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# Goldman expands again

**THE** Goldman Travel Group has today announced a merger with Riche Travel, an established home-based business which will become part of Goldman's existing SmartFlyer operation set up earlier this year (TD 17 Feb).

Riche Travel was launched in 2009 by Eliza Woodward, Stuart Reay and Brent Wallace.

The deal will boost the number of local SmartFlyer advisors to 25.

"Since its launch earlier this year, our SmartFlyer Australia business has recruited a select group," said Tom Goldman OAM, the group's executive chairman.

"Joining with Riche Travel will propel the growth of this business and set us all up for future success," Goldman said.

#### Nine pages of news!

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news, including a front cover page for Royal Caribbean Int'l, a photo page for Tahiti Travel Connection plus full pages from: (click)

- AA Appointments jobs
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SmartFlver was established in the USA and Eliza Woodward said Riche Travel has had its eye on the organisation for some time.

"What they have achieved in the US is quite fabulous...like us, Smarties are lux-travel junkies, they're the cool cats of travel."

Woodward said the best thing about being a home-based agent is "breaking the shackles of the 9-5" and getting to feed the addiction to travel.

"Together we plan to make SmartFlyer Australia a formidable force in the luxury travel industry here, and have a hell of a lot of fun along the way," she added.

#### RCI thinking big

**ROYAL** Caribbean International is today highlighting its "biggest and most modern cruise ships in Australia," with features including the FlowRider surf simulator, onboard shopping on the Royal Promenade, Ripcord skydiving, ice skating, rock climbing and even robotic bartenders.

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#### **UA study QF/AA pact**

LAWYERS in the United States representing United Airlines have added a further member of counsel to probe the planned alliance between Qantas and American Airlines.

United Airlines' Counsel-Antitrust & Competition Mika Clark was yesterday added to the confidentiality affidavit list of participants, which already include four members of the Star Alliance carrier's counsel.

In Jul, QF & AA sought approval for antitrust immunity for their deeper Joint Business Agreement.

The proposed pact is currently in the hands of the US Dept of Transportation, which is assessing the merits of the expanded tieup, recently requesting a range of additional info (TD 12 Nov).

On Tue, Washington DC-based international law firm Crowell Morning lodged paperwork for Clark who is "an interested party in the proceeding" between Qantas and American Airlines.

# **P&O** makes cruise history

**P&O** Cruises is claiming a world first with its "social media naming ceremony" which took place on Sydney Harbour today as part of its much-anticipated Five Ship Spectacular.

Pacific Aria and Pacific Eden met up with Pacific Jewel, Pacific Dawn and Pacific Pearl off the NSW coast early this morning before cruising through the heads in front of thousands of onlookers both on shore and in small boats.

Singer Jessica Mauboy and soap star Kate Ritchie simultaneously christened the ships via Twitter as they sailed past Fort Denison.

At the same time, a bottle of bubbly was smashed on the bow of the newly refurbished ships, and all five vessels to sound their whistles to mark the occasion.

"P&O Cruises has been sailing from Australia for more than 80 years, so we are thrilled to be able to celebrate the expansion of our fleet with so many Sydneysiders today," said Carnival Australia ceo Ann Sherry.

"The addition of *Pacific Aria* and *Pacific Eden* represents a 50% expansion in our guest capacity and heralds a new look and feel for our cruise line that is inspired by modern Australia," she said.

Operating five year-round vessels in Australia has opened up options for P&O to further meet the surging demand for cruise holidays among Aussies - including deployments from every mainland state as well as an extended season in Auckland and operations from Singapore too.

The five ships will remain on the harbour all day, with guests set to enjoy onboard concerts from a host of popular musical acts.

And at 8.45pm tonight the celebration will conclude with a special fireworks display.

To view the triumphant entry into the harbour see cruiseweekly.com.au/videos.

#### Xiamen, NSW deal

**DESTINATION** NSW has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Chinese carrier Xiamen Airlines aimed at luring more visitors from China.

