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AU agents top TAAP users

TRAVEL consultant use of the **Expedia Travel Agent Affiliate** Program (TAAP) in Australia is soaring, with this market the number one user in the world.

Expedia ANZ managing director Georg Ruebensal told Travel Daily the Australian market was the top TAAP producer of sales during the first half of 2015.

While unable to specify the number of agents signed up to TAAP, Ruebensal said the scheme is experiencing "strong growth in members and production as a result of Expedia's range of inventory & competitive pricing".

The bulk of the accepted IATA registered travel agency numbers in Australia are TAAP members, Ruebensal commented.

Average lead window for TAAP

Nine pages of news!

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

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- Corporate Traveller job ads

is approx 60 days, but Expedia's data shows agents use the program for all types of bookings

- both short & long-term.

Ruebensal also revealed to Travel Daily a number of new "technical enhancements" are on the way for TAAP.

In coming months, travel agents using the program will be able to benefit from new 'Book and Hold' functionality, the local Expedia boss said.

Last week, TD revealed Expediaowned Australian online travel company Wotif was planning to introduce the Travel Agent Affiliate Program for agents.

More from Expedia on pg 3 & 4.

Uniworld celebration

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruise Collection is celebrating its recent Cruise Critic accolades with the travel industry on the cover page of today's TD, having scooped three awards in 2015.

The Travel Corporation's cruise line won awards including 'Best New River Ship - SS Maria Teresa', 'Best River Cruise Line' and 'Best River Line Shore Excursions'.



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ACCC rejects ihail taxi app

AUSTRALIAN Competition and Consumer Commission chairman Rod Sims says the proposed ihail taxi booking joint venture would have "a significant impact on competition," with authorisation on track to be denied.

A draft determination issued today by the ACCC indicated it would deny approval to the app on the grounds it "could impact prices and quality of service".

The ihail app represents a group of Australian and international taxi networks along with other stakeholders which aims to offer a single taxi booking platform across multiple taxi operators.

In handing down its initial verdict, the ACCC said it accepted the ihail app "would provide a more convenient way for consumers to book taxi services, but in the draft determination the ACCC takes the view that this comes at too big a cost to competition".

It estimated the app covered more than half of all taxis in Australia and a larger share in major metropolitan areas.

"This would guarantee that

from its launch, the ihail app would have a larger fleet of taxis, in a broader range of locations, than any existing taxi booking apps. Depending on the rate of take up of the ihail app amongst other taxi networks, it could potentially grow to include all taxi networks in any area."

A major motivation behind the launch of ihail is to rally & better compete with ride-sharing service Uber and its equivalents.

Further submissions are now being sought from ihail Pty Ltd.



PERTH Airport chief executive Brad Geatches has welcomed the impending maiden arrival into PER of Malindo Air, with inaugural touchdown due for 19 Nov.

"We are delighted to welcome the first Malindo Air service to Australia," Geatches said.

The carrier will become the third to operate direct flights between the WA capital and Kuala Lumpur along with MH and AirAsia X.

OD will operate on a daily basis from 19 Nov, increasing to 11 frequencies from 03 Dec.



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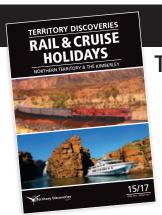
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Grey Nomads big Wotif users

THE independent mature-aged travel sector is one of the top market users of online travel site Wotif.com and continues to be a key demographic for the firm.

"We love grey nomads," Wotif Group managing director Daniel Finch told Travel Daily.

"That's a demographic that has been with us for a very long time through the nearly 15 years we've been running," he remarked.

"Should they have started using us in their 30s, they are now in their mid-40s, and if they started in their mid-40s, they are now in their mid-50s.

"Our content and product range on our site is greatly suited to the grey nomads."

Finch said what makes the site popular for grey nomads is the OTA's expansive regional content.

"If people are doing caravan trips and drive trips, we've got all the regional coverage which our customers love because they can

find it easily."

The Wotif boss commented the depth of regional content offered through Wotif and sister brand lastminute.com "fuelled" Expedia's interest to acquire the Australian OTA last year.

