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## Larger passport phase-out

**THE** Government is planning to phase out its 66-page 'frequent traveller' passports, according to Brek Batley from the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

Batley, who's head of the DFAT Smarttraveller program, was speaking in Melbourne yesterday at the Travel Industry Exhibition, and also noted other changes which include the availability of ten year passports for children aged 16 and 17, as well as the removal of fees for lost and stolen passports.

Last year DFAT issued about 1.8 million passports, and Batley gave advice for travel agent clients, noting contrary to expectations, the top five countries where the documents are stolen are Italy, the USA, the UK, France & Spain.

Key issues with passports

include damage, non-compliant photos and insufficient validity, with travellers warned to ensure they have six months before expiry when departing.

"Being turned back at the airport for insufficient passport validity does not entitle you to urgent reissue on compassionate grounds," Batley remarked.

He gave an overview of the revamped Smarttraveller website and app, saying they are now much easier to use, and travellers who register their details are easier to contact in-country in the event of an incident.

### MEL confirms Capital

**MELBOURNE** Airport yesterday confirmed Beijing Capital Airlines will commence services to the Victorian capital from Sep.

The thrice weekly service, first flagged by *Travel Daily* six weeks ago (*TD* 24 May), will operate from Shenyang, via Qingdao.

Beijing Capital Airlines launched international services in 2014 and is part of the HNA Group, which is now an investment partner of Virgin Australia (*TD* 31 May).

### Today's issue of TD

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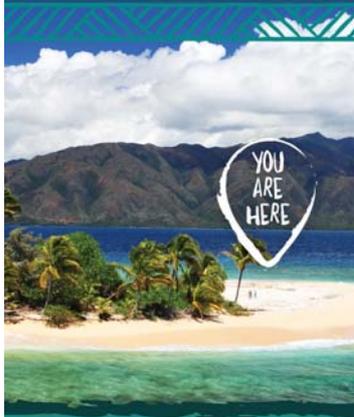
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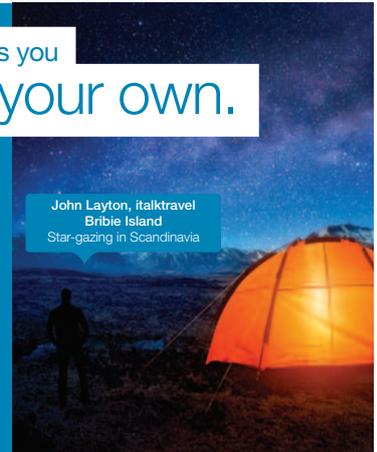


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## Accor, FRHI deal done

ACCORHOTELS has finalised the acquisition of FHRI Hotels & Resorts and its three luxury hotel brands - Fairmont, Raffles and Swissotel (TD 10 Dec).

Collectively, the FRHI brands have 154 hotels and resorts.

## Magellan \$10m prediction

MAGELLAN Travel Group is currently finalising its full year result, with expectations the profit to be distributed to its 120 members will exceed \$10 million.

Speaking exclusively to *Travel Daily*, ceo Andrew Macfarlane said 2015/16 was the eighth consecutive year of double digit profit growth, despite it being a "good, not great year for our member agents".

He said Magellan's corporate-focused members had been impacted by the transitioning economies in Queensland and WA and subdued confidence.

"But many are also winning new business and expanding, and we see a 'return to service' amongst many SME and mid-market corporate accounts," he said.

On the leisure side many members have seen the impact of the various incidents in France, Belgium and Turkey on demand for European travel - but conversely this has driven demand for other destinations such as Canada and Japan.

Another key trend for Magellan - alongside other agency groups - is having to work harder for the same rewards, as passenger numbers increase but prices decline due to discounting of airfares the costs of ocean & river cruises driven by over-capacity.

"I agree with recent commentary from industry colleagues that suppliers should

place greater value on the millions of dollars of business we already deliver, and not link that to incessant - and often ridiculous - growth targets in a flat market," Macfarlane added.

While not setting any growth targets, he said Magellan was gearing up to support expansion with more head office staff.

"Agency group movements are now cyclical, with other groups locking agents into two or three year contracts that are not easy to get out of, even if you want to.

"2016/17 could be a year of more movement based on that cycle, so for us it's been about getting growth ready," he said.

## Last chance for SOO

PARTICIPANTS in *Travel Daily's* 2016 State of Origin comp to win a Grand Final package valued at \$4,000 have until 7pm tonight to submit their tips for Game 3 between NSW and Queensland.

The winner of the comp, spread over the three matches, will win a package for four to the Grand Final, thanks to Keith Prowse Trvl.