The MOU - the first of its kind struck between an Aussie state and Xiamen-based carrier - will see the parties promote travel to Sydney and NSW.

It comes ahead of MF's launch of five weekly services to Sydney departing Fuzhou & Xiamen which begin 29 Nov - thrice weekly ex FOC and twice ex XMN.

NSW Minister for Trade, Tourism & Major Events Stuart Ayres said Xiamen Airlines' flights were "perfectly timed to enjoy the summer months".

DNSW ceo Sandra Chipchase said the investment & marketing partnership was born of the pact NSW had developed with MF and key industry partners in China.

The MOU will also cover travel trade education and training and trade visits.







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#### ETOA rebuffs US state alarm

**THE** European Tourism Association has blasted the US State Department after it issued a travel alert on "possible risks to travel" due to recent activities by terrorist cells, al-Qa'ida, ISIL and Boko Haram.

In an update to members, ETOA overnight said the warning by the US government contains "no new information: it merely points out that incidents have occurred and may occur again".

The group acknowledged that the USA's update spanned the globe and was not specific to any geographic region.

It said the reaction, based on actions of terrorists 10 days ago in Paris and the subsequent response by governments are "worthy of notice", but contain "no new information".

ETOA said there are two main concerns that must be addressed - "the immediate situation in Europe as it affects visitors and the wider impact that the situation will have on our industry".

While highlighting the beefed up security presence in France and Belgium, the longer term impact on travel demand will be difficult to determine, ETOA said.

"There is no way of knowing if the situation is going to stabilise, nor if the reaction of Western Governments will trigger further outrages, or the fear of further attacks. It is fear that is damaging to demand," the group warned.

ETOA said there was "some consolation" that the current crisis has occurred at the end of the operational season in Europe.

"In the meantime it is vital that Europe is perceived as a safe destination by our clients. That perception has to start at home."

"There are no genuine dangers that have to be addressed."

#### Air NZ child tracker

AIR New Zealand has introduced Airbands which will allow parents and guardians to keep track of children flying unaccompanied with the airline.

Children will receive an Airband (pictured) at check-in, which will be scanned at key stages of the journey to trigger text notifications to up to five nominated contacts.



The service will be offered for free until 03 Feb to all children aged between five and 11 who are travelling alone - but those aged up to 16 years can choose to opt in.

Bookings after 03 Feb will incur a fee of \$15 per child for each one way domestic journey, or \$40 per child for each one way international journey applies.



# Window

**ONE** of Sydney Airport's runways will be taken over by about 100 colourfully dressed volunteers, supporters and staff on the weekend.

Planes will make way for the likes of Ronald McDonald and Blu Emu car park mascot 'Banjo' to raise awareness of Sydney Airport's 2015 Community Christmas Giving Appeal in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Also joining the 500m dash is Sydney Airport md and ceo Kerrie Mather; RMHC board member and Ronald McDonald House Randwick chair Carolyn Townsend; athlete Jana Pittman; Australian Women's Rugby Sevens players Laura Waldie, Dominique Du Toit and Shenae Ciesiolka.



#### Mick Fanning partners with Gold Coast

**TRIPLE** World Surfing Champion and shark puncher Mick Fanning has partnered with Gold Coast Tourism in a campaign which will promote his home to the world.

Fanning is a "proud Southern Gold Coast local," according to Gold Coast Tourism ceo Martin Winter, with the surfing superstar appearing in a new promotional video for the region - see traveldaily.com.au/videos.

#### Scenic promotion

**SCENIC** is offering a number of flight deals across its 2016 Europe River Cruising portfolio.

Specials on the 15-Day Jewels of Europe river cruise have been extended until Dec.

Priced at \$6,996, the package includes return flights to Europe, meals, butler service and more.