MEANWHILE, Finch described the brand new Wotif.com 'Listen to your Holiday Self' ad blitz as being "open for interpretation".

The two Wotif 30-second TVC grabs and 15-sec Facebook videos deliver the key message to stop dreaming and "book it".

The ads aren't pitched as specific to int'l jetsetters or a traveller who prefers to 'flop & drop' domestically or abroad, Finch explained to *Travel Daily*.

"It's open for interpretation. It will have an affinity with Aussies and how they perceive themselves as a traveller, whether its exploration, education, relaxation or rejuvenation."

To view the ads, **CLICK HERE**.

QF agency A₃80 tour

QANTAS is giving Sydney-based agents a chance to step onboard one of its flagship Airbus A380s on a behind-the-scenes tour of the aircraft next week.

Available through the Qantas Agency Partnership, the hangar tour also covers QF's servicing & maintenance procedures.

The event is scheduled for Tue 20 Oct between 1:30-3:00pm.

To register, CLICK HERE.

Ascott wins contracts

THE Ascott Limited will enter Cebu, the Philippines and Pattava. Thailand having secured five new contracts to manage 875 apartment units.

Citadines Cebu City is slated to open in 2019 while the four new properties in Thailand - Citadines North Pattaya, Citadines Central Pattaya, Citadines Jomtien Beach Pattaya and Somerset Wong Amat Beach Pattaya - will open from 2018 onwards.



Window Seat

FORGET hopping on a plane to see the stunning autumn leaves in America's New England region - an enterprising local is offering to send fallen foliage so you can experience it from the comfort of home.

Massachusetts-based Kyle Waring set up his new website www.shipfoliage.com this year and is now packaging up "handpicked leaves" to customers.

"Fall in New England is especially gorgeous and really strikes an emotional chord," he said, with a bundle of three specially selected "colour balanced grade A" leaves costing US\$19.99.

Last year Waring also set up another site at ShipSnowYo.com to send refrigerated snow from Boston's record winter fall to customers across the USA.

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ABOVE: The Austrian National Tourist Office is on a roll, quite literally, as it anticipates a fifth successive year of record growth in visitors from Australia in 2015. Preliminary results for the year

Long Tan Centenary

MCLACHLAN Tours general manager Peter Smith says agents can benefit from expected surges in travel by Australians to Vietnam in conjunction with the Battle of Long Tan Centenary in Aug 2016.

The company has reported a 600% skyrocketing of Aussies on battlefield group tours to Vietnam over the last two years.

McLachlan Tours has issued a group tour protection guarantee for agents designing a departure. so far show an exciting 9% jump in arrivals from this market.

To celebrate the positive trend, ANTO joined forces with Emirates last week to host local agents to a stylish meal with an ever-changing view of the city on the famous Melbourne Colonial Tram Car.

Agents learned more about the major redesign of Vienna's main railway station which now allows seamless connections between the city and the airport.

The tram was decorated in such a way to encourage the belief agents were sitting on a Viennese tram or an Austrian train, having just arrived from an EK flight.

Pictured above on the night is Emirates regional manager Vic/Tas Dean Cleaver and ANTO director Astrid Mulholland-Licht.

Tempo refreshes logo design

DESTINATION specialist wholesaler Tempo Holidays has unveiled a redesigned logo which is now featuring on its latest line of brochures now in market.

Under its all-new leadership team steered by Damian Perry, the logo (right) comes just ahead of a refreshed

online portal. First out from



the printers is the company's 2016 Latin America season, which the company says boasts a more "user-friendly" design which will inspire travellers to experience the best Latin America has to offer.

Changes made to the program

include the reintroduction of TEMPO Colombia within HOLIDAYS the printed pages, with Tempo's Copper Canyon

escorted tour and the Tren Crucero in Ecuador also featuring.

A series of in-depth itineraries aim to better immerse travellers in a destination by allowing them to see as much of a single country in one trip as possible.

For example, Tempo's 'Glimpse of Chile' itinerary runs the entire length of the country, while the 'Argentina Express' takes guests to all major sites during one visit. The new guide is available now.

Egencia eyes Asia

EXPEDIA Inc's corporate arm Egencia is keen to expand across Asia, ceo Dara Khosrowshahi says.

