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The brand new Scenic Spirit will be launching in January 2016, cruising to the heart of South East Asia. Designed to deliver a truly exceptional experience, its 34 suites feature separate bedroom, living room and balcony ranging in size from 32sqm in the Deluxe Suite up to 80sqm in the magnificent Royal Panorama Suite. The ship features a wide choice of dining venues, resort style pool deck with bar, full spa with sauna, steam room, sun deck, lift, guest laundry and much more.

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VA rejigs WA services

VIRGIN Australia has confirmed it will reduce capacity on some of its regional services in Western Australia, with a new timetable coming into effect from 05 Dec.

"The changes come after the airline approached the WA Govt in August proposing the new flight timetable for services to Albany, Busselton, Esperance and Ravensthorpe," Virgin Australia told travel agents in a memo.

Schedule changes will see flights from Perth to Albany scaled back from 18 nonstop weekly services to 15 and the removal of a twice weekly service via Busselton.

VA's Perth-Esperance route will be reduced from 18 to 13 per week, with the removal of its one weekly Perth-Ravensthorpe flight.

The twice weekly Perth-Esperance-Ravensthorpe-Perth route remains intact.

Changes on the Perth-Esperance and Perth-Albany routes will not apply on a number of flights operating from 08 to 24 Dec.

CTM sets Europe foothold

LISTED Australian TMC
Corporate Travel Management
is once again expanding on
the global stage, yesterday
announcing the acquisition of
Washington D.C. TMC Diplomat
Travel and London-based
Chambers Travel, which also has
operations in Scotland, France,
Germany, the Czech Republic,
the Netherlands, Switzerland and
Sweden (TD breaking news).

The deals will be financed by a \$45.5m entitlement offer and "are in line with CTM's strategic plan to establish a strong base in UK/European markets and

Scenic's Mekong Spirit

SCENIC Tours has confirmed the launch of its new *Scenic Spirit* river cruise vessel for Jan 2016.

With 34 suites, the ship will operate a 12-night Treasures of the Mekong Cruise, priced from \$5,345ppts - see the **cover page** for more information.

continue to expand in the North American market," the firm said.

Chambers Travel gives CTM an "immediate and mature scalable presence" in eight European countries, and also services clients in ten European languages.

Sixty percent of Chambers' clients are global companies and the TMC already has a close relationship with CTM.

The acquisition of Diplomat Travel expands CTM's coverage in the United States to the east coast, also allowing it to cover all time zones in North America.

MD Jamie Pherous said the deals would see CTM operating in 46 cities across 23 countries with over 1800 staff worldwide.

Seven pages of news

Travel Daily today has seven pages of news, including a cover page for **Scenic Tours**, plus a full page from: (**click**):

AA Appointments jobs

Mantra into Bell City

MANTRA Group will boost its room inventory in Melbourne by close to 850 rooms after signing a management agreement for the Bell City mixed-use development in the suburb of Preston.

The deal with new project owners Elanor Investors Group, will see the dual tower hotels repositioned from Rydges Hotels management to Manta Group's Mantra & BreakFree brands.

The 383-room 4.5-star hotel and apartment complex will adopt the Mantra brand, while the second tower with its 461 rooms, studios & apartments rated 3.5-star and 2.5-star student accommodation, will carry the BreakFree brand.

CEO Bob East today said "the consistently high-performing greater Melbourne hotel market combined with the metropolitan location of the Bell City Hotels & its unique market drivers, presented us with an exceptional opportunity to capitalise on our existing portfolio".











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Govt, UA pro BARA

THE Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development has no objection for the re-authorisation for BARA to continue to negotiate with airport operators & service providers, the government body told the ACCC this week.

Airservices, Perth Airport and United Airlines are also in favour of BARA's seven year renewal.

United's local boss Alison Espley said BARA's work has "reduced UA's transaction costs through savings in resources & staff time".



HTI China Corroboree coup

THE Whitsundays is set to host more than 200 Aussie Specialists from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan in May as part of Tourism Australia's 2015 Corroboree Greater China trade event.

Revealed by TA this morning, the event will provide agents with a three day workshop and a day exploring the Great Barrier Reef and Whitsundays, based at Hamilton Island from 12-15 May.

Participants will then divide up and travel to other parts of the country on familiarisation trips.