#### Marriott 24/7 app chat

**MARRIOTT** International has upgraded its mobile app, adding a feature which enables guests to chat with on-site staff as well as request services and amenities via their mobile devices.

The upgrade is available at 100 Marriott properties in the Asia Pacific region.

#### **ATEC** saddles up

**NEXT** week's Australian Tourism **Export Council annual Meeting** Place conference will hear a closing address from none other than Michelle Payne, the first ever female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup.

The event is appropriately taking place at Sydney's Royal Randwick racecourse, with other presenters including Twitter head of global business marketing, Daina Middleton.

The conference takes place on Wed 02 Dec and will be followed by the annual ATEC gala dinner and awards ceremony - for details see www.atec.com.au.

#### **Bestjet Sabre tools**

**AIMED** at further accelerating its growth trajectory in the travel e-commerce market, Bestjet.com has signed a multi-year deal with Sabre Corporation.

Bestjet.com is integrating Sabre's Online Travel Agent tools, including Bargain Finder Max and Inspirational Shopping APIs, while to streamlines its operations, the firm is adding Sabre's automation

Owner Rachel James said Sabre is able to provide "the dedicated OTA expertise and support we need, with perspectives from around the world".



"THE Queen of Austria", Conchita was in town last week to launch her concert with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Opera House on 03 Mar, titled From Vienna with Love.

Director of the Austrian National Tourist Office in Sydney, Astrid Mulholland-Licht said "Conchita's collaboration with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra gives us the opportunity to not only showcase the modern face of Austria's

melodic landscape but also celebrate the versatility of our most famous present-day musical ambassador".

Tickets have gone on sale and ANTO, in conjunction with the Vienna Tourist Board will be hosting industry partners to the show, which is part of the Mardi Gras program for next year.

Pictured are: Sydney Symphony Players with Conchita and Astrid Mulholland-Licht, ANTO.



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### **P&O Five Ships Spectacular**



More than 12,000 guests & crew were onboard the P&O fleet this morning when all five of P&O's fleet entered Sydney's harbour for a five-ship spectacular.

The event celebrates the arrival of the two latest ships, Pacific Aria and Pacific Eden.

In preparation for the official naming of the ships, P&O's newly expanded fleet met for the first time at sunrise off the Sydney coastline, creating a V formation (pictured right) before sailing abreast in one line towards Sydney.

Guests are set to enjoy a series of live onboard concerts from more than 25 music acts during the afternoon and evening, including performances by Jessica Mauboy, The Veronicas, Justice Crew, Samantha Jade and Stan Walker.



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#### **Hilton sorts Malware**

**HILTON** Worldwide has eradicated the unauthorised malware that targeted payment card information in some pointof-sale systems.

The luxury hotel group launched an investigation and worked closely with third-party forensics experts, law enforcement and payment card companies and determined that specific payment card information was targeted.

In a statement, Hilton said customers who used a payment card at a Hilton hotel between 18 Nov-05 Dec 2014 or 21 Apr-27 Jul 2015 may want to monitor their card statements.

#### Sabre acquires Trust

**SABRE** Corporation will acquire central reservations, revenue management and hotel marketing provider, the Trust Group of Companies for approx \$154 million.

The acquisition will include Trust International, InnLink and Nexus and will allow Sabre to provide a comprehensive SaaS platform.

#### Lorna Jane SYD T2

SYDNEY Airport and Lorna Jane have partnered to open a Lorna Jane Active Living Room at the T2 Domestic terminal (pictured).

The room provides space for passengers to do yoga or a strength session, stretch or have a healthy snack.

Sydney Airport general manager Retail Glyn Williams said the new offering forms part of the refreshed T2 Domestic terminal and directly addresses customer feedback and the changing needs of the modern traveller.

Yoga and Pilates classes will run for 45 minutes, Mon-Fri for \$12.

**CLICK HERE** for more details.



#### **Topdeck Asia on sale**

**TOPDECK** is this week offering a 25% discount on its nine-day Ko-conut Hopper Trip and nineday Samui Sunsets trip for all departures before 30 Jun, 2016.

