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## Air NZ, Flight Centre deal

**FLIGHT** Centre says its new three-year strategic partnership with Air New Zealand (**TD** breaking news) is a "contrast to the short-term deals that we often see in the travel industry".

According to Flight Centre Travel Group chief operating officer, Melanie Waters-Ryan, the pact reflects both companies' willingness to work together over the longer term to grow the market.

Having worked together for some time, the deal signed last night by NZ ceo Christopher Luxon and Flight Centre chief Graham Turner aims to grow revenue in New Zealand, Australia, the USA, Canada and the UK.

Luxon hailed the agreement,

saying Flight Centre brings "unique, innovative propositions to our key markets and is the ideal partner for us to increase awareness and familiarity of our global network".

Both companies will seek to "build deeper sales and market development opportunities, in addition to improving alignment with tourism board marketing opportunities," Luxon added.

### Velocity birthday sale

**VIRGIN** Australia has launched a sale to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the launch of its *Velocity* loyalty program.

Offering both domestic and international savings, bookings made during the sale period will also attract triple Velocity points - see the **cover page** for details.

### Macau Daily is out

**TODAY'S TD** includes a full page "Macau Daily" updating the industry on the latest in Macau including handy travel tips and details of how to order maps and guidebooks - see the **last page**.

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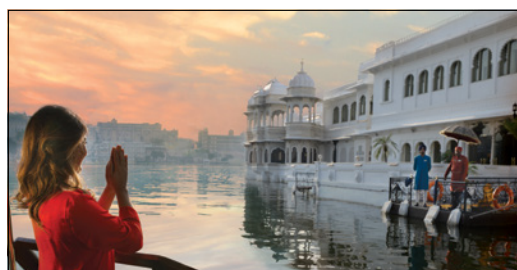
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**VOYAGES** to Antiquity is showcasing a 15-day Athens cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey departing 16 Apr 2016 priced from \$7,950 per person including flights from Australia - see **page eleven** for details.

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## Virgin Tasman, Fiji boost

**VIRGIN** Australia today announced changes to its short-haul international network, with A330-200 aircraft to be deployed on some services from Fiji to both Brisbane and Melbourne, after the successful launch of the wide-bodies on Sydney-Nadi.

Other international expansion will also see the addition of more than 75,000 seats on trans-Tasman routes in 2016, according to chief commercial officer Judith Crompton, who said the new

flights had been timed to suit corporate travellers as well as improve regional NZ connections.

Effective 30 Jun, the expansion in conjunction with alliance partner Air NZ will see three extra weekly SYD-AKL flights, two more services between MEL and AKL and up to four extra BNE-ZQN flights per week in the ski season.

NZ's Dunedin-Brisbane flights will also be retimed to improve onward connections to ADL, CBR and ports in Queensland.

**MEANWHILE**, speaking at the Virgin Australia annual general meeting today, ceo John Borghetti confirmed the carrier overall is on track to be profitable in 2016 and "deliver a return on invested capital".

Chairman Elizabeth Bryan also reiterated Tigerair is on track to achieve full year profitability.

And while the VA international business suffered a loss due to competition in the South East Asian and long-haul sector, "we have a comprehensive strategy for this segment that has already begun to yield early success".

## Wolgan family offer

**EMIRATES** One&Only Wolgan Valley has released a family package for stays from now until 21 Dec, offering children under 12 complimentary food and accom.

Prices start at \$1,750 per night in a villa, based on a minimum two-night stay - see **page ten**.

## QF ratings upgrade

**QANTAS** shares have jumped almost 7% since late yesterday after ratings agency Standard & Poors issued an update upgrading the company's long-term debt from the previous BB+ "junk" status to investment-grade BBB-.

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## Training key for ITG members

**THE** Independent Travel Group has upped the ante for its Express Academy online training system, and will now offer a range of in-house qualifications including a Masters in Travel certificate.

Launched just 12 months ago, the Express Academy aims to nurture staff and help retain them in the industry while at the same time lifting professionalism.

The online portal sees the group's preferred partners able to provide training content, with successful completion tracked so consultants can be recognised for their participation.