TA md John O'Sullivan said the majority of int'l travel out of China was booked via travel agencies, and it was "critical" for Tourism Australia to work with agents

CASA Board recruits

DEPUTY Prime Minister Warren Truss has today named three new appointments to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority Board to serve for a three year term.

The appointments include sports aviator Anita Taylor, aviation insurance expert Ian Smith AM and aviation consultant Captain Murray Warfield.

to help them sell "high quality holiday packages" in Australia for the thriving independent, high spending Asian visitor.

The event will enable frontline sellers to meet with Australian tourism operators face-to-face.

Also supporting Corroboree Greater China is Hamilton Island, WMDL and Tourism & Events Old.

DoubleTree opening

THE new DoubleTree by Hilton Melbourne - Flinders Street has opened following a multi-million dollar refurbishment.

What was previously the Citigate Melbourne has now been converted to a "modern, boutique-style" 180-room hotel.

The property is the first of Hilton Worldwide's DoubleTree branded hotels in Melbourne.

"Australasia is a key growth market for DoubleTree by Hilton, and the introduction of the brand into Melbourne in such an iconic location marks a significant milestone in expanding our offering to travellers in the region," said Ashley Spencer, vp of operations, Australasia.

Crowne Plaza Chch

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group has revealed it will manage a new 200-room Crowne Plaza branded hotel in Christchurch, expanding the group's portfolio of properties in New Zealand to six.

The project will see a commercial building opposite the proposed new Christchurch Convention Centre converted to the Crowne Plaza Christchurch.

Earmarked to open next year, IHG says it will be one of the tallest buildings in the city.



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ATEC worried about PMC

AUSTRALIAN Tourism Export Council md Peter Shelley says he is concerned the federal government views the Passenger Movement Charge (PMC) as an easy & adjustable revenue source.

Speaking to Travel Daily in the wake of Federal Immigration Minister Scott Morrison's recently released fee review on Customs, which hinted the PMC could be in the firing line for a significant boost, Shelley said it was a scare the industry did not need.

Following expected industry uproar over the suggested move, Morrison said it was intended



only as a consultative measure.

Not convinced, the ATEC md told TD any idea that the PMC could be increased would be nothing but "a disincentive on people to travel to Australia".

"The PMC is not an opportunity for the Abbott Government to make up for budget failings in other policy arenas - our growth success should stand on its merits and not be put in jeopardy by a broader revenue agenda," he said.

Shelley added there was clear evidence that border taxes were a "retrograde step in growing international visitor numbers".

MEANWHILE, the National Tourism Alliance has added words of warning to the govt, saying taxing export industries such as tourism was counterproductive.

"The process of reviewing border fees is not finished, and we urge the Government and industry representatives to stay engaged in the consultation process to achieve an outcome that ultimately benefits an industry with 280,000 businesses and 1 million employees across Australia," chairman John Hart said.

QF Test match waiver

A COMMERCIAL policy for pax flying to/from Brisbane. Adelaide & Sydney for cricket Test Matches has been introduced by Qantas.

QF's policy applies to revised travel dates for Brisbane flights between 15-23 Dec (for the Test Match now scheduled for 17-21 Dec); Adelaide between 07-15 Dec (for the Test on 09-13 Dec) and Sydney between 04-12 Jan (for Test on 06-10 Jan).

Passengers are able to alter their travel arrangements up to & including 12 Jan - for full details, see www.gantas.com.au/agents.

Lastminute room app

A NEW smartphone app offering special deals on distressed hotel room stock in Australia has been launched in the iTunes store.

The Secret Hotels app is the product of lastminute.com.au in collaboration with leading brands & covers properties in all capital cities and major regional centres.

Users searching on the app are presented with five options based on the date and location, and a 'Secret Hotel' which is guaranteed to be one of the preceding five options at the best price possible.

20% off Best Western

GUESTS booking two nights or more at Best Western properties in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji will enjoy a 20% discount on bookings made before 24 Dec.

The promotion is based on the standard Flexible Rate of the Day, offered at over 170 hotels & valid for stays taken by 30 Nov 2015.

Best Western is also providing guests with 1,000 Rewards Points when booking - for more details, see bestwestern.com.au/savings.



Window Seat

THE town of Macksville on the mid north coast of NSW will be firmly in the thoughts & prayers of every sport-loving Australian today as the nation emotionally farewells Phillip Hughes.

