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Airnorth sold to Bristow

GLOBAL helicopter operator Bristow Helicopters has acquired an 85% stake in Darwin-based Airnorth, with both companies saying it's business as usual for the QF regional partner.

Airnorth operates scheduled and charter fixed-wing flights to over 20 ports across the NT and WA as well as internationally to the Philippines and Timor-Leste.

The carrier will retain its name and brand identity, and Airnorth will continue to be headed up

by ceo Michael Bridge who said the Bristow deal will see further expansion for the company and its charter services.

Bristow said Airnorth's fixed wing operations would complement its existing Australian business, enabling it to provide holistic solutions for its resource industry clients.

QF plans PER-SIN

QANTAS looks set to resume its direct services from Perth to Singapore, with schedules filed in GDS for a proposed daily 737-800 operation effective 13 Jun.

Reservations are not currently open for the route, which would see the return of QF international flights to the WA capital after they were suspended last Jun.

APT Grand Sale

APT is urging agents to take advantage of the range of special offers in its Grand Sale, with deals expiring at the end of the month.

For details, see the **cover page** of today's *Travel Daily*.

Nine pages of NEWS

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news & photos, a front cover page for **APT** plus full pages from: (**click**):

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QF boost for Queensland

QANTAS today announced its new non-stop service between Brisbane and Tokyo Narita will now kick off as a daily operation from 01 Aug (**TD** breaking news).

The new route was announced late last year (**TD** 09 Dec), complementing its new direct daily Sydney-Haneda flights.

At the time, Qantas announced the Brisbane flights would operate four times per week, with the carrier to “also fly to Narita on three alternate days from another Australian port”.

However it now appears that Brisbane will receive all of the

Narita services.

Tourism and Events Queensland ceo Leanne Coddington welcomed the decision, saying TEQ had worked closely with Qantas and Brisbane Airport to support the Tokyo route.

“The daily flights will play a significant role in driving more Japanese visitors to Queensland,” she said, with TEQ working closely with Qantas on marketing initiatives to support the flights.

MEANWHILE, in other good news for Queensland, Qantas has decided to take over the Melbourne-Hamilton Island route from low-cost offshoot Jetstar.

Effective 27 Jan, QF will operate two weekly direct flights to HTI from Melbourne, while Jetstar will commence direct flights from the Vic capital to Whitsunday Coast Airport at Proserpine.

NT luxury hotel push

A NEW cabinet announced this week by the Northern Territory Govt’s Chief Minister Adam Giles will re-focus on luring upscale hoteliers to the Territory.

Chief exec of the Department of Chief Minister Gary Barnes has been called on to take the new role as Coordinator General of Major Projects and Investment.

Giles said yesterday that among Barnes’ tasks will be “attracting a five or six star hotel to Darwin”.

DVI still suspended

DISRUPTIVE Investments, the parent company of BYOjet, today had its share trading suspension extended, with the halt in relation to a pending announcement about a proposed capital raising.

Win a trip to Austria!

LOOKING for a challenge? This month’s issue of *travelBulletin* offers the chance to take part in the 2015 Vienna City Marathon.

Austrian Airlines is inviting the industry to be part of a team of four runners, joining Gianni Di Stefano, LH Group sales manager.

Including flights to Vienna, five nights accom and your relay marathon entry ticket, runners will also have time to explore the city before the race on 12 Apr.

Participants don’t have to run the whole 42 kms, but they do have to get their thinking caps on and tell us in 50 words or less why you deserve to win.

Today is the last day to enter, so get your entries in - email sydsalesupport.gp@dlh.de.

Sign up for Super 15s

REGISTRATIONS have opened for *Travel Daily*’s 2015 Super 15 Footy Tipping comp in which we have teamed with Emirates to give away a trip to Dubai.

The tournament kicks off on Fri night with the Crusaders taking on the Rebels at AMI Stadium in Christchurch - sign up today at www.rugby.traveldaily.com.au.

