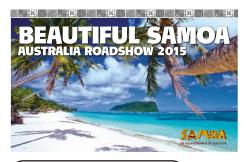


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on location in Denarau, Fiji

Today's issue of TD is coming to you courtesy of Tourism Fiji, which is hosting the annual Fijian Tourism Expo this week at Denarau Island.

FIJI is working hard to expand perceptions of the destination, with a welcome reception last night at the Sofitel Fiji featuring a showcase of Fijian fashion.

Clearly the fashion scene here is alive and well, with models on the catwalk showcasing stunning outfits combining traditional fabrics and patterns with a funky modern take.

Delegates today continue their appointment programs, while tonight's dinner event will showcase the developing cuisine scene in Fiji, with resorts across the country upgrading their food and wine offerings.

There is major optimism here as operators continue to invest following last year's elections see our FTE pics from last night at facebook.com/traveldaily.

NT revamps govt travel

THE Northern Territory Government has announced the 100% adoption of a centralised travel booking system, with all NT Government travel required to be booked under the new policy effective from 01 Jul.

Under the new mandate the NT government will also "work with travel management companies to expand and improve on travel reporting to better advise of potential cost savings and to monitor travel usage," according to a statement issued yesterday by NT Chief Minister Adam Giles.

Giles announced an independent review by accounting firm KPMG and six monthly audits to ensure compliance with the new travel booking procedures.

He said the NT's geographic

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location meant travel, both domestic and international, is an essential part of business for many government staffers.

"I understand and acknowledge there has been public concern about official government travel," he said, assuring Territorians the new policy would include "rigorous processes to prevent anyone misusing the system".

The new policy will also require all travel quotes provided by TMCs to be compared to "online offers from airlines" in order to ensure value for money.

Soon-to-be-finalised panel contracts for air charter services would also help save money in this area, Giles said.

He said a public tender would soon be issued for the corporate travel booking system, and encouraged NT travel agents "to consider forming a partnership to tender for that work".

Scenic agent reward

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Visa-free Indonesia

THE Indonesian Government has introduced visa-free travel for citizens from an additional 30 countries, making a total of 45 source markets which don't require a visa including New Zealand - but not Australia.



Melbourne hotel school

THE Victorian Govt has given William Angliss College almost \$4.5 million to establish Melbourne's first International Hotel School as well as launch a "tourism employability initiative" to provide highly skilled hospitality staff for the state's regional destinations.

William Angliss ceo Nicholas Hunt said the hotel industry cannot get enough skilled staff for management roles, which can stifle business growth.

"This initiative will result in more students electing to study hotel management, a more highly skilled workforce and a growing hospitality sector which will help to generate new jobs in the industry," he said.

The Regional Tourism

Qantas Melbourne contact centre closes

QANTAS yesterday closed down its Melbourne contact centre in Camberwell, with the 250 staff offered redundancies or the option to transfer to the carrier's call centre in Hobart.

The closure is part of QF's ongoing transformation program, as the carrier's Brisbane call centre also set to close in 2016.

The rationalisation into a single Australian call centre in Tasmania will help reduce inefficiencies, with Qantas also operating a call centre in Auckland.

Employability project, worth \$2.72 million, will see William Angliss partnering with regional TAFEs to provide cost-effective tourism and hospitality training.

"Students will be able to continue living in the regions, while gaining the practical skills and specialist knowledge they need to drive regional hospitality and tourism to a more competitive level," Hunt said.

It's expected the program will result in 570 direct jobs over the first five years, many of which will be in regional Victoria.

Inflight yoga session

SKYTEAM has launched two new yoga tutorials on the SkyTeam App, one for use on the ground in lounges and the other for use at 30,000 feet.

The 15-minute program has been developed exclusively for SkyTeam and its members and features a series of stretches and breathing techniques that can be followed "regardless of what passengers are wearing or their class of travel," the group says.

Eighteen SkyTeam members will feature the in-flight yoga lesson as part of their IFE.

"There's no downward dog or plank involved, just very simple yoga exercises that don't intrude on other passengers' space," SkyTeam's brand & communications director Gatima da Gloria commented.