Initial modules include in-house Express Ticketing, Express Fares and Express Insurance training, a Star Alliance module, office software and productivity offerings from Prime Solutions, CLIA cruise training and more, with Qantas set to link its online "learning hub" to the Academy and Air NZ and Virgin Australia

going live in the coming months.

Some destinations have also joined the system including Hong Kong, Singapore and Hawaii all offering their agent training modules via the system.

ETG gm Jonathan Nelson said increased product knowledge would result in more sales and loyalty for preferred partners, while for members the training options would help keep staff stimulated and motivated.

The staged qualifications will include a Certificate 1, Certificate 2 and Certificate 3 level as well as the Masters in Travel, each with different requirements for air, product, professional development and destination-based learning achievements.

"This will provide you as owners, and your staff, some symbolic achievement awards within your agency that represent them becoming the best of the best," Nelson said.

## BI fare increases

**ROYAL** Brunei Airlines has said it will be jacking up Business and Economy class airfares by between 3%-7% effective 01 Dec, the first price rise since Nov 2013.

All-inclusive lead-in Economy class fares from Melbourne to London will rise by \$50 to \$1,460, while fares to Dubai & Bangkok will go up by \$40 and \$20 respectively.

Existing bookings need to be ticketed by 30 Nov to avoid the price increase.

## Crystal Air expanding

**CRYSTAL** Cruises has purchased a Boeing 777-200LR to assist with the international expansion of its Crystal Luxury Air brand which includes a 787 jet (**TD** 20 Jul).

The 777 will be used on 14- and 28-day round-the-world and international trips beginning in 2017, configured to accommodate just 88 guests, flat-bed first class service, a lounge and bar.



## Window Seat

**ANIMAL** rights activists have launched a lawsuit against an amusement park in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, over claims that a chimpanzee named Candy housed there is encouraged to smoke cigarettes.

The move follows recent law changes which provide captive primates with the same protection as their wild brethren - meaning Candy is now classified as endangered.

"Defendants have for decades allowed members of the general public to throw items into Candy's cage, including lit cigarettes that Candy smokes," court documents state.

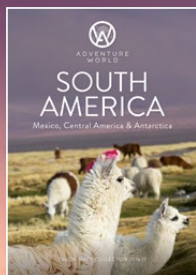
The lawsuit also claims that Candy is only given Coca-Cola to drink, with the amusement park insisting she doesn't like water.



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## Panoramic South Africa



**ABOVE:** This group of lucky agents have just returned home from an unforgettable week on safari with The Africa Safari Co.

The troupe began their trip at Nkambeni Tented Camp near Kruger National Park, then headed to Kambaku River Sands Lodge, via the Panorama route.

Moving on, they also explored Makalali private game reserve, Thornybush Waterside Lodge, Modito River Lodge and Maslow Hotel in Sandton.

**Pictured** taking a pit stop on the 'Panorama Route' from left are Brodie Poole, Cathy Sullivan, Julia Bond, Paula Noakes, Sharon Flynn, Leanne McGovern and Kerry Ayyildiz.

## USA top brand nation

**THE** United States has regained the top-spot on this year's *Anholt-GfK Roper* Nation Brands Index, after being driven off by Germany (second) last year.

Sitting comfortably in third place is the UK, followed closely by France at number four; with Australia firmly holding onto 9th.

The annual study measures global perceptions of 50 developing and developed countries based on answers given on 23 different attributes, which are then devised into six overall categories: exports, governance, culture, people, tourism, immigration and investment.

## QF/MU good for Tas

**QANTAS** and China Eastern (MU) recently approved alliance is set to make it easier for visitors from China to access Tasmania.

Tasmania Premier and Minister for Tourism Will Hodgman lauded the QF/MU partnership, saying the state govt has been involved in securing this "important arrangement".

The new deal streamlines the booking process, meaning customers travelling from Shanghai can now select Tasmania as a final destination.

Under the new arrangement, China Eastern's 'MU' designator code will be placed on Qantas services, from Melbourne and Sydney to Hobart, in addition to the Melbourne-Launceston route, effective later this year.

"This change has huge potential to build on the record number of Chinese tourists visiting Tasmania, which has increased by 38 per cent in the past year," Hodgman remarked earlier this week.