As has been well documented by mainstream media in recent days, the viral #putoutyourbats remembrance initiative saw cricket bats and caps out across the cricketing world.

The travel & tourism industry got behind the initiative as well, with Tourism Australia sending its prayers to the team (below).



Destinations on rise

ONLINE travel aggregation giant TripAdvisor has released its list of the Top Ten destinations globally which have seen the greatest increase in positive reviews given.

The 'Destinations on the Rise' rankings listed the little known town of Tumon, Guam as the fastest rising Sth Pacific hotspot.

Perth was the highest ranked Australian city in fourth place, behind Noumea and Nadi and ahead of fellow Australian cities Darwin, Cairns and Hobart.

On a global scale, Danang in Vietnam was voted by TripAdvisor users as the fastest improving city. ahead of Sihanoukville. Cambodia.







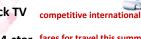


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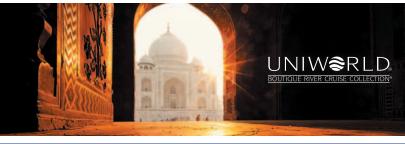
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QFLink still booming

REGIONAL operations for the Qantas Group remain a major driver in its overall growth, with the latest QF results for Oct again showing a double-digit spike.

Passenger numbers were up 16.2% year-on-year, with capacity climbing 14% on the back of new B717 services to CBR and HBA and load factors up 2% to 67.4%.

Qantas Domestic declined 3% in patronage, while Jetstar domestic posted a 5.7% jump in carriage.



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Back to the Future for Kurrajong



IN LESS than two weeks, Toga Far East Hotels will add its newest brand, with the Hotel Kurrajong to stand as a unique offering in a group made up of 70 properties in Australia, NZ and Europe.

Last night, TFE Hotels provided a sneak preview of the one-hotel brand at an industry event in Sydney, with the venue decorated in colonial classic Australiana.

Hotel Kurrajong is significant in the historical fabric of Australia, as it was the Canberra residence of former Australian Prime Minister Ben Chifley, one of only two PMs to choose an alternative residence while in the capital.

For 11 years, Chifley called the property his home, preferring it to the traditional Prime Ministerial home in The Lodge.

The heritage listed hotel, which TFE Hotels is running as a joint venture with motoring group NRMA, has just undergone a major restoration and renovation.

"The light on the hill has been relit," TFE Hotels group director of marketing Emma Fraser said, quoting recent comments by TFE ceo Rachel Argaman.

"We want our guests to feel as

though they have stepped back in time when they visit Canberra."

To help promote the property, TFE Hotels has signed media personality Tracey Spicer as the public face of the 'Great Weekends' campaign, to share her experiences at TFE properties.

Once open, nightly rates at Hotel Kurrajong will start from \$199.

Pictured above from left is Emma Fraser, TFE Hotels with Hotel Kurrajong manager Rob McKenna and Tracey Spicer.

DNSW starts summer

DESTINATION NSW says approx 17 million visitors from regional NSW, interstate and overseas are predicted to flock to the state to experience the Sydney summer.

To celebrate the start of the season, NSW's tourism agency has put together a timelapse video promoting the array of summer activity in Sydney.

Beginning at Bondi Beach, the 90-second video looks at visitors enjoying attractions such as a Sydney Harbour seaplane ride, Manly, the Opera House & more.

CLICK HERE to view the clip.

Getaway back to Thu

CHANNEL Nine's travel program *Getaway* will return to its prime viewing slot of 7:30pm Thu night for a seven-week summer series.

Backed by Scenic Tours, episodes of the show will explore South America & Antarctica (04 Dec), France and the Seine River (11 Dec), south-west Canada & the Calgary Stampede (15 Jan) and Southern Africa (22 Jan).

Presenters include Catriona Rowntree and David Reyne.









Labor banks on golf

STATE funds have been pledged by the new Victorian Labor Govt for the development of a major golf administration and tourism hub in the state.

Premier-elect Dan Andrews said prior to last weekend's election that his government would pitch \$10 million for construction of a facility to house Golf Victoria, Golf Australia & PGA of Australia.

The entire project, which will also include a museum and hall of fame both to promote the game and attract visitors, is tabled at a total price \$32 million to build.

Once operational, the facility will allow new golf tourism ventures to be tabled and implemented.

Safari School popular

MORE than 400 consultants across Australia have signed up for Bench International's online Safari School training in its first month, gm Martin Edwards said.