On-demand APTMS

TRAVEL Industry Network is now offering online webinar training for all APTMS products including Alamo, Aston, Aqua, El Monte, EagleRider, Go West and Peirce & Leslie - see the agent login at www.aptms.com.au.













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Skytrax: QF up, VA down

QANTAS has moved up one place and into the Top 10 in the World Airline Awards for 2015 as voted by travellers around the globe in the annual Skytrax poll.

Announced overnight at the Paris Air Show, Qatar Airways was recognised as the Top Airline of 2015, nudging out Cathay Pacific Airways from the top spot won in 2014, with the Hong Kong-based carrier falling to 3rd place.

Separating the **one**world airlines was Singapore Airlines. Also in the Top 10 (in order) were Turkish Airlines, Emirates, Etihad Airways, ANA, Garuda Indonesia, EVA Air & then Qantas.

Virgin Australia slipped one spot in 2015, moving back to 16th this year, while Jetstar Airways fell three places back to 53rd place.

Other top Skytrax Awards went to Garuda Indonesia, which was deemed to have the World's Best Cabin Staff, followed by Cathay Pacific and Singapore Airlines.

2015

Best Business Class Airline went to Singapore Airlines (1st), then Qatar Airways (2nd) & Cathay Pacific (3rd), with Qantas 7th.

Best Business Class Lounge went to Turkish Airlines (1st), Singapore Airlines (2nd) and Cathay Pacific (3rd), with Qantas rankd 8th.

Best Business Class Lounge Dining went to Turkish Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Qatar Airways, with Qantas 5th.

Qantas had the Best Business Class Comfort Amenities.

Emirates won the World's Best Inflight Entertainment with *ice*, while Qantas was 4th best.

AirAsia was Skytrax's World's Best Low-Cost Airline for 2015, followed by Virgin America and Norwegian, with Jetstar Airways in 5th place.

Best Low-Cost Airlines in Australia/Pacific went to Jetstar Airways, followed by AirAsia X, Scoot and Tiger Airways.

See worldairlineawards.com.

Game Two deadline

ANSWERS to the next set of three questions in the *Travel Daily* State of Origin competition for 2015 are required by COB today, with Game Two kicking off at 8pm.

New South Wales has it all to do tonight, but the winner of our comp will have a night to relax at the Novotel Sydney Olympic Park in a King Room, with breakfast, in a prize worth \$465.

Questions for Game Two are:

- 1: What will be the score margin in Game Two of the SOO Series?
- 2: Which minute of the game will the first points be scored?
- 3: Which player will be named Man of the Match for Game Two? Email your answers in quickly to soocomp@traveldaily.com.au.

Element Asian debut

STARWOOD Hotels & Resorts Worldwide has expanded its eco-conscious Element brand into the Asia-Pacific, opening the 188room Element Suzhou in China.

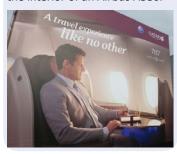


Window Seat

QATAR Airways is rightly proud of its rapidly growing fleet, so much so that it sent five of its Boeing 787 *Dreamliner* aircraft for display at the Paris Air Show.

The carrier's marketing team were also hard at work ahead of the show, buying up several prominent billboards showing the benefits of flying the 787 under the tagline of "A travel experience like no other".

Unfortunately, the photo in the advertisement is actually the interior of an Airbus A380.









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Cebu drops the air

FILIPINO low-cost carrier Cebu Pacific Air has rolled out a new logo and branding which sees the carrier drop the word "air" from its public name and aircraft decal.

The logo has also seen a switch in the colour scheme, with the blue & green components of the Philippine eagle trading places.



Cebu Pacific vice president marketing and distribution Candice Iyog said the new logo (pictured) paid tribute to the carrier's story so far as well as celebrated its bright future.

HX/GA codesharing

HONG Kong Airlines & Garuda Indonesia have commenced a new codeshare arrangement on HX's daily return services between Hong Kong and Jakarta and GA's daily frequencies between Bali (Denpasar) and Hong Kong.

Vivid Record crowds

NSW Minister for Tourism and Maior Events Stuart Avres today announced a record breaking 1.7 million people attended the 2015 Vivid Sydney Festival, up 19% on last year's attendance.