## Movenpick Pattaya

**MOVENPICK** Siam Hotel Pattaya in Thailand is poised to open to guests from 15 Dec.

Located next to the Marina Yacht Club, the 262-room resort is the first five-star beach-front property in Na Jomtien.

## Expedia rail move

**EXPEDIA** Grp is tapping into the booming rail sector, announcing a new technology partnership with SilverTrain Technologies to power its global expansion in the sector.

SilverTrain provides a technology platform designed specifically for the rail business and a range of train providers.

It's global rail ticketing platform simplifies the process of accessing multiple rail companies through a standard interface.

The pact will enable Expedia "to deliver a simple, consistent search and booking experience".

SVP of global tour & transport at Expedia, Greg Schulze said rail travel is a highly sought-after form of transportation, especially across Europe and Asia.

"We want to ensure our customers have a full variety of travel choices when they visit our sites. We've had a great playbook with our other lines of business, and we are eager to implement a similar strategy for rail," he said.

Expedia's rail platform is slated to be launched next year.

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## Visitor spend soars

**AUSTRALIA'S** international tourism expenditure during the 2014/15 financial year surpassed record levels set during the year of the Sydney Olympics, new Tourism Research Australia (TRA) data released today shows.

TRA's *State of the Industry 2015* report shows visitor expenditure topped out at \$33.4b, following growth of 10% - the strongest expenditure recorded in a FY.

Total visitor spend was up 5% on the year prior to \$107.1b.

The study confirmed inbound arrivals spiked 6.6% to a record 6.6 million arrivals in 2014/15, Minister for Tourism Senator Richard Colbeck said.

Overnight visitor expenditure jumped 4% to \$55.4b, while potential total overnight spend rose 6.3% to \$88.8b.

New Zealand was the prime source of visitors, with 1.2 million inbound arrivals.

Visitor numbers from China & India were strong, up 21.7% (to 864,000) and 19.9% (to 207,000) respectively.

To view the report, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Air NZ tech hiccup

**AIR** New Zealand this morning said it has resolved a "technical issue" which impacted passengers checking in for flights earlier today.

The disruption was felt around the world, requiring passengers travelling with the Kiwi carrier to manually check-in, leading to long queues at Auckland Airport.

"Air New Zealand thanks customers for their patience while it has worked to resolve the issue," the airline said in a statement following the incident.

## Belgium DFAT advice

**THE** Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade is advising Aussies travelling in Belgium to carry passports with them at all time after the country increased security checks at land borders, int'l airport and trains stations.

"We assess there is a heightened threat of terrorist attack in a number of European countries, including Belgium.

"This threat is posed by those motivated by the current conflict in Iraq and Syria," DFAT advises.

Belgium's general domestic threat level is at 'Medium' and at the higher 'Serious' level for some institutions and sites.

DFAT's advisory sits at 'Exercise normal safety precautions'.

## Concur celebrates growth



## Scenic \$100 reward

**AGENTS** who book and deposit any new Scenic luxury Europe or France river cruise between 09 Nov and 15 Dec will receive a bonus \$100 Scenic Reward points.

The perk will appear in member accounts on either 30 Nov or 21 Dec, regardless of travel date.

## Marriott Starwood sale investigation

**NEW** York-based law firm Levi & Korsinsky LLP is notifying shareholders of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide it is probing the "fairness of the sale" of the company to rival Marriott International (**TD** yesterday).

**ABOVE:** Expense management specialists Concur last night hosted an event at Sydney's Quay restaurant to commemorate its ongoing performance which has seen the local team grow to more than 100 staff.

MD Matthew Goss said he was proud of the company's ongoing innovation, saying that right from the start in 2002 "we've been on the bleeding edge from a technology standpoint" with thousands of businesses now using the system worldwide.

**Pictured** above are Concur Australia/NZ md Matthew Goss with marketing manager Silvana Kozlovic and director of business development Murray Werner.

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# Travel Partners eye off social



**TRAVEL** Partners gathered at Sea World Resort on the Gold Coast last week for their annual conference.

The conference focussed on how to use both digital marketing and social media to attract new customers, with the key theme of "Power your Growth".

