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Malindo Air plotting PER

MALAYSIAN low-cost carrier Malindo Air is preparing to begin operation to Australia, heating up competition on the Perth route. According to agent GDS displays, Malindo Air will launch a daily

service to the WA capital from its international hub of Kuala Lumpur, commencing 11 Nov.

The carrier predominately offers domestic services to over a dozen Malaysian destinations, as well as to Singapore, Thailand, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Nepal.

At this stage, Malindo Air's website and drop-down menu do not list Perth as a destination, however details were featured on an update in Sabre GDS timetable listings late last week.

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How many pages?!

Travel Daily today has ten pages of news, including a front cover page for **Trafalgar**, a photo page for **Atout France** plus full pages from: (*click*)

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PER route utilising narrow-body Boeing 737-900 aircraft.

Malindo Air offers a two-class cabin & on most routes provides a 20kg baggage allowance in Economy class & 40kg in Business.

It will compete head-to-head on a non-stop basis with AirAsia and indirectly with Singapore Airlines and Jetstar.

It's not the first time Malindo Air has expressed a desire to fly Perth, with the route previously flagged to launch in May two years ago (*TD* 12 Sep 2012).

Trafalgar 'the best'

GUIDED holiday specialist Trafalgar is today celebrating the launch of its brand new 'Simply the Best' slogan and positioning (*TD* Fri), taking out the **cover page** of today's *Travel Daily*.

Issenberg honoured

ATOUT France and the French Govt last week celebrated the achievements of AccorHotels ceo & chairman Michael Issenberg at a celebratory event in Sydney see **page nine** for details.





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TIME silent auction

THE 2015 TIME Silent Auction goes live tomorrow with a range of air, tickets and accommodation generously donated to providing funding for the not for profit travel industry mentor program.

The auction will stay live until 30 Sep - **CLICK HERE** for more info.



FROM THE HEART OF EURASIA

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A NEW events website which pitches a range of ideas at Aussies as they travel through North America and Europe has been launched by travel.com.au's original ceo, David Tonkin.

Called World Events Online, the start-up can arrange tickets for a suite of sports, music concerts & festivals, theatre performances, film festivals and movies taking place in visited destinations. World Online Events hand picks

events expected to appeal to the Australian market, rather than listing all options.

AC boost Biz comm

AGENTS will earn more than double normal commission levels on Business class flights to Canada and the USA with Air Canada as part of a new promotion.

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The site can also be whitelabelled & used as a "self-branded/ commission shared" portal.

Tonkin - whose resume includes a hand in the creation of the first Flight Centre store with Graham Turner & Bill James - is the brains behind the website.

"Compared to the big US ticketing sites, we're a niche site that hand picks & collates events...and directs users to two of the biggest global ticketing sites to buy tickets," Tonkin said.

"We don't just list every Broadway show, every NBA, NFL game etc – just the ones we believe Aussies would love to attend," he added, saying prices may vary from event to event. Tickets can also be secured for

many 'sold out' events.

WEO plans to expand options in Australia, Asia, South America & Africa in coming months as well as develop an app & mobile site. See worldeventsonline.com.

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VA/DL US approval

VIRGIN Australia has been authorised to continue to carry the designator code of Delta Air Lines for two further years by the US Department of Transportation.

The codeshare renewal covers all current and future routes VA operates domestically in Australia.



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AA/DL interline axed

THE long-standing interline pact between American Airlines and Delta Air Lines will be wound up from tomorrow.

AA confirmed the move on Thu, saying it had been unable to "come to terms on an agreement with Delta" and had mutually agreed to terminate the deal.

Interline agreements enable airlines to book, sell, ticket and check baggage of another airline.

The uncoupling means neither AA or DL will provide interline services to each other, including the ability to rebook passengers at discounted rates on the other carrier when flight disruptions occur, American Airlines said.

"While this is a change, it will not affect our commitment to reaccommodate customers during irregular operations," AA told staff in an internal memo.

AA continues to offer interline ties with other joint business and oneworld partners such as United Airlines, or Alaska Airlines.

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Short term regulation

AN INQUIRY by the NSW state parliament into shortterm holiday letting has been welcomed by the Accommodation Association of Australia.