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TIANZ flags NZ/CX concern

TOURISM Industry Association New Zealand has raised concerns over the proposed mid-term extension of Air New Zealand's North Asia Alliance with Cathay Pacific Airways (**TD Fri**).

The firm said it is supportive of the pact's re-authorization but recommended New Zealand's Ministry of Transport (MOT) consider a "review period" at some point during the requested five-year extension, taking it through until 30 Jan 2021.

"TIA recommends a review period be built in at a mid-way point in the Alliance eg 2018", the company said.

Tourism Industry Association is also urging the MOT "ensure that capacity on the route is not impacted, that competitive pricing is continued and [consider] how the agreement can stimulate inbound tourism," the firm said in its submission lodged late last month and made public recently.

The organisation said if the NZ/CX alliance was evaluated as being successful in its first two years, then it should mull what the success looks like for New Zealand more widely.

"It would be wrong to re-authorise this Alliance for a five year period if it prevented the establishment of additional direct air services between Hong Kong and other New Zealand airports during that time frame."

Aloha fam reminder

HAWAII Tourism Oceania has four places to give away on its exclusive 'Agents of Aloha' fam with participants also to appear in a series of travel trade videos.

To win, agents need to submit an engaging video on why they should be chosen, and enter it at www.alohadownunder.com.au before Sun 15 Feb.

The fam runs from 17-31 Mar.

1m Aussies visit Bali

AN ALL-TIME record number of Australians visited Bali over the 12 months ending 31 Dec 2014, preliminary figures attained by **Travel Daily** from the Bali Govt Tourism Office confirm.

Aussie arrivals spiked a massive 25% in Dec to 96,850 entries, the data shows, taking the annual figure to a massive 991,923 - up 16.5% from the 826,385 achieved the year prior and rapidly approaching the 1 million mark.

Dec was the second busiest month of the year for Australian arrivals, with Sep the only month showing a higher monthly tally at 97,092 visits.

The Australian market cemented its place as Bali's number one overseas source, boosting its slice of the international market to 26.33% from 25.21% in 2013.

Overall, more than 3.7 million foreign direct visitors arrived in the Indonesian holiday hot spot last calendar year, an overall jump of 14.94%.



Window Seat

THE iconic Rocky Mountaineer is set to receive millions of new social media followers, with hoards of 'A-List' celebrities to take the journey through the Canadian Rockies this year.

Performers, presenters and nominees at this week's Grammys received the usual goodie bag, containing lip balm, sleep mints, protein mixes, clothing, toy dinosaurs, vouchers from Candy Vixen, weight loss products & even a Gibson guitar.

However the big ticket item in the 2015 stash was a US\$25,000 luxury train trip for two through western Canada on the Rocky Mountaineer in GoldLeaf, operating roundtrip from Seattle.

The rail operator will be hoping rapper Kayne West doesn't pick the same departure as Beck, as it may prove to get 'rocky'.

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Delta “compromised”

DELTA Air Lines has issued an apology after its Facebook social media site was cyber-attacked. The US carrier is understood to have had its Facebook account hacked yesterday when “offensive content” was posted on two separate occasions. In response, DL tweeted that it did not authorise “objectionable content” (below) and said it was investigating how the Facebook account had been “compromised”.



Apple Pay on JetBlue

LOW-COST US carrier JetBlue will be the first airline to begin accepting payment for food and products on board flights using the Apple Pay capability. To enable the technology, 3,500 JetBlue air crew will be issued with iPad mini tablets equipped with eGate software to perform transactions while in the sky.