Delegates were given an update by Jeff Hakim, managing partner of Travel Partners, who unveiled new initiatives, including the opening of two new branded outlets in Merrylands and Padstow in NSW, with further stores to open early next year. The delegates were addressed



by speakers from Fairfax Media, social marketing expert Kim Skilton and Tony Carter, md of Amadeus IT.

**Pictured top:** The group at the conference and **pictured inset** are Sue Lewis and Karen Barnes, who were named 'Member Agency of the Year' winners.

## Paradise Cruises rejig

**PARADISE** Cruises has changed its brand name to Paradise Hotels & Cruises as part of the operator's increased focus on hotel operations.

Paradise Suites Hotel in Halong Bay, part of Paradise Hotels & Cruises, plans to double its room inventory by adding 76 suites that will be available by Apr.

The hotel's private beach will also be transformed into a beach club over the next few months and a souvenir shop, new lobby and terrace will be added.

## Tourism NZ/AKL MoU

**AUCKLAND** Airport yesterday inked an initial three-year Memorandum of Understanding with Tourism New Zealand.

The new agreement looks to strengthen ties between the two organisations, combining efforts to expand New Zealand's overseas visitor market.

"Together we've identified that by continuing our work in a more structured and coordinated way, we can maximise growth from our key markets," said Tourism NZ chief executive Kevin Bowler.

AKL chief executive Adrian Littlewood said the new partnership means that the two organisations will be able to better invest resources to benefit NZ's emerging tourism industry.

Key markets to be targeted under the MoU include Australia, the Americas, China, India and Indonesia.

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## Serko 'door to door'

**SERKO** has partnered with Air New Zealand Taxis and Australian company, GPU Chauffeurs to offer a 'door-to-door' travel booking experience for business travellers.

Travellers can now book airport transfers at the same time as booking flights and accommodation in Serko Online.

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## oneworld Reed pact

**REED** Travel Exhibitions (RTE) has inked a deal designating **oneworld** as its exclusive airline alliance partner for 2016.

Under the deal, from Dec, participants of RTE travel events will have access to discounted fares for travel for themselves and a companion to these shows at [www.oneworld.com/events](http://www.oneworld.com/events).

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## 5th BW Hunter Valley

**BEST** Western Hotels & Resorts has opened the 4-star Best Western Hunter Gateway in Rutherford, NSW, following a \$1 million refurbishment to its 62 rooms and reception area.

The property, Best Western's fifth in the Hunter Valley, features private terraces and a conference room that can hold 200 people.

The onsite MEBAR Restaurant is due to open by Dec.

## Tas tourism projects

**FOUR** eco-tourism projects in Tasmania are a step closer having proceeded to the next stage of the EOI process - public input.

The projects are: Narawntapu Adventure Precinct, which is a horse riding & adventure hub in the Narawntapu National Park; a luxury standing camp at Halls Island; Rotor Lift Aviation's proposal for Freycinet Peninsula and Tasman Island helicopter access in the Freycinet National Park and the Tasman National Park; and an extension to Freycinet Lodge to provide additional cabins and powered motor home sites.

## Agents discover what matters...



**INFINITY** agents have returned from taking in the islands of Efate and Espiritu Santo recently

The Vanuatu famil was designed to show consultants that the South Pacific country is more than a 'flop and drop' destination.

They got down and dirty with some off road buggy rides, visited the blue holes of Espiritu Santo, snorkelled, canoed on scenic rivers, sampled restaurants and

## VX adding SFO/DEN

**NEW** thrice daily services linking San Francisco and Denver will be launched by Virgin America using Airbus A320s, starting 15 Mar.

Virgin America said the route is the number one destination sought by "high-tech corporate accounts".

stopped by Port Vila's newly opened Lava Lounge.

Hosted by Vanuatu Tourism Office, the wholesalers stayed at The Grand Hotel & Casino, Warwick Le Lagon and Breakas Beach Resort in Port Vila and Aore Island Resort on Espiritu Santo.

**Pictured** on Champagne Beach are Shikia Verma, Lisa Kirwin, Julie Costa, Rachel Gibbards, Tina Higginson, Madeleine Platts, Jessica Cox, Danielle Jacks, Abigail Duxbury, L'chelle Garland, Joel Easthorpe and Kane Swan.