The head of the global online travel company last week told **TD** the firm was pleased with its current position in Australia's corporate scene, having acquired TMC Travelforce two years ago.

Khosrowshahi says every second year Expedia would look to buy a local corporate agency "to add to the volume".

"We're pretty happy right now in Australia through organic [growth] as we've gone to scale," he told Travel Daily.

"Australia was one of the first APEC markets we bought in, so we're definitely looking at the rest of Asia to see what opportunities there are there."

Majestic Princess

PRINCESS Cruises late last week revealed the name for its new ship under construction for the Chinese market will be Majestic Princess.

The new vessel will be based in China from 2017 and will also carry a Chinese name on the hull.

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Nitmiluk buys Cicada

INDIGENOUS Business Australia has sold its 50% stake in luxury NT accommodation Cicada Lodge to Nitmiluk Tours, bestowing full ownership to the company.

The two organisations joined up in 2013 to develop the high-end Indigenous-themed property in the NT region of Katherine.

With the buyout, Nitmiluk Tours takes full control of campground and caravan facilities, cruise ops on Nitmiluk Gorge, chalets and associated F&B operations.

Nitmiluk Tours chairperson Jane Runyu labelled the buyout as significant for the Jawoyn.

Wolgan incentive

QANTAS Holidays has launched an incentive, offering agents the chance to win a trip for two to Blue Mountains-based Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley Resort.

The agent with the highest combined total of bookings at Wolgan Valley and One&Only Hayman Island before 15 Nov, for travel before 28 Feb, will win.

See www.qhv.com.au.

Presidents Cup to Vic

MELBOURNE has been named as the host city for two major professional golf events to take place next year and in 2019.

The Presidents Cup will return to Melbourne in 2019, making the Vic capital the first location outside of the US to host the prestigious event three times, having hosted in 1998 and 2011.

Prior to that however, the World Cup of Golf will take place in Vic next year, the announcement made public in South Korea.

Both events will take place in Nov of their respective years, with the specific host course to be named in coming months.

Victorian Minister for Tourism and Major Events John Eren said the events will deliver a \$66m boost to the state's economy.

"Thousands of travellers will make it to Melbourne to see the game's best in action, and we'll be showcasing our state to millions more on television."

Swagman famil spots

THREE places remain on an upcoming 11-day famil trip to Kenya, hosted by Swagman Tours.

Agents will experience a mini Kenyan wildlife migration, with the trip departing 18 Oct and a participation fee of \$2,490pp. Phone 1800 808 491 for details.



DRAPED in a swathe of bright colours, this group of Aussie agents lapped up the colourful excitement of a famil trip to India.

Hosted by Adventure World, the wholesaler's 'Extraordinary India' famil took place late last month.

The group dove head first into the non-stop action of Old Delhi, beginning with a taste of public transport Indian style with a rickshaw ride through the streets.

Highlights of the trip included a visit to Agra Fort, the nearby Taj Mahal and the Pink City of Jaipur.

Agents also enjoyed a haunting stop at India's ghost town of Fatehpur Sikri and spent a

night with an Indian family at a traditional homestay.

Pictured above on the steps of the Amber Fort from left is Louise Askerlund, Maria Slater Travel; Anna Mulkearns, Time Flys Travel; Rebecca McIntyre, helloworld Scone; Davina Bicker, Adventure World; Pip Turner, Experience Cruise and Travel Toowoomba; Jeff Griffin, Adventure World; Montana McCosker, Windsong Travel; Denise Bradley, Moss Vale Cruise & Travel; Peggy Chan, JVL Travel; Karin Vanner, helloworld Geelong West; Shelley Wyatt, Warragul Travel and Air India resident guru Matt Symonds.



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RACEGOERS betting on the fillies during this Spring Carnival will be singing the praises of the italktravel brand should they pick a winner in any of the travel franchise's self-titled races.

The brand, part of the Express Travel Group, recently formed a partnership with the Melbourne Race Club as its preferred travel partner for the upcoming season.

Under the partnership, a number of events will be named after the fully branded franchise, with exclusive horse racing tours also set to be developed.