Quest primes for big NSW boost in 2015

QUEST Serviced Apartments is ramping up for a huge capacity increase in NSW this year, with five properties set to open doors to guests between Apr and Dec. The previously announced developments will boost Quest’s footprint in key suburban and regional locations in the state by more than 420 rooms, the largest of which being Quest Chatswood (**TD** 14 Aug) with 100 apartments that is slated to open in Dec. Also in Greater Sydney will be this year’s first NSW opening, Quest Liverpool with 88 units which debuts on 08 Apr. Quest will add a second location in Albury on the NSW/Vic border, with the 79 apartment complex to debut on 20 Apr. Regionally, Quest will introduce its serviced apartment product to markets in Nowra (81 units, opens 30 Apr) and Newcastle West (78 apartments, opens Jun). CEO Zed Sanjana re-emphasised today that NSW is a “key growth market” for the company, with the state “going from strength to strength, maintaining its position as Australia’s largest economy”. Sanjana said he expected the new NSW - based properties would be “strong contributors to the Quest network”.

No Vacancy 2015 speakers

MANTRA ceo Bob East & Quest Serviced Apartments chairman Paul Constantinou have been confirmed on the list of speakers participating in next month’s one-day No Vacancy Australia conference in Sydney. The theme of this year’s show is ‘The Big Squeeze,’ featuring presentations, analysis, panels, case studies and the latest industry statistics, event organiser Martin Kelly commented today. Aimed to provide “real-time information and strategies” for hotel & industry executives, the 2015 program will focus on the internet, distribution, marketing, innovation, consumers and technology.

Australia director of revenue & distribution, Jarrod Crump; Dransfield Hotels & Resorts director Dean Dransfield; Tourism & Hospitality Services Australia director Rodger Powell; Voyages Indigenous Tourism exec general manager Ray Stone; Starwood Hotels & Resorts regional director of development Andrew Taylor; TFE Hotels group director of marketing Emma Fraser and SilverNeedle Hospitality exec vp hotel operations, Andrew Turner. No Vacancy Australia will be run from 9am to 5pm on 26 Mar at Sheraton on the Park Sydney. For more details and to register for the event, **CLICK HERE**.

Over 20 hotel & tourism industry heavyweights are expected to attend, with those already confirmed also including Accor

KQ transition to JKA

KENYA Airways will operate all int’l flights from Terminal 1A at Jomo Kenyatta Int’l Airport, Nairobi, effective immediately. In 2014, more than 80% of KQ’s international services migrated to the new Terminal 1A (**TD** 13 Nov), with the remaining overseas flights to West and Central Africa operating out of Terminal 1C.

Fairmont to Bahrain

FRHI Hotels & Resorts has announced it will introduce its Fairmont luxury resort brand to Bahrain in 2018. Designed to lure conferences, group and families, the Fairmont Bahrain Resort will feature 215 rooms including the ‘hotel within a hotel’ concept, Fairmont Gold. Positioned south of Bahrain’s capital Manama, the integrated development will comprise a public beach, retail & restaurant outlets, hospitality components and entertainment facilities.

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Naidoo says 'I do' to AW program

CATERING to the niche special interest sector, Adventure World has rolled out a program of 12 itineraries led by specialist of tailored "passion points".

Unveiled yesterday by Adventure World managing director Fiona Hunt, the program features exclusive experiences hosted by well known presenters and experts in their vocation, such as Indira Naidoo and Jennifer Byrne.

Destinations featured in the inaugural Special Interest Journeys program cover Europe, Southeast Asia, South America & Cuba, with trips focused on topics including astronomy, literature & culture, wellbeing, antiques and languages.

"We have tapped into some of these passions, both popular and niche, to develop tailored experiences and have sought out the best experts in each field to act as hosts," Hunt commented.

She said the resulting product is a collection of "truly unique and highly informative experiences".

Curated itineraries include a 14-day Eco Gardening journey through Europe with the author of *Edible Balcony*, Indira Naidoo; a 12-day Mind, Body and Soul trip through



India led by yogi Suze Plenkovich or a 14-day Antiques Uncovered exploration of London, Paris, Maastricht, Amsterdam & Berlin, hosted by respected antique dealer Jolyon Warwick James.

Journo Jennifer Byrne will lead a literature journey to Europe.

The first trip is scheduled to depart on 18 Oct - **CLICK HERE** to view the full collection.