The first 50 framed certificates for completion of the entire syllabus have already been sent.

The five modules in the course are aimed at boosting knowledge including how to get there, wildlife, seasons and much more.

DL launch MSP/HNL

DELTA Air Lines will inaugurate new daily seasonal services from Minneapolis to Honolulu from 25 Oct, operating the new route using Boeing 767-300ER aircraft.



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Frontliners see SA on pre-famils



SOUTH Australia for hundreds of Helloworld from agents around Australia, who flew in for the 2014 Frontliners

Adelaide

Pre-famils ventured out to different parts of the state, all sponsored by the South Australia Tourism Commission, who was also a conference sponsor.

Groups are currently spending some post-conference days on famils visiting many of the same areas, with an additional group heading out to Kangaroo Island.

Two of the groups are pictured above, with one at Horseshoe Bay

turned on its best

conference held last weekend in

IVS up with the best

after previously sampling some

of the region's best wines at the

Pindarie Winery in the Barossa,

and inset, a group enjoying the

highlights of the Adelaide Hills

and the Fleurieu Peninsula.

INBOUND visitor spend is on the increase, according to the latest International Visitor Survey from Tourism Research Australia for the Sep quarter, out today.

For the year ending 30 Sep, overall spend hit \$30.7 billion, up 9% year-on-year, or around \$139 per person per night.

Fifteen of Australia's Top 20 leading inbound markets set new arrivals records, with China up 10%, and strong results from the US, up 11% to 509,000 visitors.

"These are actually amongst the best annual international visitor figures we've seen in some while and definitely a nice, early Xmas present for the tourism industry," Tourism Australia managing director John O'Sullivan said.



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Cousteau incentive

FIJIAN eco-resort Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort has launched a new incentive for retail agents as a follow-up initiative to its recent Aussie sales mission (TD 22 Oct).

The incentive sees one point awarded for every night booked at the property, with ten points qualifying the agent for a free night at the resort themselves.

Points are retrospective and can be earned through bookings made directly or via a wholesaler.



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Situated among the Gold Coast's 'Green Belt' amid five championship golf courses is the upgraded Mercure Gold Coast Resort, the beneficiary of a multi-million dollar redesign. Aiming to position itself as a premier sports, events & leisure destination hotel, all rooms

have been refurbished, with new fittings offering a relaxed aura. Deckchair style fabrics adorn bedheads, with local timbers and fresh colours.



Dining options have been expanded and redeveloped in a \$6 million project at Anchorage Port Stephens Resort. A new waterfront restaurant known as The Galley Kitchen offers local seafood and absolute water frontage. All 81 rooms have also been

upgraded, with the pool area boosted with a new bar & improved function spaces. A new privately managed day spa is also on track to open in 2015.



Aimed at families or larger groups wishing to house together, a new luxury three-bedroom Beach Residence has been unveiled at the **Dusit Thani Maldives**. The category offers palm-fringed trees among landscaped flora, which is nestled right on the beachfront.

Inside, one master bedroom features upstairs in addition to a twin, while a third is housed in a detached villa, complete with its own plunge pool.

Amex BMW split

AMERICAN Express and BMW have gone their separate ways. with a previous partnership which offered Amex cards to premium BMW customers now concluded.

Flaws caused 787 fire

BASIC flaws in the design of the lithium-ion battery have been blamed as the cause of a small fire on a Japan Airlines Dreamliner at Boston Logan Airport in the US last year (TD 08 Jan 2013).

According to an NTSB report on the minor incident, an internal short circuit led to a "thermal runaway" which saw flammable materials venture outside the cell.

Investigators identified a number of questionable design & manufacturing concerns, saying the FAA should never have given certification of the battery at all.

The fire occurred while the 787 was parked, with no passengers onboard at the time, but was the first in a series of minor incidents which led to the FAA grounding the model for four months.

Recommendations have been issued by the NTSB advising the FAA to fine-tune its safety guidance and processes as well as its certification criteria.

Red faces on Qantas Red-e-Mail promo

QANTAS was forced to reissue a marketing email vesterday which advertised Business class fares to London for more than \$1,000 less than the correct fare.

The "Travel in 2015" promo provided updated fares in the QF "Four Continents, Four Classes" offering which is now valid for booking through until 23 Dec.