Ayres said more than 36,500 domestic and international travel packages incorporating Vivid Sydney were sold, with over 11,000 booked in China alone.

Travel package sales were also up out of Singapore (+57%) and the United States (+64%).

HJAH industry rate

HENRY Jones Art Hotel in Hobart is discounting its Best Available Rate by 25% for tourism & hospitality industry personnel.

The offer includes free valet parking and wi-fi and is valid for stays until 30 Sep (excluding some blackout periods).

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NZ premium econ rollout

AIR New Zealand is set to offer its Premium Economy cabin on Tasman, Pacific Island and Bali routes, with the expanded deployment of wide-body aircraft to the destinations meaning the product can be made available on a more consistent basis.

Chief sales & commercial officer Cam Wallace said effective immediately, customers can book Premium Economy fares on all Boeing 777 and 787-9 operated Tasman, Pacific Island and Bali flights for travel from 25 Oct.

"With the arrival of the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, refurbishment of our Boeing 777-200 fleet and exit of the Boeing 747-400 we now have a consistent Premium Economy offering," he said.

"We know many of our customers enjoy the extra space and comfort when travelling Premium Economy on our long haul services and we're looking forward to extending this product to shorter flights," he added.

As with the long-haul product. Air NZ's Premium Economy on Tasman, Pacific Island and Bali flights will offer a range of benefits including more space, premium food, extra baggage allowances plus priority check-in and boarding.

BNE pro QF/AA deal

BRISBANE Airport Corporation yesterday pledged its support for the proposed new revenue sharing venture on trans-Pacific services between Qantas and American Airlines.

"Strong performance of the trans-Pacific route has long been a bedrock of the Australian visitor economy and arrangements such as these, which underpin that performance, must be supported," head of corporate relations Rachel Crowley told the ACCC in BAC's submission.



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New gym for Uprising

UPRISING Beach Resort in Fiji's Pacific Harbour has announced the construction of a world-class gymnasium and training facility.

The property already boasts its own rugby field, and the significant expansion will see this upgraded alongside a new 25 metre lap pool, sprint track, a multi-purpose court and meeting and physiotherapy rooms.

Owner Rene Munch said the upgrade would provide a "one stop shop" for international and local teams wanting to train.

The expansion is set to open in 2016, along with twelve new bungalows.

Golf push for Fiji

FIJI Airways this morning confirmed a three year "Platinum" sponsorship for the upcoming Fiji International golf tournament, which is set to take place at Natadola Bay in Oct.

Tourism Minister Faiyaz Koya said the government had also committed \$8.6m to securing the event, which he said would "put Fiji on the golfing map".

The move is part of a strategy to diversify Fiji's tourism offering, with golf tourism a key component to attracting higher value visitors.

Fijian "transit lounge"

A UNIQUE transit facility for inbound and outbound passengers in Fiji was unveiled this morning at the Fijian Tourism Expo in Denarau.

Located about five minutes from Nadi Airport, the "Essence of Fiji Rejuvenation Centre" offers a host of facilities including a free shuttle service, luggage storage, gymnasium, child minding (complete with a jumping castle), showers and private day rooms.

There is also a full spa, with massage facilities and a hair salon.

It's the brainchild of Debra Sadranu, who has for many years been involved with Fiji's spa sector as the operator of Senikai Spas at several resorts.

The Rejuvenation Centre also features unique locally made spa products utilising nama - or "sea grapes" harvested from the Yasawa Islands.

For something a bit different, Essence of Fiji also makes namainfused vodka.

Visitors can learn how the products are made and purchase some to take home with them.

A commissionable "transit pass" costs FJ\$38 per person for up to six hours in the lounge, while other products include a \$100 "rejuvenation pass" including spa services, while a family pass costs up to FJ\$150 for a couple and up to two children.

Sadranu told **TD** the lounge will stay open to handle any flight timings, and has already proven a hit with wholesalers at FTE.

Free air transfers with Nanuku



Solar Radisson Blu

FIJI'S Radisson Blu Resort on Denarau Island is currently set to install a massive new solar power system which will be the biggest in the Pacific region.

The roof-mounted system is rated at more than 400kW and is said to reduce the need to import 175,000 litres of generator diesel fuel every year.