Describing the explosion of AirBNB-style residential letting through online platforms as a "significant disruption", AAoA ceo Richard Munro said it was time for the existing regulatory model to be updated and standardised.

"Any new regime must strike a balance between the need to preserve the great Australian tradition of renting a house by the beach during summer and the grey areas in regulation and legislation which are being exploited by multi-national online platforms at the expense of consumer safety," Munro said.

His comments will be considered a veiled attack on AirBNB, which he added were "effectively freeriding on the back of compliant operators who pay taxes in Australia" to help fund tourism.

Emirates earlybirds

EMIRATES has today unveiled its Europe early booking deals for 2016. available for travel between 01-22 Mar and 04-24 May.

Travellers have 38 destinations via Dubai to select from, with fares in Economy class as low as \$1,469 to Bologna and \$6,979 in Business class.

Prices to London in Economy & Business lead in at \$1,718 and \$7,293 respectively.

Divisional svp for Australia and Far East Barry Brown said the earlybird offering presents "a great time for Australians to look ahead to 2016 to lock in travel".

Fares must be ticketed by 11 Nov - see www.emirates.com/au.

Taj comms partner

TAJ Hotels Resorts & Palaces has appointed Edelman as its communications agency partner in Australia.

The group has 96 hotels in 61 locations around the globe.



FOOTBALL season is now well and truly underway in the United States, and for anybody familiar with NFL traditions, this means the return of tailgating.

Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l Airport decided to welcome the season by successfully breaking a Guinness World Record for the 'Most Signatures on a piece of sport memorabilia".

The new record of 702 autographs was set on a huge customised inflatable football, breaking the old mark of 516.

DFW marked the achievement at the same time by hosting an enormous tailgating party inside the renovated Terminal A.

A range of football-related activities were offered including a running back challenge as well as prizes such as autographed helmets and match tickets.



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Helloworld Eastgardens opens

HELLOWORLD Eastgardens hosted a cocktail party to celebrate its grand opening. The agency has joined the helloworld network, rebranded and relaunched, sporting a new name and fresh office space.

The cocktail party was attended by travel industry colleagues, clients, team members and special guest Roy Billing who featured in helloworld's #SaySorryLater social media video for the Silver Fox and Foxettes AAT Kings Campaign.

The agency has a team of four travel agents.

Pictured are: Lisa Harvey, consultant; Roy Billing, helloworld AAT Kings #SaySorryLater ambassador; Linda Taylor, store manager; Joanne Watson, consultant and Tiffany Rudd, consultant. A betterfly. Experience the 787 Dreamliner WWW.FLYROYALBRUNELCOM

Brazilian TV show to Aus

TOURISM Australia has teamed up with Brazilian TV network Globo to produce four episodes of its TV drama *Totalmente Demais* in Sydney and The Whitsundays.

Tourism Australia md John O'Sullivan said Brazil was a fast growing emerging tourism market for Australia and the show will help to further boost the attractiveness of Australia as a travel destination.

"Australia is a destination that is now being discovered by Brazilians - we have seen Brazilian visitor arrivals and spend quadruple in the past ten years and what's more, the market is also one of the top three luxury markets for Australia behind the USA and China," O'Sullivan said.

The show will be filmed on locations such as Whitehaven Beach, Hamilton Island and Bait Reef in the Whitsundays, the Great Barrier Reef, as well as The Rocks, Bondi Beach, Quay Restaurant, Hotel InterContinental, Opera Bar and the Sydney Opera House.

Five publications will accompany the Globo broadcast visit: CARAS Magazine, QUEM Magazine, Fohla, O Estado, and Marie Claire Brazil.

Swiss famil winners

THE Aussie winners of the Swiss Travel Pass SuperStar Program are Josie Hanney, Goldman; Melissa Blessing, FC; Chris Riou, Newport Travel; Naomi Hill, Qantas Holidays; Maxine Thomas, CIT Holidays; Melissa Healy, FC; Ranka Mileusnic, GTS Travel Management; Rhonda Paice, Williamstown Travel & Cruise; Yvette Van Urk, Outdoor Travel; Nina Marchioli, RACT; Cassandra Zayonce, TravelManagers and Clement Tringale, Rail Plus Aus.