These will see racegoers enjoy visits to some of the most storied locations in racing folklore such as Royal Ascot, the Kentucky Derby, Hong Kong races as well as local favourites in the Darwin and Launceston Cups.

Pictured marking the alliance at the Underwood Stakes Day at Caulfield Racecourse are Bridie Saville, general manager italktravel Glen Waverley and Vito Romeo, Express Travel Group Vic/ Tas state manager and others.

Huka Lodge stay pay

ABERCROMBIE & Kent has a fourth night free promotion at Huka Lodge in New Zealand when staying three consecutive nights.

The deal is valid for travel from now until 14 Dec and in Apr 2016. See abercrombiekent.com.au.

NZ India ambassador

TOURISM New Zealand has named Bollywood star Sidharth Malhorta as its tourism ambassador for India.

The actor is in New Zealand this week filming a video highlighting the country's tourist appeal.

Europe Early Bird Fare

LHR, FRA, CDG, FCO & IST Early Bird Fare have released! Sales: 21 Sep 15 - 31 Oct 15 Departure: 01 Apr 16 - 14 Sep 16

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Seven new QF stores

UP TO four Qantas Frequent Flyer points per dollar spent can be earned by shopping with seven new retailers just added to the airline's online mall.

New brands added include Priceline, The North Face, ASOS, Microsoft, Marcs, Nike and Reiss.

The new additions take the total number of brands available for members to earn points to 51 and comes in the same week Qantas added smartphone taxi booking app GoCatch as a new service.

Tas employment plan

TOURISM Minister Richard Colbeck has revealed Tasmania's Tourism Employment plan, targeting projects to ease regional employment pressures, ease skill shortages, help retain quality staff, coordinate training needs with business planning, and encourage labour mobility.

The strategy will also promote tourism careers to young people, increase the take-up rate of apprenticeships, improve training and provide more staff accommodation in peak seasons.

CZ, MU suspend KTM

CHINA Southern Airlines has announced the suspension of services between Guangzhou and Kathmandu from 29 Sep to 24 Oct due to "the present situation of the nation and fuel crisis" impacting the Republic of Nepal.

Fellow Chinese carrier China Eastern has also halted flights to Kathmandu from Kunming due to the fuel situation, suspending flights between 15-25 Oct.



Win tickets to THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The world-famous movie "The Sound of Music", based on the life of the Austrian von Trapp family, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015. A remarkable year for the city of Salzburg, the original shooting location of the movie, which celebrates the anniversary with a range of events and special productions.



To coincide with the anniversary, the London Palladium production of "The Sound of Music" will come to Australia at the end of 2015 with shows in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne.

The Austrian National Tourist Office is giving readers a chance to win tickets for the Opening Nights in each city.

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WA camping upgrade

WESTERN Australia will spend \$1 million upgrading amenities at nature-based campgrounds in the regions of Albany, Denmark, Esperance, Jerramungup, Plantagenet and Ravensthorpe.

Upgrades will include better layouts and access tracks, signage, landscaping and facilities, with investment coming from the state's Royalties for Regions fund.

The works were carried out in response to growing patronage at state government camping areas, which saw 1.27m visitors last year.







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Autograph additions

MARRIOT International's portfolio of independent Autograph Collection Hotels has swollen with three new member hotels in the United States.

The newcomers to the group include The Envoy - Boston, Grant Bohemian Hotel Mountain Brook in Birmingham, Alabama and The Citizen in Sacramento, California.

InterCon Bali agt rate

THE InterContinental Bali Resort is offering industry rates from US\$100 (AU\$136) per night in a Resort Classic room with private balcony or terrace.

Offer includes a 50% discount on breakfast and complimentary resort activities, for more info or to book, CLICK HERE.

Disney price change

A NEW pricing structure for Disneyland in Anaheim has been implemented for annual passes, now offering guests three classes of admission.

The tickets start at US\$1,049 with no black-out dates followed by US\$849 (with blackouts over the Dec holidays) and US\$599 (with blackouts over Dec and other peak days, including Sat from mid-Mar to mid-Aug.

Disney is considering switching the pricing of it annual passes for all its US theme parks to a demand-based structure, the Wall Street Journal reports.