Fijian trekking

TALANOA Treks, a new exhibitor at the 2015 Fijian Tourism Expo, is expanding the country's tourism offering with 3-5 day inland treks which start at Stone Bowl Lodge in Nadarivatu.

Trekkers visit several village communities en route, with the company saying it has received strong interest from European buyers at FTE.

ABOVE: Fiji's Nanuku Auberge Resort is targeting high value visitors with a new offer of free return flights for two adults from Nadi for every five night booking.

The all-villa property, which opened last year, is located on Fiji's Pacific Coast about 30 minutes drive from Suva.

Its all-inclusive offer "melds contemporary luxury with traditional Fijian design," according to gm Karen Taylor.

Guests have their own "villa mama" to cater to every whim with a wide range of guest services, with convenient off-site experiences available too thanks to its mainland location.

Pictured at Fijian Tourism Expo yesterday showcasing the new offer are newly appointed director of sales and marketing Shashita Nand (*TD* Mon) with general manager Karen Taylor.

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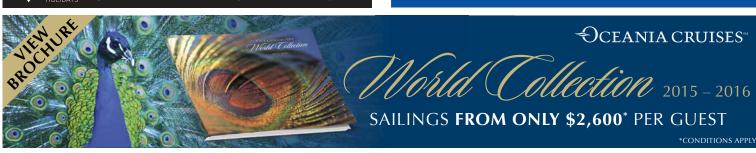
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SHOPPERS stocking up on their household essentials found a new item on the shelves recently at bulk-buy discount retailer Costco, with Helloworld and the Hunter Travel Group also on special.

Three representatives of Hunter Travel Group were on hand over 12 days at a "pop-up" store which sprouted at Costco Auburn in Sydney's western suburbs.

Cruise Travel Centre consultant Nicholas Dann, cruise sales

Blackcomb butts out

SMOKING has been outlawed entirely on all Whistler Blackcomb land, both indoors and out.

The ban has been introduced as part of the World No Tobacco Day 2015, aimed at preserving the "pristine alpine environment".

manager Louise Dann and retail sales manager Lisa Tjandi from HTG head office (pictured above) were among those to staff the booth over the 12-day display.

Thinking outside the square. the booth resulted in a sizeable rate of quotes and bookings with plenty of support from locals.

The initiative is set to continue, with a new pop-up outlet to grow at Costco Crossroads in Casula.

Hunter Travel Group managing director Brett Dann expressed his delight at the pop-up's success.

"The customers loved the idea that Costco was interested in the travel space and showed great interest in helloworld's services.

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Paris Air Show orders

A SECOND day of major orders filled the books of Boeing, Airbus and a host of other manufacturers during the second day of the 51st Paris Air Show.

The show runs until 21 Jun. Among yesterday's new orders for commercial airlines were:

Korean splits its book

AIRBUS and Boeing received a hefty workload from Korean Air, with the carrier first placing an order for 30 Airbus A321neo jets.

A short time later, Boeing saw a signature on an order for thirty units of the 737 MAX-8 aircraft.

Options for a further 20 were supplemented on both orders.

In addition, two 777-300ER aircraft from Boeing were signed.

The major order of the day was valued at US\$3.9 billion at list prices, however large orders often attract sizeable discounts.

BR boosts long-haul

TAIWANESE carrier Eva Air followed up on its commitment for 777 freighters yesterday, penning a passenger order for four Airbus A330 aircraft.

Kazakh lease order

AIR Astana will add seven Airbus A320neo family of aircraft to its fleet by 2019, in the form of two A320neo and one A321neo to operate domestic routes.

Further, long-haul services will be bolstered by four A321neo Long Range aircraft.

All aircraft have been acquired via operating leases from US firm Air Lease Corporation.

Budget boost fleet

JAPANESE low-cost carrier Peach committed to a purchase of three A320 aircraft from Airbus.

The order signalled the first direct purchase from the carrier.



This week Travel Daily and Huntington Beach are giving readers the chance to win a \$50 gift card to Surf Dive & Ski every day.

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On June 20, 2015, Huntington Beach will be attempting to break which two Guinness World Records? Need a hint? CLICK HERE.