The initial fare levels for Sydney to London Heathrow flights were \$1,834 in Economy class, \$4,490 in Premium Economy, \$12,440 in First class and a bargain \$7,002 in Business class.

The revised levels, sent through about 9 hours later, were \$1,838 in Economy, \$4,187 in Premium Economy, \$12,446 in First class and \$8,088 in Business.

New American carrier

IATA has issued the two-letter designator "BQ" to Baltia Air Lines, the newest American carrier, which is now awaiting its Air Operators Certificate.

Although Baltia Air Lines will be based in Michigan, it will initially fly Boeing 747 aircraft on services between New York JFK Airport and St Petersburg, Russia.



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EK investing in plonk

EMIRATES has revealed details of a US\$500 million long-term investment in its wine program, which sees over 60 different red. white & rosé brands served daily.

A dedicated wine program sees over 1.2 million bottles ageing in Emirates' own cellar, managed by its own team of experts who deal with carefully selected vineyards.

Some bottles housed in the Burgundy cellar won't be ready to drink until at least the year 2020.

Emirates president Sir Tim Clark said the finite shelf life of each wine means the carrier wants to get in early to secure best stocks.

4D recruits director

FLIGHT Centre Travel Group's 4th Dimension Business Travel Consulting has appointed corporate travel specialist Dilek Ozer to the role of Director Customer Engagement Strategy.

Ozer has 11 years travel and hospitality experience, including solid knowledge of small-to-mid and mid-to-large corporate client markets.

Satisfaction leaders

VIRGIN Australia has claimed the top spot in Roy Morgan Research's Customer Satisfaction Awards for Domestic Airline of the Month during Oct.

The title of International Airline of the Month was taken out by Singapore Airlines, while Qantas was recognised as Domestic Business Travel Airline.



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Enquiries: Matt Stoeckel on 02 9931 1145 or matt.stoeckel@dnsw.com.au

Applications must be lodged electronically via the Jobs NSW website. Applications submitted via email will not be accepted.



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Busselton says Ni Hao

TOURISM Western Australia has chosen the Margaret River region as the host for Ni Hao WA 2015, the state's largest inbound trade event for Chinese buyers.

Savenio team right on target



ABOVE: Savenio literally brought out the big guns last weekend when directors Elizabeth Clarke and David Brandon hosted the group's annual conference at Spicers Hidden Vale, Queensland.

The gathering was timely as the luxury boutique Brisbane agency, formerly known as Travel Concepts, recently expanded into Sydney (TD 12 Nov).

Focused on adapting to

change and themed "Survival of the Fittest", highlights of the weekend included early morning yoga, Spicers' "paddock to plate" concept dinner at Homage Restaurant as well as the laser clay shooting range (pictured).

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Name the impressive 8km stretch of manicured waterfront that includes children's play areas, separate cycle and pedestrian pathways, cafes and restaurants, and a lifeguard patrolled beach park.













Azul invests in fleet

BRAZILIAN carrier Azul has signed an order with Airbus for 35 A320neo aircraft at a list price total of US\$3.6 billion.

While a delivery schedule has not yet been advised, the order aims to bolster the asset-base of the carrier, which will also lease a further 28 A320neo aircraft.

MEANWHILE, Azul has lodged papers to sell shares as part of an Initial Public Offering on stock markets in the US and in Brazil.

New terminal at OAG

ORANGE Airport in the Central Tablelands of NSW has completed its \$18.9 million expansion project, which comprised of major runway works and the opening of a brand new terminal.

Works included an extension of the main runway, upgraded taxiways and new aircraft parking.

Contributions to the project came from private investors, the Orange City Council, NSW Government and Federal Govt.

SAA capacity boost

FLIGHT frequencies to Harare and Maputo from Johannesburg have been jacked up from 18 to 19 and 17 to 21 respectively this month by South African Airways.

Effective 04 Dec, SAA will also add extra daily services on routes to Kinshasa and Mauritius, taking frequencies to seven weekly and 10 times weekly.

America's Cup host

BERMUDA has been named as the next host of the America's Cup sailing competition in 2017, the first time a reigning American champion team has opted to take its title defence outside the USA.

The last bid eliminated was San Diego after city officials reportedly rejected a request for more than 17,000 free or discount hotel room nights for sponsors.

Oracle Team USA claimed the prestigious title last year by reeling in Team New Zealand's seemingly unassailable 8-1 lead in the first to nine wins series.

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