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Taxi campaign under fire

CONSUMER advocacy group CHOICE will investigate the service offerings of ride sharing businesses following the NSW Taxi Council's claims that ridesharing services, like Uber, are "no safer than hitch-hiking".

"There is no basis for the outrageous claim that using an Uber poses the same level of risk as hitch-hiking," says CHOICE director of campaigns and communications, Matt Levey.

"Consumers have clearly embraced ride sharing services because they consider them to be more convenient than alternatives. Trips using services like Uber are tracked and traceable, unlike hitch hiking," Levey says.

The investigation will compare point-to-point passenger services to see which is cheapest, most reliable and provides the best overall experience.

NSW Taxi Council hit back, saying the campaign is not about any one particular service.

"It is about illegal point-to-point services where there are no government regulations on safety and reliability."

The council stands by its position, saying it believes "it is in the consumer's interest to make them aware that if they get into a private illegal ride-sharing vehicle with a private driver where there are no government-backed checks for safety and security, it is akin to hitch-hiking."

The Council said it has written to CHOICE to seek to work together in the interests of the consumer on the issue of safe taxi travel and hasn't received a response.

CHOICE has also called on the ACCC to compel the NSW Taxi Council to provide evidence supporting its advertised claims.

No Contiki TVC plans

CONTIKI will continue to invest in a heavy social media presence, ruling out a need for television commercials (TVCs).

CEO Casper Urhammer told **TD** last week during an exclusive interview Contiki's customer is the "true digital native".

"They live online, that is their channel. Whatever channel they are on digitally, we are present." Urhammer added it was vital

for Contiki to "put the majority of our focus" into social channels.

"Whether it is Snapchat or a new social media or just browsing the internet, we have tonnes of avenues that can lead fans to Contiki product," the youth specialist touring firm's boss said.

Support for milk run

NORTHERN Territory tourism venture Nitmiluk Tours is backing re-establishment of air services between Darwin and Katherine to open up opportunity in the region.





Longer CI MEL season

RESERVATIONS have opened for the summer season for China Airlines' (CI) new Taipei Taoyuan-Melbourne service which is scheduled to launch from 25 Oct.

Agent GDS displays now show the thrice weekly service can be booked beyond 27 Mar.

Utah incentive closing

AGENTS only have this week to complete the Utah badge in the Brand USA Discovery Program to be in with a shot to win a GoPro HERO3+ Silver Edition camera. **ABOVE:** Japan's All Nippon Airways is clearly using the force as part of its five-year partnership with Disney, rolling out one of its Boeing 787-9 *Dreamliner* aircraft sporting a *Star Wars* R2-D2 livery.

The lovable droid attended the launch of the aircraft along with eloquent sidekick C-3PO and a few storm troopers.

As announced back in Apr, markets in Vancouver, San Jose, Seattle, Jakarta, Beijing & Munich will all see the aircraft, as will Sydney when ANA resumes its Australian operations from Dec. The aircraft is **pictured** above.

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Skimax/DL incentive

EIGHT agents have a chance to win a hosted ski famil to Park City, Utah through a new Skimax Holidays & Delta Air Lines promo.

To be part of the trip - departing in Mar - agents will earn an entry into the draw by booking Delta flights and a minimum seven night package at Park City for the 2015/16 ski season.

The incentive period runs from 01 Sep to 30 Nov - 1300 136 997.



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EK upgauge Algiers

EMIRATES is boosting capacity on the Dubai-Algiers route from 01 Oct, reassigning Airbus A340-300 with the larger Boeing 777-300, adding 97 seats per flight.



Leading Hotel's Spring Roadshow



ABOVE: The Leading Hotels of the World's Spring Roadshow brought 13 of its luxury collection to Sydney and Melbourne for a series of luxurious events, including an industry VIP lunch.

The attendees were: Brown's London, Laucala Island, Sacher Hotels Wien and Salzburg, The Table Bay and Palace of the Lost City, Thanda Private Game Reserve, The Mulia, The Conservatorium Amsterdam, Cafe Royal London, The Hay Adams, Hotel Lancaster Paris, The Datai Langkawi, Palace Hotel Tokyo, The Dolder Grand and Capella Singapore.