The move is an attempt to encourage crowds to move from peak periods into mid-week or other off-peak periods.

"We have to look at ways to spread out our attendance throughout the year so we can accommodate demand & avoid bursting at the seams," Walt Disney Parks & Resorts chairman Bob Chapek told the WSJ.

Agents view Canada's greenery



A GROUP of Aussie agents had the opportunity recently to explore the vast outdoors, wildlife and greenery of Canada during an educational tour to the country, supported by Air Canada.

Among the group were Julia Lynch and Cheryl Andrews, two members of the home-based group Travel Counsellors as part of a larger group from Australia.

Highlights of the trip included seeing icebergs and whales in Newfoundland, visiting Quirpon Island and Prince Edward Island.

Travel Counsellors managing director David Hughes shouted the praises of famil trips as vital to empowering agents to sell travel more effectively.

"These tours allow Travel Counsellors agents to stay on top of travel trends, in order to provide timely, relevant travel advice to clients," Hughes said.

The group also took a themed walking tour and learned some culinary tactics at a cooking class.

The agents are pictured above during a visit to Charlottetown.

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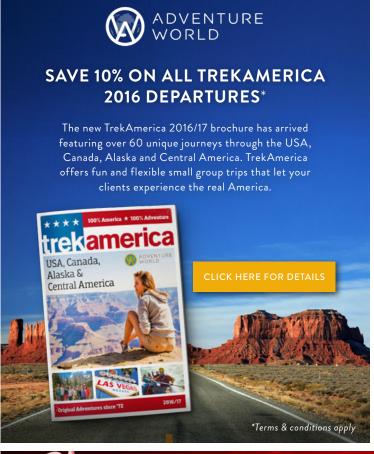
HILTON Worldwide has opened its third branded property in Shenzhen China, the 320-room Hilton Shenzhen Futian.

The CBD-based hotel is within walking distance of the Shenzhen Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Oman Air 787 delivery

BOEING has delivered the first of six Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner iets ordered to Oman Air.

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OZ First off LAX 777s

ASIANA Airlines will drop First Class off Boeing 777 flights (*TD* 28 Aug) between Seoul Incheon and Los Angeles, effective 25 Oct, with GDS displays showing OZ moving to two-class 777s.

Orange cycling event

DESTINATION NSW has played a role in securing a new amateur cycling event for Orange in the state's central west.

The one-day 170km Orange Challenge will be open for cycling enthusiasts of all levels, with the inaugural year's event scheduled for 20 Mar.

NSW Minister for Trade, Tourism & Major Events Stuart Ayres said the ride would showcase Orange and the surrounding region's beauty and diversity.

The event is expected to lure over 3,000 overseas & domestic visitors to the area over the next three years.

Crystal Yacht selling

CRYSTAL Yacht Cruises has unveiled its itineraries & fares for 2016 to the beginning of 2018, open to bookings from 01 Sep.

Crystal Esprit will make her maiden voyage on 23 Dec 2016 & will offer seven-day itineraries.

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Brochures

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Territory Discoveries - Rail & Cruise 2015/17

Territory Discoveries has released its 2015/17 Rail & Cruise brochure for the Northern Territory & Kimberley regions. The program offers a number of Ghan rail journeys and a selection of Kimberley cruising. A new addition to this year's brochure is a Hotels, Resorts, Stations & Tours section, while the two free nights accommodation offer on all Kimberley Cruising has returned, offering two nights in Darwin

for all cruises booked. A new "We Love It!" sticker has been introduced, highlighting the most popular products.



On The Go Tours - Asia 2016/17

On The Go Tours' 2016/17 brochure is packed with group tours, tailor-made holidays and experiences in China and Southeast Asia. Three new group tours to Japan feature this year, alongside the existing range of tours in China, South Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Borneo and Burma. On The Go now visits two sections of the Great Wall - Badaling and Juyongguan,

with an overnight at the latter to allow travellers to experience some spectacular sunsets and sunrises.