## Singapore visitor fall

**THE** number of Aussie travellers entering Singapore in Sep dipped marginally compared to the year prior, Singapore Tourism Board statistics indicate.

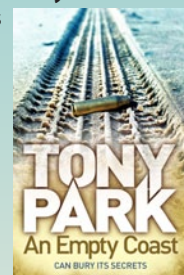
According to the data, there were 97,060 Australian visitor entries during the month, 14,000 more than the month earlier.

For the year-to-date, there has been 769,200 Aussie arrivals, down 5.8% on last year.

Total visitor arrivals to Singapore across all markets for the first nine months of 2015 are stable, down just 0.3%.

## Win An Empty Coast by Tony Park

This week **Travel Daily** and Swagman Tours are giving five lucky readers the chance to win *An Empty Coast* by Tony Park.



Sonja Kurtz – former soldier, supposedly retired mercenary – is in Vietnam carrying out a personal revenge mission when her daughter sends a call for help. Emma, a student archaeologist, on a dig at the edge of Namibia's Etosha National Park has discovered a body dating back to the country's liberation war of the 1980s. The remains, identified as Hudson Brand, are a key piece of a puzzle that will reveal the location of a modern day buried treasure. A find people will kill for. But former CIA agent Hudson Brand is very much alive and is also drawn back to Namibia to finally solve a decades-old mystery whose clues are entombed in an empty corner of the desert.

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Name the first non-fiction book Tony Park has written.

## DNSW win tri event

**NSW** Minister for Tourism & Major Events Stuart Ayres, has revealed Penrith's International Regatta Centre will play host to the 2017 70.3 Ironman Asia-Pacific Championships.

Ayres said the elevation of the event to the status of Asia Pacific Championships is likely to attract more international participants & increase the profile of Western Sydney across the region.



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## Casa Ang into Design

**HOTEL** representative company Design Hotels has announced the addition of seven boutique hotels to its global portfolio.

The properties include Casa Angelina on Italy's Amalfi Coast, Vila Monte in Portugal, LA MAISON Hotel in Germany, Elma Arts Complex Luxury Hotel in Israel, The Old Clare Hotel in Sydney (TD 09 Oct), Alila Seminyak in Bali, and the Casa Fayette in Guadalajara Mexico.

Perched on a cliff-side, the Casa Angelina offers a mixture of 39 guest rooms and suites, and features sweeping ocean views.

## meetLA.com debut

**EVENT** organisers have a new website to assist with hosting groups in Los Angeles.

Rollled out by the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board, the stand-alone meetLA.com portal provides professional conference organisers with "critical tools" to navigate the city.

Users can access a portfolio of venues (hotels & event spaces), compare venues and integrated Google map displays.

## Cachet Corazon

**HONG** Kong-based Cachet Hotel Group will develop its first resort, Cachet Corazon, Mexico.

Located in Cabo San Lucas, the Cachet Beach and Cachet Deluxe dual-branded hotel development is scheduled to open in late 2016 and early 2018, respectively.



# Accommodation Updates

**WELCOME** to Accommodation Updates, *Travel Daily's* Wed 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](mailto:accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au).



The 5-star **Tintswalo Atlantic Lodge** has reopened just eight months after it was destroyed by a huge mountain fire. The rebuild has seen the widening of the dining area, slight raising of the deck and the jacuzzi have been removed. While the rooms have been rebuilt to be similar to before the fire, there have been a few tech upgrades and new showers have been added.



**Hilton Antwerp Old Town**, Belgium has redone its 1,209m<sup>2</sup> Belle Epoque Ballroom. It now has a brand new lighting system and has had a cupola and crystal chandelier installed. The new lighting system includes 246 LED lights which form an illumination system. The hotel has refurbished all of its meeting spaces, along with the Lobby Lounge and has recently opened Brasserie Flo Antwerp.



In Phuket, **Diamond Cliff Resort & Spa** has launched a new room category, the Lady Suite. The 70m<sup>2</sup> suites are located in a ladies only area of the resort and each suite can accommodate up to three people. The suites include a range of amenities such as a yoga mat and ladies dumbbells for stretching and meditation and the bathrooms have a Jacuzzi, bathtub and rain shower.