A 15% launch deal is available if paid in full by 15 Jan 2016 for departures by 01 Jul, 2016.

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#### **INAYA** in Worldhotels

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INAYA Putri Bali has a Grand Ballroom capable of holding 800 guests, along with a bistro, two



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#### **Biggest EVA deal**

EVA Airways has set a record for the largest single commercial airline purchase in Taiwan aviation, finalising a deal to order up to 24 787-10 Dreamliners and two 777-300ERs, valued at more than US\$8 billion at list prices.

#### Maro Toto wash awy

MARA Toto in Kenya will be out of action "for a few months" after sustaining massive damage from flooding.

Guests have been upgraded to Mara Plains Camp, and Great Plains Conservation ceo, Dereck Joubert has advised that regional representatives; Alex, Hilton and Herbie are on standby to help.

With most of Mara Toto now "downstream a little, scattered down the banks of the river." Joubert said the appropriateness of the current site would be reassessed and other potential locations considered.

#### MAH year-end sale

**MALAYSIA** Airlines has launched a 'Year-End Super Specials' promotion, offering return flights on its network from \$742 in Economy and \$3,147 in Business class.

Flights depart Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Darwin and destinations include Kuala Lumpur, Phuket, Bangkok, Ho Chi Minh City, Colombo, Mumbai and London.

Travel dates apply and the fares are on sale until 10 Dec.

#### A320neo certification

**AVIATION** authorities in the USA and Europe have jointly certified Airbus' new A320neo powered by Pratt & Whitney engines, a key milestone for the new aircraft type which has already secured over 4,300 orders.

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Participants visited the stunning landscapes of the Atacama Desert; the pristine beauty of Patagonia and the capital city of Santiago, along with Valparaiso and Vina del Mar.

The group stayed at The Singular in Santiago, Alto Atacama Desert Lodge & Spa, and the Tierra Patagonia in Torres del Paine

National Park, which turned out to be a highlight for the group.

Pictured in the Moon Valley in the front row are: Anna Benjamin, Natural Focus Safaris; Tatiana Parry, MTA Travel; Hailey Gleeson, Cruiseabout Canterbury; Lex Noller, Noller & Turner Travel Associates and Linda Laing, Cruiseabout Turramurra.

In the back row are Rolf Huber, NFS; Anna Bayley, Travel Manager; Anita Pokorny, Jones & Turner Travel Associates and Julie Seiler, helloworld Kenmore.

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Voyages, APT swoop at Brolgas



**VOYAGES** Indigenous Tourism Australia and APT Group took home top-honours at the annual **Brolga Northern Territory Tourism** Awards, on Sat night.

Hosted in Alice Springs, Tourism Minister Adam Giles presented APT Group's owner Geoff McGeary with the prestigious Tourism Minister's Perpetual Trophy, for his "outstanding commitment and dedication to the NT tourism industry."

"I feel incredibly honoured to have been recognised by my good friends and colleagues in the Northern Territory tourism industry." commented McGeary (below right).

"It was early on in my business career that I realised what an important asset the Northern Territory is to the Australian tourism industry as a whole. It's hard not be captivated."

Meanwhile, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Travel Australia was

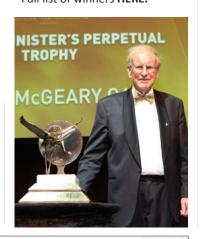
#### **Daydream appoints**

**DAYDREAM** Island Resort & Spa has announced the appointment of Alicia Evans to the role of conference and events sales manager, Sarah Mullett as the new MICE bde and Belinda Letts as wedding sales exec.

again recognised for their work in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism, the group's third consecutive win in the category.

"Excellence in indigenous tourism is core to our vision at Ayers Rock Resort and to receive recognition for the achievement once again is very gratifying," said Voyages ceo, Andrew Williams.

