will not take place as originally scheduled, and alternative dates in the calendar will be assessed for it to potentially take place later in the year.

Andrea Gaudenzi, ATP Chairman, said: "The reconfigured calendar for the start of the 2021 season represents a huge collaborative effort across tennis, under challenging circumstances. Together with the support of our tournament and player members, partners, and Tennis Australia, we have been able to adapt and create an exciting start to the season. Health and safety will continue to be paramount as we navigate the challenges ahead, and I want to thank everyone involved for their commitment to finding solutions to launch our 2021 season."

The ATP will continue to assess opportunities for additional single-year licenses to be scheduled in the first quarter of 2021 and will communicate any additions once confirmed.

The ATP Challenger Tour season will begin the week of January 18, following the completion of Australian Open qualifying.

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