Hunt said the portfolio of Special Interest journeys would complement Adventure World's 2015 Worldwide Collection.

She is **pictured** (left) at the launch with Naidoo.

Accor CNY ready

FIFTY of Accor's properties nationwide are ready to embrace the two-week Chinese New Year celebrations which get underway from Thu next week.

In preparation, hotels have been decked out in red lanterns, floral displays, fortune cookies & there will be traditional costumes and dragon dances to welcome Chinese national guests.

Hotels involved in the 'Year of the Sheep' celebrations include Pullman Sydney Hyde Park, Sofitel Brisbane Central, ibis Perth and Pullman Reef Casino Cairns.

QF Business bid FAQs

AGENTS seeking further details on Qantas' *Bid Now Upgrades* invitation-only initiative available to select Frequent Flyers (**TD** yest) can access a 'Frequently Asked Questions' flyer on how it works.

The document provides info on pre-purchased baggage, change of flight procedures, meal selection, how upgrades will appear in the GDS, refund processes and more at www.qantas.com.au/agents.

Shanghai packages

HELEN Wong's Tours is spruiking a four-day Golf and Spa itinerary in Shanghai as part of its newly released Shanghai Surprise program from 2015/16.

The concept is based on couples enjoying a holiday with one person on the fairway and the other being pampered at a luxury day spa, Helen Wong explained.

"It's a perfect fit for couples who have different thoughts on how to spend their holiday time - golfing or relaxing," Wong said.

The package includes daily brekkie, transfers to and from the hotel and private transfers where specified, priced from \$970ppts.

A five-day Shanghai Sensation which includes two half-day tours starts at \$1,030ppts.

Club Med giveaway

CLUB Med has partnered with Air France to launch a new competition open to the trade and consumers to win a trip to a French ski resort.

Using the social media hashtag of #clubmedsummerfreeze, Aussies need to submit a photo of themselves or the area they are in that promotes their love for the cold, such as using ski gear at the beach or sipping an ice cold drink on a hot summer's day.

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Next OZ A380 port

ASIANA Airlines will next fly its Airbus A380 superjumbo between Seoul and New York City JFK, with three-times weekly service set to replace 777 service from 13 Jun.

RWC big ticket item for FC Grp



SPECIALIST Rugby World Cup agents from Infinity Holidays and Flight Centre were recently graced with an inspiring presentation from John Eales, former Australian Wallabies captain and rugby union legend. Eales spoke of his excitement at the upcoming Rugby World Cup in England and was peppered with questions from the excited team.

Flight Centre, its boutique brand Travel Associates and corporate arm FCm Travel Solutions are official RWC travel retailers for the upcoming tournament.

The giant 6'7 former Wallaby, who also now sits on the Flight Centre Board of Directors as part of his business interests, answered a variety of questions both on leadership and his time at the helm of national rugby.

He said Australia was among a group of five teams which on their day could beat New Zealand, but that the Kiwis were still the "team to beat" for the Webb Ellis Cup this time around.

Ticket and travel package sales for the tournament have exceeded expectations, Flight Centre said, with its allocation for the big matches selling out fast.

Eales is **pictured** above, well above, Flight Centre RWC product leader Richard 'Sticky' Glue.

Daxing Apt designer

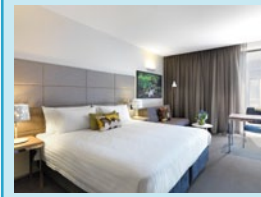
BRITISH architect Dame Zaha Hadid has been selected to build Beijing's second major airport in Daxing, south of the Chinese city. Plans are for the airport to become the largest in the world, with seven runways catering to 100 million passenger each year.

Daxing will operate in parallel to the existing Beijing Peking Airport and will relieve city congestion.



Accommodation Updates

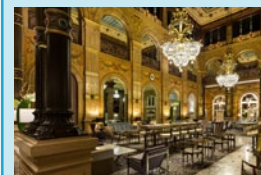
WELCOME to Accommodation Updates, *Travel Daily's* Wednesday feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description with an image to accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au.