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Roger Koller from Gregor & Lewis Bespoke Travel.

Dusit Guam newbuild

THE first newly build resort on the Pacific island of Guam since 1999 will be driven by Thai hotel group Dusit International.

The 30-storey Dusit Thani Guam Resort will sit on Tumon Bay and feature 419 deluxe guest rooms - half with ocean views - and six suites each with plunge pools.

Other facilities will include a spa facility and convention centre.

No date for opening has been set as yet, but it will become the only property on the island to be classified in the luxury category.

Visit the home of four-time Iditarod Champion and pat a puppy at his Happy Trails Kennels. THAT'S A





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.



Following a multi-million dollar renovation, the Peppers Convent Hunter Valley has unveiled the second phase of work, which this time focused on its five Premier Suites, foyer, lounge and hallways. Now decked out in an Art Deco style, the new classic grey, white

and black colour scheme exudes charm and charisma. Additions include new artworks and antique furniture, some of which dates back to 1850.



The iconic twin towers of Waikiki, the **Hyatt** Regency Waikiki is showing its new look after the hotel completed an extensive \$100m refurbishment over one year of solid work. Adopting a bright and colourful Hawaiian feel, all 1,230 rooms were done up

to add items such as a surfboard desk, bidet toilets and new televisions. Focusing on its oceanic surrounds, rooms are now much brighter & airy.



Guests are now being welcomed into a brand new wing of the Amari Phuket. The Ocean Wing sits high above the Andaman Sea and boosts the hotel's inventory by 148 rooms, all one and two-bedroom suites. Rooms offer floor-to-ceiling windows, equipped kitchens

and separate living and dining. Guests enjoy Club privileges, which itself offers an Infinity-edge pool, fitness room and more, all with sea views.

Teed up at The Open

ROYAL Troon Golf Club will host the 145th Open Championship golf tournament, with Teed Up Golf Tours this week launching its official tour for the event.

The itinerary includes 12 rounds of golf including a chance to play the famed St Andrews Old Course along with 12 nights accom and much more - CLICK HERE for info.

Tourism via equality

GAY and Lesbian Tourism Association president Rod Stringer says new tourism opportunities can be enjoyed in Australia if new legislation to embrace same-sex marriage was passed.

Stringer said an estimated \$1.2 billion in wedding revenue and associated tourism spend was in play for progressive nations.

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Wu festival departure

GUESTS on Wendy Wu Tours' Cultural Northern Discovery tour to depart on 15 Aug 2016 can now visit the Esala Perahera Buddhist festival in Kandy, the firm said.



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ample Shanghai surprises



BITE-SIZED pieces of two itineraries in the Helen Wong's Tours portfolio were sampled by this group of agents on a recent famil to Shanghai and Macau.

The group of 13, representing agencies in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, ventured out on the nine-day adventure courtesy of the Australian tour operator, with **HWT** sales executive Brendan Zadravec leading the way.

Centralised around The Bund waterfront region, the group saw many of the city's attractions such as the Yu Gardens before heading to the water town of Zhujiajiao.

Leaving China in their wake after a few days, the agents then headed to the bright lights and wonderment of Macau, sampling a stay at the Harbourview Hotel and the Banyan Tree Macau.

While trying to steer clear of the gaming tables and exciting shows on offer at the many casinos, the group saw the city from all angles.

Pictured above at Shanghai's

New agency for Melb

HELLOWORLD member agency 1000 Mile Travel Group is putting the finishing touches on its Richmond store in Melbourne ahead of a full scale launch party.

Doors are set to open at the new facility, which benefits from 50 years collective industry experience among the firm's staff.

The agency will kick off with a party next week - more info about the new firm at its website www.1000miletravel.com.au.

Yu Gardens in the back row from left is Brendan Zadravec, Helen Wong's Tours; Sonia Jones, MTA Travel and Mitchell Addicott from Flight Centre.

Middle row: Jacqueline Vincent, MTA Travel; Alana Tyrell, Flight Centre; Jessica van Rooy, Holiday and Cruise and Beth Martin from Travel On King.