Pictured are: Barry Gervan and Jane Tatham from Wentworth Travel with Kevin Kirby, Leading Hotels of the World and Amanda Erwin, MTA.

Journeys wholesaler

FORMER Beachcomber Tours staffer of 14 years & travel planner for over 26 years, Edrice Hundley has launched a niche wholesale company specialising in Southern & East Africa, Mauritius, Reunion, Seychelles, Maldives & Morocco.

Dubbed Journeys & Africa, the firm is a contracted wholesaler for most properties in Mauritius and the Indian Ocean, specialising in FIT and customised packages for holidays, as well as honeymoons and weddings.

Journeys & Africa also handles small groups, incentives and tailor-made itineraries - more at www.journeysafrica.com.au.

Rocky appoints vp

ROCKY Mountaineer has appointed Monique Gomel as vp of global marketing and communications.

Gomel was previously vp of marketing for Earls Restaurants.

Virgin considers Thai

RICHARD Branson is considering bringing Virgin to the Thai aviation market, amidst an expansion of his health clubs across the Asia Pacific.

"I would love to operate flights, one day, to connect to Australia via here," Branson said during a stopover in Bangkok, *The Nation* reports.

Branson said in Jan or Feb he thinks there will be a "good thing to be announced".



This week, Switzerland Tourism is giving away a funky Swatch watch valued at \$75 to one lucky agent. At the end of the four-week competition (24 Aug - 18 Sep), the agent with the best answers over that time will win the ultimate prize hamper comprising a Victorinox suitcase, a beanie, mittens and flip-flops, valued at \$900. Don't miss out!

Steeped in centuries of history, visitors are constantly impressed with the Roman ruins, castles and churches that pepper the region. Combined with a rich art, food and wine culture, a visit here is like taking a step back in time.

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SkiJapan.com - Winter Holiday Packages

The SkiJapan.com's Winter Holiday Packages brochure contains Japanese ski areas and accom options. The brochure covers the nine resorts in the Hakuba Valley, along with: Appi, Kiroro, Nozawa Onsen, Myoko Kogen Resort and Shiga Kogen.

Princess Cruises - Winter 2017



Princess Cruises will for the first time cruise from Australia to visit the Arctic Circle in 2017. The itinerary will take guests to four ports in the Nordic region and Arctic Circle as part of a 104-night global circumnavigation. *Sea Princess* will cruise via the Middle East to Europe and the UK, calling into the Lofoten Islands, Tromso, Honningsvag and Akureyri in the Arctic Circle before visiting North and South

America and the islands of the Pacific on her return to Australia.



Trafalgar - Europe & Britain 2016

Trafalgar's new programme marks the tour operator's launch into Iceland; the introduction of two Special Interest trips in Ireland and Scotland, allowing guests to visit some of the filming locations of television series *Game of Thrones* and *Outlanders*; and 27 new Insider Experiences including nine Authentic Accommodation stays, five Be My Guest experiences, 10 Cultural Insights

and three Local Specialists.



Infinity - Nomad African Adventures Tours 2016 Infinity's new 32 page brochure presents guided African tours ranging from seven to 55 days in length and covers itineraries such as gorilla watching, Okavango Delta, The Serengeti, Victoria Falls, Chobe and Zanzibar. The tours offer the option of camping and accommodated lodging which ranges between two and four star.

Vic secures F1 to 2023

THE Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix has been secured in Melbourne until 2023.

Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Sport, Tourism and Major Events John Eren made the announcement at Albert Park over the weekend.

"Our competitors interstate have made no secret of their desire to steal it, but it is here to stay," Andrews said.

"I can assure Victorians Daniel Ricciardo won't be racing over the Sydney Harbour Bridge any time soon," Andrews quipped.

The renewal takes the city past 25 consecutive years as host.

HK Disneyland anniv

HONG Kong Disneyland has unveiled its 10th anniversary celebration program lineup.

A new Mickey & the Wondrous Book stage show will launch on 17 Nov and a Disney in the Stars fireworks show in Nov.