Pictured above are Danny Dreis, Real Jobs manager, IET, Ayers Rock Resort; Manfred Pieper, exec gm ops, Ayers Rock Resort; Dorethea Randall, Indigenous employment retention senior mgr, Avers Rock Resort; Clare Carroll, Indigenous Business Australia: Michael Parkins, general manager, **National Indigenous Training** Academy at Ayers Rock Resort. Full list of winners HERE.





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#### White Bay-City ferry

**FERRY** Services between Sydney's Darling Harbour, Circular Quay and White Bay will commence on Fri.

Operated by Captain Cook Cruises, the new service departs White Bay and runs every 20 minutes from 0730 until 1430 on all days cruise ships arrive.

The new direct ferry service will provide quick and easy transfers to and from the city for all cruise ship passengers and crew.

The White Bay Captain Cook Wharf will be located across from the White Bay Cruise terminal.

#### **Virgin Trains overhaul**

VIRGIN Trains in the UK will inject £21m (AU\$43m) into a train refurbishment plan for its fleet of 46 trains running from York to London and Edinburgh.

The East Coast development program will see an overhaul of 401 carriages: toilets and seats replaced: interiors refreshed including new carpets and curtains, and 35 new engines fitted to its diesel High Speed Train fleet

This latest investment marks more than £40m (AU\$83m) spent to improving its fleet since March.

Virgin's first fully-refurbished train will commence service on 14 Dec and run between Sutherland and London.

#### **UTracks** clarification

Baltics program was launched Oct 2015, not Oct 2014, as reported in Travel Daily yesterday.

#### **Butterfield India**

**BUTTERFIELD** & Robinson has announced the relaunch of a new series of private trips to India.

The nine-day India Spiritual Walking tour will take visitors to the sacred hub of Varanasi, with the opportunity to take part in a private Hindu festival; while the six-day Rajasthan tour has visitors manoeuvring elephant traffic.

The package's final itinerary, the nine-day South Indian tour. will offer travellers the chance to experience the backwaters of Alleppey and the temples of Mysore, among others sites.

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# **Tahiti Travel Connection Sailing Away for Charity**

TAHITI Travel Connection, Tahiti Tourism and Air Tahiti Nui were proud sponsors of the 2015 Financial & Media Markets Charity Sailing Regatta. The Regatta was held at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club in Sydney on Friday, 20 November, to both record crowds and hot temperatures for the event!

As part of the Regatta, Tahiti Travel Connection had the pleasure of inviting the top sellers of their latest Tahiti incentive to join the TTC team on a yacht and sail in Sydney Harbour.

The top three winners of the recent Tahiti Travel Connection incentive were Brittany Pont from helloworld Stockland Nowra, who won the nine night Sofitel Extravaganza Package; Lisa Priestly, who





**RIGHT:** Tahiti Travel Connection team participating in the 2015 Financial & Media Markets Charity Regatta.



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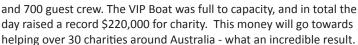
for sailing on Sydney:Harbour

ABOVE RIGHT: Lawsyn Russell, Goran Dragicevic, Tina Heyer and Cassandra

Honeymoon Boutique, Ella Lee Cansdell from Butler By The Sea and Lea Granado from Tahiti Travel Connection.

won the seven night Le Meridien Escape & Susan Mallinson, who won a seven night InterContinental Time Out Package.

The Charity Regatta had the largest fleet ever with 59 yachts



Tahiti Travel Connection, Air Tahiti Nui and South Pacific

Management entered the event's auction with a beautiful prize: an Air Tahiti Nui Economy Class flight from Sydney to Tahiti (Papeete) via Auckland and return for two people; two nights in a Garden Studio, with daily breakfast for two, at the Manava Suite Resort Tahiti; and five nights in a Garden Pool Bungalow, with daily breakfast for two, at the Moorea Pearl Resort & Spa.