Due to open any day now, the revitalisation of the regional town of Marysville will be helped by the opening of the **Vibe Hotel Marysville**. Room design aims to encourage guests to engage with their local surroundings, with in-room artwork reflective of the regenerating forest. Other property features include relaxing bars and restaurants on-site, running track and fit food regionally inspired menu options, in-room yoga channel and more.



The former tired creamy yellow exterior of the **Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens Melbourne** has been replaced with a shiny white to complement interior refurbishments. Highlights also include glass panels in the lobby, rooms, bathrooms and lifts. As part of a "Refurbishment by Evolution" program, the works have minimised guest interference by being carried out at night as opposed to closing off floors. Several hotel services were also upgraded.



Owners of the **Hilton Paris Opera** have spent a mammoth US\$50 million on renovating the former Concorde Paris Opera to reach its current standard of elegance & sophistication. Modernisation has been carried out on guest rooms, bars and restaurants, the fitness centre and six meeting rooms. Work is also complete on the goosqf Maria Callas Suite, while the Le Grand Salon area including the lobby has been painstakingly restored to its former glory.

Steam, River and Raft

RIVER rafting is now available as a combination experience after a partnership was signed between West Coast Wilderness Railway & the King River Rafting Company.

The full-day experience sees guests board the steam train in Queenstown at 9am to Dubbil Barril station before transferring for a whitewater rafting trip.

Two departures of the combined trip are available on 20 Feb and 20 Mar priced from \$230pp, with a maximum of 16 guests per trip.

Rail operators say they have seen an 85% explosion in visitors since reopening (**TD** 06 Jan 2014).

HRA signs Raintree

HOTEL Representation Australia has signed to handle marketing and promotion of Port Moresby newbuild Raintree Hotel & Suites in the Australian travel market.

The five-star Papua New Guinea property will offer 433 rooms over 18 storeys and is on track to open for guests early next year.

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IRISH trade unions, opposition political parties and government MPs have voiced concerns over a proposal to sell Aer Lingus to International Airlines Group.

The carrier's Board of Directors recommended the third & latest bid from IAG to the Irish Govt, which came with "cast iron" guarantees about employment, landing rights and route hubs.

Resistance to the government offloading its 25% stake in the carrier is gaining traction, with any sale being described as "politically toxic" by opponents of the IAG offer.

Competing carrier Ryanair owns 29% of Aer Lingus but has been ordered to reduce its stake to 5% by the European Commission.

New Thunder access

CONSENT has been granted by the Queenstown Environment Court for local attraction Thunder Jet to expand its services to new areas of the Shotover River.

The court said Thunder Jet could operate for up to four boats on the river with up to 34 pax each.

Thunder Jet director Neville Kelly said he was "thrilled" the firm could now explore new areas of the Lower Shotover, saying it had been "a long two-year process" to obtain the approval.



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About the Role:

The Manager, Sector Development is a key senior leadership position in Destination NSW's Destination Development Business Unit. The role is responsible for strategic planning, stakeholder relationships and project management of programs that contribute to the development and marketing of NSW products, experiences and destinations within specific sectors including Cruise, Food and Wine, Youth and Aboriginal Tourism.

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Enquiries: Julie Bishop, Group Director, Destination Development, on 02 9931 1134 or julie.bishop@dnew.com.au

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

Ramada Christchurch relaunch



HOTELS & businesses continue to rapidly move back into the blossoming town of Christchurch following the 2011 earthquake.

Among those is Wyndham Hotel Group which has opened the Ramada Suites Christchurch City on Tuam Street - the property the beneficiary of a NZ\$12.5 million makeover.

Offering 44 boutique apartments and suites in one, two and three-bedroom configurations, the latest Ramada is the city's first and third in New Zealand, joining the Bay of Islands and Auckland.

Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism ceo Tim Hunter said 37 new restaurants, bars and cafes had opened in the last six months.

"The opening of the Ramada Suites is a very welcome accommodation addition to our CBD hotel stock and complements the strong confidence we are seeing in new developments in the hospitality industry," he said.

Wyndham said the new Ramada Suites caters both to leisure and business travellers, was "an excellent fit" for Christchurch and "perfectly timed" to support a big year of events for Christchurch beginning with the ICC Cricket World Cup beginning this week.

Pictured above at the new hotel from left is Kaniska Charkaborty, Ramada Suites; Michael Osborne, Marsden Asset Management; Robert Neil, Safari Group; Benjamin Trotter, Management BT Group; Dilan De Silva, Ramada Suites & Scott Wallace, Wyndham Hotel Group - South Pacific.

Winning year for TM

TRAVELMANAGERS chief executive Joe Araullo has declared 2014 as a "year of excellence" for the home-based agent network, with record sales and agent recognition celebrated.

The company set its highest sales for the full year, up 12% on its previous best, highest sales for a single quarter in Jan-Mar 2014 and highest month coming in Feb.

Araullo added that agent training had played a large part, with dedicated fares and ticketing workshops, cruise training and business planning focus days all well attended nationwide.

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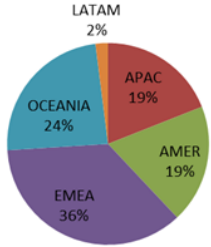
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EMEA was the stand out region with London, Paris, Rome, Venice and Barcelona the most popular destinations followed by hundreds of smaller provincial destinations.

Some of the out of the way destinations last month included Kovalam India, Gyeongsang South Korea, Cardiff Wales and Messina Italy. Your great service and our great rates, keep your customers coming back.



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Aussies seek treats in Asia

TRAVELLERS are receiving significantly more “bang for their buck” in Asia, with new research from Roy Morgan showing a far greater affordability of five-star luxury in Asia over Australia.

The results were based on a survey of nearly 9,000 Australians aged 14 and over who took a holiday of three nights or more in the last twelve months.

Greatest disparity was seen in four-star and five-star hotels, with 33% and 25% respectively able to afford the higher standard in Asia compared to 11% and 5% locally.

More than a third of respondents (36%) taking domestic holidays instead based their trip on staying at a friend or relative’s home, followed by a self-contained unit (21%) and four-star hotels (11%).

Accom categories in Australia’s favour were camping and caravan holidays, with higher numbers of Aussie tourists staying local when taking a holiday at this standard.

Roy Morgan Research group account director Angela Smith

said budget, personal preference, destination & travel companions contributed to lodging choices.

“Staying with friends and family is a convenient, cheap and (usually) fun option, and because so many of us have loved ones around the country, it’s no surprise that this is the type of accommodation most commonly used by Australians holidaying domestically.

“On the other hand, hotels, motels and resorts are the most popular accommodation type among those travelling to Asia. In many Asian countries, it is possible to get considerably more bang for one’s accommodation buck than in Australia, so why wouldn’t you make the most of the opportunity,” Smith added.

Additions to Warwick

UPMARKET property collection Warwick Int’l Hotels has added two new members in Beirut, Lebanon and Ankara, Turkey.

The new Warwick Stone 55 is a four-star boutique property with 46 rooms, connected to shopping and close to Beirut Airport.

Also new is the four-star Mona Hotel in the Turkish capital, which offers 32 rooms and suites.

Foraging at Table Bay

FOODIES visiting The Table Bay Hotel in Cape Town are now able to join the property’s executive chef on “foraging” expeditions to gather unique ingredients used in the hotel’s signature dishes.

Guided by local hunter-gatherer Charles Standing, guests will learn about locally grown herbs & wild plants in the region which can be harvested for culinary use, such as hibiscus blooms.

Prices for the tour are available on request, with space subject to availability for each specific trip.