In Dec, the new *Fairy Tale Forest* attraction opens in Fantasyland, accompanied by new *Happily Ever After* storybook photo spots around the park.

There will also be seasonal offerings for Halloween and Christmas, with the Disney Haunted Halloween spanning outdoor spaces during Oct and the Disney Christmas returning mid-Nov.

The resort will open the Iron Man Experience in 2016 and the Disney Explorers Lodge in 2017.

TRALIA



New Tasmanian trips

WORLD Expeditions has launched two new self guided trips and a gourmet adventure for the Tasmania 2015-16 season.

The new trips are the eight-day East Coast Self Guided Cycle and the three-day Walls of Jerusalem Self Guided Experience.

The five-day Bruny Island Gourmet Hike & Bike includes whiskey tasting and sheeps milk cheese sampling.

A&K new additions

ABERCROMBIE & Kent has launched a new journey through Italy, new European river cruises including special Christmas departures and a new 'People to People' program to Cuba as part of its 2016 Connections portfolio.

The family portfolio has also expanded with new destinations in Italy, Central Europe and Scotland and Ireland.





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DELEGATES representing 12 members of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World family were in Sydney last week for a special gathering at the Bennelong eatery outside the Sydney Opera House.

The group is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2015 and is still growing, with a portfolio of over 520 properties in 80 countries.

Hosted by SLH PR manager Juliana Tan and senior sales manager Joanne Sesh, the group reaffirmed its love for the Australian market and set its

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sights on a greater market share.

Small Luxury Hotels of the World group executive director Richard Hyde said Australia was performing above its expectation both as a source market and as a destination in its own right.

Attending hoteliers represented resorts in Australia, New Zealand, China, Thailand, Japan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and the Cook Islands, all of whom are **pictured** above.

Calling with Karisma

FREE international phone calls to anywhere in the world will feature as part of a new Gourmet Inclusive Experience coming soon at Karisma-branded resorts.

Available for sale from 01 Oct, the package is aimed at helping guests to stay in touch with loved ones throughout their holiday without incurring any extra fees.

Karisma Hotels & Resorts operates a portfolio of properties in Mexico, Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe.

Resale service success

RUGBY World Cup 2015 has advised over 55,000 unwanted official tickets to the tournament have been re-sold via its official re-sale service (*TD* 19 Mar).

The free service allows ticket holders to offload any extra game passes at face value to other fans, with the organising body saying 99% of listings have been sold.

Managing director Stephen Brown said he was pleased to see many fans utilising the service.

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Canada eTA reminder

THE federal government's Smartraveller alert website has updated its advice for Canada, reminding Australian travellers about electronic travel authorisations in effect from Mar.

Similar to the ESTA system in place for the United States, all Aussies travelling to or transiting in Canada not requiring a visa will need to obtain the eTA pass.

The portal provides the correct web link to apply for the eTA and links for more information.

MEANWHILE, DFAT has advised Australians visiting South Africa to be mindful of their personal security in the wake of threats by extremists on US interests such as facilities with links to US business.

The official warning level for South Africa remains at "Exercise a high degree of caution".

Apple app for BNE

DIGITAL departure cards are one of many features available to Apple Watch wearers through a new Brisbane Airport app.

The app allows viewing of departure and arrival information as well as locating of parked cars.





THE French Government has recognised the exemplary personal contribution of Michael Issenberg Chairman and CEO of AccorHotels Asia Pacific to growing France's accommodation industry in the Asia Pacific by awarding him one of France's highest civilian honour, the ORDRE NATIONAL du MÉRITE.

AccorHotels now operates over 200 hotels in Australia and has been the largest hotel group since 2000, when it also played such an important role in Sydney's very successful Olympic Games.

In partnership with Atout France and their director Patrick Benhamou, Michael and his team have been responsible for bringing out many legendary icons of French tourism, such as the Moulin Rouge, Alain Ducasse, the directors of the Tour de France and the Eiffel Tower, as well as supporting numerous French trade missions and events in Australia.

In just six years Michael has been responsible for adding over 400 hotels in Asia, with the AccorHotels Asia Pacific network now encompassing some 650 hotels across 17 countries. There are plans to add a further 300 hotels in the next five years – a remarkable achievement by any measure.