Venture Holidays - Africa & Madagascar 2016/17
Two new tours have been added to Venture Holidays'
Africa & Madagascar brochure: the six-day Garden
Route Safari and Winelands tour, which explores the
Cape Winelands, Klein Karoo and the Garden Route
and eight-day In Mandela's Footsteps, which visits
places of significance in Nelson Mandela's life. Also in
the brochure are private safaris in Kenya and Tanzania;

game reserves in Kruger National Park; gorilla treks in Rwanda & Uganda; a family safari in Tanzania and a couple of trips in Madagascar.



World Expeditions - Australia 2015/16

World Expeditions' new 2015/16 Australia brochure contains new adventures including a seven-day Remote Northern Flinders Camel Trek and the first self-guided Larapinta treks. There's multi-activity adventures for families - one in Kakadu and one in Tasmania, both of which operate during school holidays. For the cyclists, there's a Bruny Island

Gourmet Hike and Bike and an eight-day East Coast Self Guided Cycle.



Scenic - South East Asia River Cruising 2016/17
Scenic's first South East Asia River Cruising brochure showcases its collection of Mekong and Irrawaddy river cruises, a number of new Enrich experiences and Freechoice activities, three new extensions in Vietnam and a new tour for 2017. The new 22-day Indochina Explorer and Luxury Mekong, travels from the north of Vietnam through Laos and Cambodia, concluding in

Vietnam's capital, Ho Chi Minh City. New Freechoice activities include an art tour of Saigon and a cycle journey around Hanoi's West Lake.



Travelmarvel - Western Australia 2016/17

Travelmarvel is offering four departure dates for the *Coral Expedition 1* across two itineraries; the 23-day Top End and Kimberley Coast Cruise and the 31-day West Coast Discovery and Kimberley Coast Cruise. Also in the brochure is 18 land tours for 2016 with a range of new accommodation and sightseeing options. Old favourite, the 18 Day West Coast Adventure from Perth

to Darwin, is also in the brochure and includes a sunset cruise on Shark Bay followed by a seafood dinner at Monkey Mia.

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QUEST Kelvin Grove in Brisbane was officially opened last week by Qld Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources & Mines Anthony Lynham, alongside Quest Apartment Hotels gm of brand Tony Gauci & ex State of Origin & Brisbane Broncos player Ben Ikin.

The hotel opened for business in early Jul (TD 06 Jul), offering 85 apartments, with a mix of one-, two- and three-bedrooms, each with a kitchen, laundry facilities & a separate living & dining area.

Lynham hailed the investment in the dwelling as a "huge vote of confidence in Brisbane".

Pictured from left are Quest's Tony Gauci; Gary Lin, Quest Kelvin Grove franchisee, Minister Lynham and Ben Ikin.



WA gets iconic exhibit

POPULAR British Museum exhibition A History of the World in 100 Objects is bound for Australia as part of a new display coming to the WA Museum.

The exhibition runs from 13 Feb until 18 Jun, with the WA Government tipping it to be a tourist drawcard.

Among the items relocating to WA for the exhibit will be gold coins of Croesus and the bronze head of Augustus, an exclusive for the exhibition's Australian tour.

It will be the final international display at the museum prior to the facility closing for a complete reconstruction, opening in 2020.

US visitor spend drop

INTERNATIONAL visitors spent an estimated US\$18.2 billion on tourism-related activities and flights within the United States in Aug, down 2% when compared to the same period last year.

The US Department of Commerce attributed the decline to a 19% drop in air transportation exports, combined with a 0.6% decrease in travel spending for the month.

Expenditures for educational and health-related tourism bucked the trend, bringing in US\$3.8 billion, an increase of more than 9%.



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Air India 787s on sale

NINE of 21 Boeing Dreamliner aircraft in Air India's fleet have been put up for sale in an effort to raise 7,000 crore rupees.

Funds raised will be used by the state-owned carrier to fund the purchase of new aircraft and help pay off its current 787 fleet.

Terms of the agreement would see the 787s remain in Al's fleet under an operating lease for up to 12 years.

Air India currently operates 21 Dreamliners and has another six due to be delivered between Apr 2016 and Mar 2017.

Travel advice webinar

SENIOR officers from DFAT will front a webinar aimed at travel agents encouraging trade usage of the Smartraveller advice portal, to be held 21 Oct at 11am AEDST.

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