Crash mystery solved

WRECKAGE from a LAN Airlines flight which crashed in the Andes mountains in 1961 has been found by a group of mountaineers 54 years after it went down.

An expedition member said the fuselage - still largely intact - was found 10,000ft above sea level, with “human bones scattered around the wreck”.

The crash killed all 24 passengers onboard, eight of whom were professional Chile soccer players.

The mountaineers who found the wreckage say more specific details on its location won’t be divulged to the public.

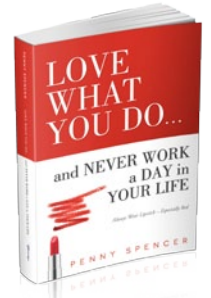
UA sale fare to Guam

UNITED Airlines is offering return Economy Class fares from Cairns to Guam from \$795 in a new sale valid to book this month.

Seats are valid for travel until 19 Jun and from 21 Jul - 11 Dec.

The destination is popular with dive tourists Aussies exploring Micronesia, Palau and Pohnpei.

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Headwater program

E-BIKING itineraries in Costa Verde, the Austrian Lakes, Sicily, Dordogne and Lake Constance feature in a new Headwater program from Adventure World, with Portugal as a new addition.

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F&F Supercharged

UNIVERSAL Studios Hollywood has released a 30-second teaser trailer of its new "Fast & Furious - Supercharged" action thrill ride debuting at the park in mid-year.

The ride will serve as a dramatic finale to the popular mainstay Studio Tour and will take riders into the underground world of fast cars and international crime.

CLICK HERE to view the trailer.

Southwest take gates

UNITED Airlines will end all service to Dallas Love-Field and has struck a deal to sublease its two remaining gates at the facility to Southwest Airlines.

WN will now own or occupy 18 of the 20 gates at DAL, using the extra capacity to launch new services to nine cities including Memphis, Milwaukee and Seattle, all to begin from Apr.

The gate lease deal has been approved by the US Department of Transportation however details of compensation are not public.

United will continue operating as normal to Dallas/Fort Worth.

Starwood spin-off

HOTEL giant Starwood Hotels & Resorts will "spin off" its vacation ownership business into a new publicly listed entity, it has said.

The move will aim to accelerate the firm's "Asset Light" strategy of management over ownership and create an upscale timeshare firm.






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Low delays on tarmac

AIRLINES in the USA have drastically slashed the number of long delays on the tarmac, with 2014 seeing the fewest on record, according to new DOT figures.

Over the year, only 30 domestic flights were delayed by three hours or more, with nine int'l flights held four or more hours.

No long delays were recorded at all for the month of Dec 2014.

The results were a massive drop from 2009 prior to DOT domestic tarmac rules coming into effect, when a whopping 868 flights were delayed by three or more hours.

"These tarmac delay rules are meant to protect passengers and it appears that the airlines have gotten the message," US DOT secretary Anthony Foxx said.

FBI heads out to see Euro clients



AGENTS from FBI Travel in Melbourne turned out for a showcase of elite clients from The Hotel Connection in its annual expo tour of Australia.

Exhibitors on show at the event this year include Singapore Airlines, Rail Plus, Barcelona's

Hotel Neri, Italian Dream Incorporated and London's Cheval Residences, May Fair Hotel and Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel.

The show will make its stop in Sydney tomorrow night.

Pictured above from left is the FBI team consisting of Willie Best, Nikki Diamond, Ruth Leibson, Ginine Schulberg, Debbie Grace, Michelle Adler, Vera Schwartzbord & Danny Englman.

Great Hotels addition

LONDON-BASED sales and marketing alliance Great Hotels of the World has welcomed eight new member properties.

The newcomers include Nhow Berlin, NH Berlin Friedrichstrasse, NH Wien City Airport, Lopesan Baobag Resort, Lopesan Costa Meloneras, Lopesan Villa del Conde Resort & Thalasso, IFA Catrina Hotel and Mövenpick Hotel Amsterdam City Centre.

Big year for Preferred

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