ABOVE: ORDRE NATIONAL du MÉRITE medal.

BELOW: Jacob, Elisabeth, and Michael Issenberg.





ABOVE: Michael Issenberg, CEO AccorHotels and Graham Wilson, Vice President AccorHotels.

BELOW: H.E. Christophe Lecourtier, French Ambassador in Australia, remitting the medal to Michael Issenberg.



BELOW: Lesley Grant, CEO Qantas Loyalty; Patrick Benhamou, Director Atout France and Sandra Chipchase, CEO Destination NSW.





WIN WITH INSIDER JOURNEYS

This month Travel Daily and Insider Journeys are giving away a trip including return economy class airfares, 3 nights in Saigon, Cu Chi Tunnels tour & city tour, Mekong delta tour, 2 nights in Siem Reap, tour of temples of Angkor by Tuk tuk and return airport transfers.

Insider Journeys (formally Travel Indochina) has been operating Small Group Journeys and tailor-made holidays to Asia for 22 years. Insider Journeys' idea is simple- to explore and share the essence of Asia's culture, natural beauty, cuisine and, most importantly, its people.

Answer each daily guestion correctly and have the most creative answer to the final question to win. Send your answers to insiderjourneys@traveldaily.com.au

Q10. Which cruise ship do Insider Journeys charter on the Irrawaddy in Burma?

Britain football boon

AUSTRALIA has ranked in the top ten visitor source nations for travellers venturing to Great Britain to watch a football match, with the niche market generating A\$1.45 billion in tourism revenue.

The result was a 15% rise in revenue from the last time the study was conducted in 2010.

The figures were revealed in a new 'Football tourism scores for Britain' research paper released by promotional body VisitBritain on the back of its 'Football is GREAT' marketing campaign.

According to the report released last week, visitors who attended a football match had an average trip spend of £855, compared to the global average of £636.

Old Trafford & Emirates Stadium, the home grounds of int'l brands Manchester United and Arsenal, were the most popular venues.

VisitBritain ceo Sally Balcombe said the organisation would continue leveraging football as a way of boosting arrival numbers.

B6 NFL touchdown

AMERICAN low-cost carrier JetBlue Airways has signed a fiveyear sponsorship deal with the New England Patriots NFL club.

The deal sees the carrier become the Official Airline Partner of the football franchise

Joint marketing and branding campaigns will be rolled out as part of the tie-up, including a free early boarding incentive for all Patriots fans wearing the club's jerseys on game days when flying from any New England airport.

JetBlue will also feature on a digital scoreboard at the club's Gillette Stadium home ground.

Phillip Island gets icy

VISITORS to Phillip Island in Vic will be able to experience life on Antarctica as part of a new attraction by WWF Australia and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

Interactive and educational exhibits will be based on Antarctic and Southern Ocean wildlife.

Renaissance ups India

MARRIOTT International has debuted its second Renaissance branded property in India, with the Renaissance Lucknow offering 112 rooms over 16 floors.



MTA members loving the Lux



AMONG the throngs of excited delegates wandering the exhibits at elite travel show Luxperience last week was this group of agent members from MTA Travel.

The event at the Australian Technology Park was last week deemed the most successful to date by show organisers.

More than 30,000 appointments with over 280 exhibitors were

Final week for Oman

AGENTS have until COB this Fri to register interest in the 2015 Oman famil and complete the Sultanate of Oman online training. A participation fee of \$1,300

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conducted over a little more than three days, with over 1,000 visitors clicking over the turnstiles.

Of these, more than 70% were visiting the show for the first time, with delegates also flying in from more than 20 countries including Europe and the Pacific Islands.

Planning for Luxperience 2016 is now underway, with dates now officially set for 18-21 Sep.

The MTA delegation, pictured above, consisted of Beate Carr, Debra Gray, Linda Kiernander, Kerrie Kaesler, Maxine Adams, John Adams, Carine Griffiths, MTA Luxury Product manager Margaret Lange (centre front), Marian Stanley, Sonia Jones, Alycia Papadopoulos, Patricia Gordon and Chris Hopton.

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