Full details on all Tahiti packages are available by contacting Tahiti Travel Connection on 1300 858 305, emailing info@tahititravel.com.au or visiting www.tahititravel.com.au.

LEFT: Alan Roman from Air Tahiti Nui, Ariana Wong from Mary Rossi Travel Neutral Bay, Rob Thompson From Tahiti Tourisme, Julianne

Gazal-Rizk from TravelManagers, Brad McDonnell from Tahiti Travel Connection and Faye Spooner from Air Tahiti Nui.

RIGHT: Julianne Gazal-Rizk from TravelManagers, Brittany Pont from helloworld Stockland Nowra, Marieke Van de Pieterman from Flight Centre Flinders Lane and Faye Spooner from Air Tahiti Nui.



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#### 10 India Le Meridiens

**STARWOOD** Hotels & Resorts Worldwide has announced the opening of Le Meridien Nagpur in Central India - the brand's tenth hotel in the country.

# **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.



Sofitel Luxury Hotels has opened a So SPA at Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa. The spa has five treatment rooms, each with showers and steam rooms, with a couples' suite complete with a cedar wood Jacuzzi. The So SPA features a infra-red room as well as

relaxation rooms in addition to a discovery bar, where guests are encouraged to unwind following their treatment with tea and a snack.



A five-bedroom villa, Grand Villa Noi has been added to Aleenta Phuket Resort & Spa, Phang Nga. The spacious villa lies adjacent to the resort and each bedroom has a private en-suite. It offers a pool table, complimentary wi-fi and 5000m2 of outdoor

space, with a 30m private infinity pool and children's wading pool. Guests also have access to a private chef, a butler and chauffeur.



Anantara Layan Phuket Resort has unveiled The Residence by Anantara, offering 15 pool residences overlooking the Andaman coast. The Residences offer fully-fitted kitchens, bedrooms with ensuites, an on-call butler service, media entertainment and spa rooms,

and 21m infinity pools. The residences are two-storeys and three- to five-bedrooms, with sizes ranging from 1,700m² to 2,200m².

#### SIA Hols Malay guide

**SINGAPORE** Airlines has partnered with Malaysian Tourism to launch an eight-page guide showcasing Malaysia as a diverse tourist destination.

Featuring handy tips on where to shop, eat and explore; the new brochure also offers a selection of seven-night packages which include flights, transfers and accom between this Dec and May next year.

Travellers can opt for a sevennight getaway to Tanjung Rhu Resort in Langkawi with daily breakfasts, departing Sydney, Melboune, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth with SIA transfers from \$1,645ppts.

**CLICK HERE** to see offers.

#### Solomon air history

**CAPTAIN** Claudia Walding has been lauded as the first female pilot to command Solomon Airlines' flagship Airbus A320, upon attaining an Airline Transport Pilots License.

Originally from New Zealand, Captain Walding has piloted the IE's Islander and Twin Otter aircraft since 2001.

#### Flagship NYC EVEN

**INTERCONTINENTAL** Hotels Group has opened its first EVEN Hotels lifestyle brand in New York.

The 150-room hotel was designed with "wellness at its core", offering lux amenities such as a gym and fresh food bar with healthy food choices available.

#### EY JFK A<sub>3</sub>80 launched

ETIHAD Airways debuted its brand new Airbus A380 service at New York JFK Airport on Mon.

The double-decker aircraft will service guests travelling on one of the airline's two daily flights between The Big Apple and EY's Abu Dhabi homeport.

JFK is the first US airport to join EY's A380 destination network.

#### Queenstown spend

**INTERNATIONAL** visitor spend in Queenstown has jumped 25% year-on-year to \$NZ1.82 billion for the 12 months ending Mar, figures released in NZ today show.

The result positions the NZ South Island action playground as the number one regional centre for regional spending, second only to Auckland.