## NYE in Sydney

**TICKETS** are now on sale for two exclusive island parties with the best vantage points to view the fireworks display in Sydney this New Years Eve.

The Clark Island Garden Party offers a cocktail on arrival, followed by a three-course meal.

A new event for 2015, Shark Island will be transformed into an island paradise for party-goers to dance the night away to Aussie EDM act Juggernaut DJs.

More info at [moshtix.com.au](http://moshtix.com.au).

## Seabourn to Alaska

**LUXURY** cruise line Seabourn has revealed it will return to the waters of Alaska in 2017 after a 15+ year hiatus to the US state.

A range of 11-, 12- and 14-day itineraries will be offered aboard *Seabourn Sojourn*, sailing from Vancouver to Seward, with port calls along the Inside Passage at Juneau, Ketchikan, Haines, Sitka & more visiting Misty Fjords, Tracy Arm and Icy Point Strait.

## LATAM bag tracking

**LATAM** Airlines Group will introduce a new baggage system, which will give real-time status reports on bag across 12 airports.

The new technology provided by SITA, will furnish its baggage team with 350 handheld devices to facilitate the loading, tracking, tracing, reconciliation and management of baggage.

The technology will be rolled out over the next 12 months, starting at Santiago, Chile.

## Sri Lanka bike tour

**EXTREME** Bike Tours will introduce a new guided motorbike rides around Sri Lanka next year.

The 13-day, round-trip tours will start in Galle in south-eastern Sri Lanka on 09 Jul and 06 Aug, 2016.

The 1,450km ride is for both licensed riders and non-experienced pillion passengers - visit [www.extremebiketours.com](http://www.extremebiketours.com).



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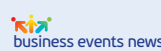
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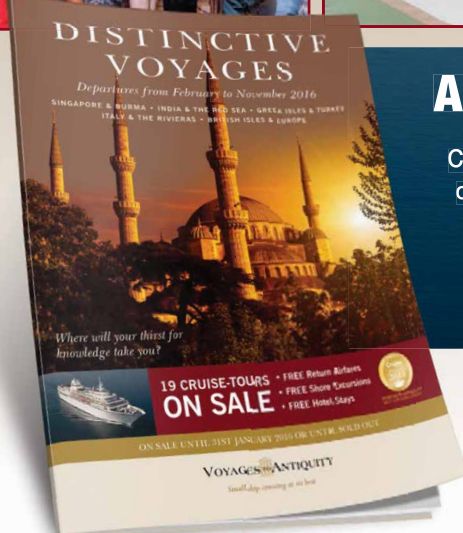
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## About Macau...

From the bygone days when Portuguese traders established Macau as a gateway to the Orient, this famous centre has charmed the world with its east-meets-west attractions and cultural values. Today, Macau thrives on old-meets-new characteristics, its recent contemporary additions complementing the peninsula's historic legacies, many of which are protected by UNESCO World Heritage status.

Take a stroll along the narrow streets and through the colourful squares of old Macau and you will see beautiful Portuguese architecture alongside centuries-old Chinese temples and gardens. And shaping the newfound landscape of this fascinating centre are large neon-lit precincts, a majority found on reclaimed land, the Cotai Strip which

City of Dreams and Studio City offer a large array of entertainment options.

The now-connected island of Coloane, is known as the lungs of Macau, it's the place for golf and walking trails and is the home of a tiny fishing village worth exploring on foot.



Ruins of St Pauls

links the Macau islands of Taipa and Coloane.

Barra Square, Lilau Square and the world famous Senado Square are among a host of districts which are as fascinating as the iconic Ruins of St Paul's, once the largest Catholic Church in Asia. Also arousing interest are the Chinese treasures of Na Tcha Temple, Lou Kau Mansion and the much photographed A-Ma Temple on the peninsula's waterfront.

The fact that Macau boast 25 UNESCO World Heritage sites make it's a fascinating living museum, the A-Ma Temple a hive of activity for being the old gateway to China and virtual birth of Macau.

Once you have conquered the historic hub on Macau peninsula, venture across one of the serpent-like bridges to Taipa and visit the village before heading to the Cotai Strip where large precincts like the Venetian Hotel and Resort Macau, Sands Cotai Central, Galaxy Macau,



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