Submit your Game 3 answers to [soo@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:soo@traveldaily.com.au) asap.

This round's questions are:

1. What do you predict the final score will be for Game 3?
2. In which minute of Game 3 will be the first try be scored?
3. Which player will be awarded Man of the Match for Game 3?

## TravelCube waiver

TRAVEL agents booking instant purchase hotels on TravelCube can now cancel a reservation without penalty, so long as it's done within a two-hour window.

The waiver only applies to hotel bookings made outside five days.



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## Skytrax 2016 award winners

**GULF** carrier Emirates has taken out the title of 'World's Best Airline' as voted by air travellers in the 2016 Skytrax World Airline Awards, it has been announced.

Emirates pipped rival Middle Eastern airline, Qatar Airways for the gong, which was revealed overnight in London.

EK president Sir Tim Clark said the Dubai-based carrier was honoured to be recognised by Skytrax, saying "Emirates has always put our customers at the heart of what we do, and we work hard to deliver the very best experience possible to our customers at every touchpoint, every day, all around the world".

Also in the Top 10 (in order) was Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, All Nippon Airways, Etihad Airways, Turkish Airlines, EVA Air, Qantas and Lufthansa.

Virgin Australia fell two places in this year's ranking, dropping from 16 to 18, while Jetstar Airways

slid back from 41 to 46.

Emirates scored top marks in the 'Best Inflight Entertainment' category, followed by Singapore Airlines and Qatar Airways.

Etihad Airways achieved the 'World's Best First Class'.

QR was lauded with 'World's Best Business Class Airline', with Singapore Airlines and Etihad Airways in second and third.

The 'World's Best Economy Class' Airline was awarded to Asiana Airlines, followed by Qatar Airways and Singapore Airlines.

Locally, Qantas was rated the 'Best Airline in Australia/Pacific', ahead of Air New Zealand, Virgin Australia, Jetstar Airways and Fiji Airways, then Tiger Airways (Aus).

THAI Airways was 'World's Most Improved Airline' and Cathay Pacific was deemed to have the 'World's Cleanest Aircraft Cabins'.

Garuda Indonesia had the 'World's Best Cabin Staff'.

For all the lists, **CLICK HERE**.

## Airline reviews take off on TripAdvisor

**GLOBAL** travel review website TripAdvisor has introduced airline reviews of all major airlines.

The roll-out of the new platform coincides with the redesign of TripAdvisor's flights search service, offering a "flyscore" rating based on the opinions of customers.

"The new enhancements to the site bring transparency to a marketplace that has become increasingly difficult for consumers to make direct comparisons between flight options," the company said.

TripAdvisor added the platform provides a "virtual go-to resource for making more informed travel decisions based not only on the price of the flight, but the total travel experience".

Initially, reviews are available in 48 markets and 29 languages, with a number of airlines encouraging passengers to share their feedback - more **HERE**.



## Window Seat

**IT'LL** be snowing in Saudi Arabia with the country's first Snow City debuting today.

Opening at Al Othaim Mall Rabwa in Riyadh, the temperature inside the icy playground will sit under three degrees, a stark contrast to the sweltering temperatures outside where it's not uncommon for the mercury to rise above 50 degrees.

Snow City covers over 5,000 square metres and has an hourly capacity of 350 people.

The tourist attraction pulls out all the stops with a panoramic suspension bridge, ice bumper cars, sledge and ski zone, rope courses, climbing wall and snow mobiles among its highlights.

Some people might even visit just for some cool relief.

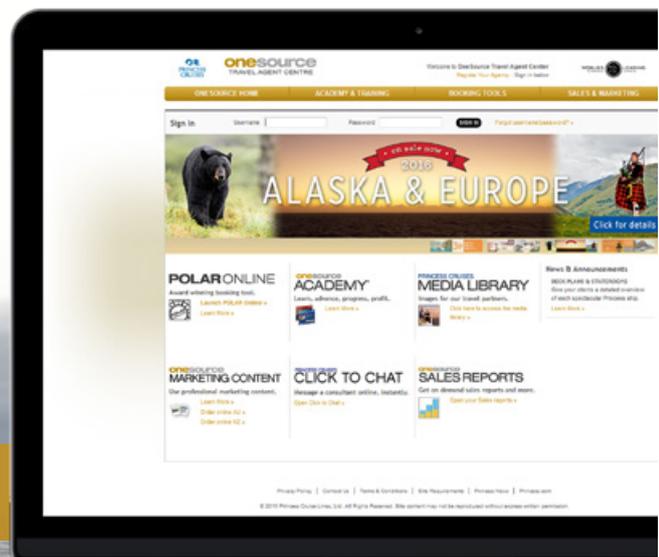
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## Disney Star Wars Land teaser



**DISNEY** has revealed a sneak peek of its latest attraction, *Star Wars* land (**TD** 17 Aug 2015).

The image (pictured above) is being proudly displayed on the fence along Big Thunder Trail in Frontierland in Disneyland, which is set to become one of the entry points to the never-before-seen attraction at the resort.