Front row: Maria Bonazinga, TravelManagers; Julie Lunn, TravelManagers; Ping, Helen Wong's Tours Shanghai guide; Rebecca Goodall, Flight Centre; Tara Brand, Escape Travel; Stephanie Bonazinga, Flight Centre; Dana Brown, Flight Centre and Elle Bradley, TravelManagers.

Jordan border alert

WARNING levels for border areas between Jordan and Iraq have been raised to "Reconsider vour need to travel" due to conflict zones nearby, according to an updated bulletin from DFAT.

The country overall remains at "High Degree of Caution".

DoubleTree to Penang

HILTON Worldwide has signed a new management agreement to expand its DoubleTree brand to the Malaysian island of Penang.

To be located in the northern beach area of the island, the 318room and suite property is built into a hillside and will be open under its new name from 2016.

It will be the first DoubleTree in Penang and the third in Malaysia.



Educationals galore!

TRAVEL Daily has been flooded in recent days with agents having explored many corners of the globe during hosted famils - on this page are a selection of trips.



THIS MTA - Mobile Travel Agent group recently visited the Hawaiian islands of Oahu and Kauai during an exclusive study tour which saw them visit and update their product knowledge at a number of hotels & resorts on both islands, with the support of Starwood Hotels, Hawaii Tourism Oceania and the Kauai Visitors Bureau.

Highlights of the escapade included a Safari Helicopter Flight over Waimea Canyon and the breathtaking Napali Coast, as well as the 'must see' Hawaiian cultural event - a 'luau' at The Royal Hawaiian.

Pictured at the Grand Hyatt Kauai are Janet Bradley-Ryalls, Carine Griffiths, Melissa Pointon, Kim Newton, product co-ordinator & group escort Paula Wright, Belinda van Tholen, Ann Thompson & Jodie Everett.

On the Go Tours in Vietnam



A GROUP of global Flight Centre agents sampled On The Go Tours' 10 Day 'Very Vietnam' tour recently. The trip is the most popular in the series for the tour operator and takes in charming Hanoi with its fading colonial architecture and national monuments, to the spellbinding scenery of Halong Bay where the group enjoyed a junk boat cruise.

The trip wrapped up in the steamy city of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) on the edge of the Mekong Delta.

Pictured in the village of Tra Que Village outside Hoi An, learning the traditional way of life are, from left: Nikki James, Flight Centre UK; Sophia Silk-Wright, Flight Centre Galleries; Lisa McCowan, OTG host; Lucy Fox, Flight Centre Te Awamutu; Kyra Hopwood, Flight Centre Pacific Fair; Kerry Ayres, Flight Centre St Georges Terrace; local guide and Tennille Creeper, Flight Centre Mt Gambier.

Kneeling from left are Jasmine Kathage, Flight Centre Box Hill with Lori Bernstein and Rosie Stone from Flight Centre Canada.

Club Med agents feeling the...



AN EXCLUSIVE Queensland Flight Centre famil to China provided a unique insight to a stunning region of China - the hidden gem, Guilin.

Courtesy of Club Med and China Southern Airlines, these agents flew Premium Economy to Guilin via Guangzhou where they got a taste of CZ's hub, staying at the Pullman Hotel Guangzhou, before experiencing three nights at Club Med Guilin.

Located in southern China with magical scenery surrounded by contemporary art sculptures and the karst misty mountains of Guilin, the resort offered agents hoards of activities, from mountain bike tours and rock climbing, to tai chi and yoga lessons.

The agents also took a day trip to the quaint mountain village of Yangzhou and the River Li.

Participants (**pictured**) included Suzanna Kahl, Flight Centre Buderim; Geeta Pandya, Flight Centre Mt Ommaney; Jessica Mai, Flight Centre Sunnybank; Nikki Woodward, China Southern Airlines corporate & leisure manager; Jodie Weeks, Club Med business development mgr; Jessica Ottrey, Flight Centre Queen Street RTW team; Kassandra McKennariey, Flight Centre Toowong; Jessica Ketelaars, Flight Centre Garden City & Jennifer McMullen, Flight Centre Brisbane Airport.



AIR Mauritius in conjunction with Adventure World hosted seven lucky travel agents last month on an exciting famil to Mauritius and onwards to Kenya.