#### **Hahn Air donations**

**HAHN** Air has pledged to donate EUR10c for every ticket sold this Dec using its e-ticketing platform to the Hahn Air Foundation.

The foundation currently supports 16 different projects in developing and emerging countries; investing a little over €320,000 (AU\$470k) annually.

Projects include the Epworth Children's Village in South Africa and Kanta Bopha in Cambodia.

#### Omni buys King Ed

Omni Hotels & Resorts has announced overnight the acquisition of the iconic King Edward Hotel, the first luxury hotel built in Toronto.

The 112-year old hotel offers 301 oversized guest rooms & suites and is classically furnished.



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18. Name three 'watersports' activities New Caledonia has to



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After something different in your day? wanting a mixture from just consulting? This is the perfect opportunity for an experienced Travel industry professional looking to develop your skills further. This respected client is looking for a dynamic and passionate senior consultant with fantastic attention to detail. You'll managing air bookings, hotel and Cruise groups and booking any third party arrangements required, as well as leading by example and mentoring your team to drive success.

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If you have a passion for travel sales and the desire to move into a new role and challenge within the industry then this is your dream role. This role isn't just another travel consultant opening, this is the chance to work for a company that has an excellent reputation and offers the chance for you to manage your desk. To be successful in this role my client requires a Travel Consultant that is confident in building their reputation further and continuing the development of this agency.

For more information please call Dave on (02) 9113 7272 or click APPLY now.

#### **After Sales Customer Support Consultant**

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Are you sick of focusing on just sales and want a bit of diversity in your role to assist customers that holds existing bookings with post sale enquiries? If you are an experienced Travel Consultant with 2 + years you will be experienced in making changes to flights and wholesale products to ensure customer satisfaction. Rotational working hours predominately Mon - Fri and although, you will be required to do a month with days off in lieu. Fantastic company benefits.

For more information please call Serena on (07) 3023 5023 or click APPLY now.

#### **Corporate Travel Consultant**

Sydney, \$52k + Commission, Ref: 1880PE8

Do you want to work for a corporate and leisure travel management company that seeks to provide genuine best-of-class personal service? My clients are seeking an experienced corporate travel Specialist to join them. You will be awarded with a portfolio of dedicated accounts. Not only will you have the time to build rapport & nurture your clients, but you will enjoy being part of this energetic, passionate & caring team. You will be valued & respected as well as being offered career progression.

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Perth, \$50-55k, Ref: 2332DV1

My client is looking for dedicated and high-achieving travel specialists to become part of their successful and expanding team! The lucky candidate will need to have excellent experience within the travel industry and have experience with corporate clientele! You will be able to work in a fab environment and be rewarded for your endeavours! If you think you have what it takes to be a successful corporate specialist then please read on and see what you need to do to apply for this role!

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As a traveller, you will find it convenient and inexpensive to take the public buses which are both modern and air-conditioned. Taxis are also regarded a convenient option in this relatively small city.

If you want to try something a little different, hire a the pedicab - or tricycle rickshaw - it's a unique, romantic and airy form of transport which visitors can hire is wanting to explore the captivating waterfront of the Nam Van and Sai Van Lakes as well as the older historic streets of downtown Macau.

For many, Macau is a city worth exploring by foot which is why the Macau Government Tourist Office has created a series of self-guided walking tours. These cover not only the major historic sites but narrow lanes which lead to a few eye-catching surprises. These routes will direct visitors to a number of fascinating churches, parks, fortresses, museums and galleries as well as the many eateries to dot the historic corner of the former Portuguese enclave.

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There's also a FREE "Step Out, Macau" mobile app which can be downloaded to all phones, offering invaluable assistance during your stay.

Such tranquil parks as Lou Lim leoc Garden and Luis de Cameos Garden and Grotto are worth strolling through along with the loop around Guia Hill for its spectacular views of Macau and neighbouring Zhuhai on mainland China. You are also free to visit the 17th century Guia Fortress with its

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