The group explored the picturesque white sandy beaches of Mauritius in style, while viewing a selection of the best resorts on the island.

Spoilt with touring the island on a private catamaran, the consultants also experienced the crystal clear waters, fantastic snorkelling and water sports that Mauritius has to offer.

Following five days in Mauritius, the group took the 4 hour flight across to Nairobi, Kenya where they began an exciting safari, taking in Samburu national reserve, Lake Nakuru and the Maasai Mara national reserve, staying in deluxe tent-style properties.

Highlight of the trip was a hot air balloon ride over the Maasai Mara and viewing the 'Big Five' while on game drives.

The group are **pictured** above in Mauritius and included Natalie Farmer & Nicholas Benjamin from Flight Centre; Morgan Schintler, Our Vacation Centre; Mandie Hicks, Escape Travel; Emma Longford, Annie Clark and Shareen Nash from Helloworld with escorts; Albertos Cristou, Air Mauritius and Andrew Kirkman from Adventure World.



Emirates ups Entebbe

EMIRATES is upgauging its daily Dubai-Entebbe route to Boeing 777-200LR aircraft, replacing the currently used Airbus A330-200s, effective 01 Oct.

TravelCube spices up the greens



SIX consultants from online agency TravelCube were on guard at the sixth hole at Bonnie Doon Golf Club recently as sponsors of the itravel Charity Golf Day.

Decked out in their finest Mexican gear, the group cheered on the groups as they played through and operated a welcome

Globus US/CAN brox

GLOBUS has today announced the launch of its 2016 United States and Canada brochure, featuring more than 40 itineraries ranging from four to 15 days.

The program included two new tours - the eight-day Canadian Rockies Winter Adventure which visits Vancouver, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff & Calgary and includes an ice-walk in Maligne Canyon, priced from \$3,644ppts.

Also new is a 10-day Southern California with Death Valley & Joshua Tree National Parks tour that explores Los Angeles, San Diego, Palm Springs and Las Vegas in Nevada, priced from \$3,374ppts - see globus.com.au. margarita cart to ensure golfers were kept well hydrated.

The itravel event was held under clear blue skies to raise money for breast cancer research and was a resounding success with \$24,000 raised for the cause.

In addition, dozens of groups enjoyed a fun day on the links, with a myriad of prizes also given away via a series of on-course and lucky door competitions.

Pictured above at the margarita cart is the TravelCube team, from left is Jenny Dazeley, Cath Marshall, Teagan Lynch, Stacy Harsh and Grant Sumich.

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This month Travel Daily, Club Med and Air France are giving readers the chance to win a ski trip to France. The prize includes:

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To win this great prize, answer every daily question correctly and have the most creative answer to the final question. Send your answers to clubmedcomp@traveldaily.com.au

Q12. When was Air France's Sky Priority introduced?

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FCO fire hits capacity

DELAYS and cancellations can be expected at Rome Fiumicino Airport for the foreseeable future after the facility cut its capacity to 60% following a recent fire.

Investigations over the blaze are continuing, with Terminal 3 at FCO to be gradually shut down for damage assessments and repair work to commence.

No timeframe has been advised for how long the capacity cut will last, however the partial closure unfortunately comes right at the beginning of the summer peak.

Airlines have assured pax any inconveniences would be kept as minimal as possible, however air transport authority Enac said a complete timetable overhaul was needed to prevent a full collapse.

Kenya extra vigilance

KENYAN authorities have issued a public warning that al-Shabaab intends to carry out attacks in the African nation during Ramadan, DFAT is advising.

"Authorities have encouraged extra vigilance during this time," the Australian Government says. Kenya's overall level of advice has not changed from "Exercise a high degree of caution".

Hawaii hotels driving

US CAR rental giant Enterprise Rent-A-Car has signed a preferred agreement with Hawaiian accom groups Aqua Hotels and Aston Hotels & Resorts.

Enterprise, whose brand names comprise its self-titled flagship, Alamo Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental, will make a fleet of vehicles available for hotel guests to rent during their stay.

Self-service kiosks will be set up in hotel lobbies, while online check-in will also be facilitated.

Vehicles available include hybrids, convertibles, jeeps and people movers for larger groups.

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