The 14-acre land will be the largest single-themed land expansion at Disneyland Resort.

## NYC Restaurant Week

**BOOKINGS** are now open for dining deals across 387 participating restaurants for the NYC Restaurant Week Summer 2016 program.

Forty-nine new restaurants have been added to the repertoire this year, which includes over 30 different cuisines spread across 40 neighbourhoods in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island - **CLICK HERE** for details.

Find out the latest about why Sri Lanka is the next hot destination for Aussies in the July issue of *travelBulletin*.

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## Qatar Airways triples profit

**QATAR** Airways has almost tripled its operating profit for the 2016 fiscal year, from 1.1 billion QAR in 2015 to 3 billion QAR, aided by expenditure cuts and lowered oil prices.

The latest figures represent an 8.6% operating profit margin, which is an improvement of nearly six percentage points from the prior year, the company revealed this week.

The Doha-based carrier also reported a net profit of 1.6 billion QAR which resulted in a net profit margin of 4.5%, when compared with last year's net profit jump of 1.1% at 374 million QAR.

Group chief executive Akbar Al Baker said the 2016 fiscal year was the best yet for QR.

"Our results reflect the discipline and dedication of the more than 39,369 men and women who proudly represent our airline and its associated brands," he remarked.

For the year ending 31 Mar, Qatar reduced its expenses by 1.5% and increased its cash and bank balance from 5.5 billion QAR to 12 billion QAR.

**MEANWHILE**, Qatar Airways has announced its intentions to acquire a stake in LATAM Airlines.

As much as 10 percent of the Chile-based LATAM is expected to be bought by QR, valued at US\$613 million.

Making the announcement at the Farnborough Air Show this week, Al Baker said: "LATAM represents an exciting opportunity to invest and support the development of our long-term relationship".

LATAM chief executive Enrique Cuetto told *The Wall Street Journal* that the investment will enable the airline to explore new possibilities to connect South America with the Middle East and Asia, as well as strengthen their financial position.



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## Quest biggest hotel

**QUEST** Apartment Hotels has partnered with property developer MAB and Singapore-based owner/operator The Ascott Limited to build its largest apartment hotel complex to date at New Quay, Docklands in Melbourne.

Construction of the 221-room, \$71 million new-build will begin as early as next year, with the completion of the project slated for 2019.

Quest chairman Paul Constantinou said the deal represents the blueprint for how the partnership will operate in the future.

"We are seeing lots of enquires from residential developers at the moment who are looking to diversify their land holdings through exploring mixed use opportunities with Quest," said Constantinou.

The latest project is part of the Quest's \$500 million strategic collaboration with Ascott (**TD** 23 Oct 14) to invest in new Quest developments across the Australian Eastern seaboard.

## DoubleTree Chch

**HILTON** Worldwide has struck a deal with M&L Hospitality to manage the current Chateau on the Park Christchurch, as a DoubleTree by Hilton hotel.

Taking effect from 01 Sep, the 192-room property features food and beverage outlets, meeting rooms, a business centre, pool and gym.

Hilton Worldwide vp Australasia Robert Scullin said the group were committed to growing their presence in New Zealand.

"The signing of Chateau on the Park Christchurch as a DoubleTree by Hilton hotel is integral to our portfolio expansion plan for the country, which focuses on key cities and leisure destinations across both the North and South Islands of New Zealand," he said.

## Seabreeze free wed

**COUPLES** who stay a minimum of seven nights at the Seabreeze Resort in Samoa between 01 Nov and 31 Mar can also take advantage of a free wedding ceremony valued at over \$1,000.

Included in the deal is a dressed beach wedding set-up, bouquet of tropical flowers for the bride, minister or celebrant, all fees, license and admin costs and much more.

More details available [HERE](#).



**A GROUP** of Sydney-based Personal Travel Managers recently engaged in a face-to-face training session at the Endeavour Private Lounge on board Captain Cook Cruises' *MV Sydney 2000* as it cruised along the harbour.

The day kicked-off with a product update on Captain Cook Cruises' and Sealink product initiatives, followed by a series of presentations and networking sessions.

**Pictured** above all smiles are some of TravelManagers' Sydney-based personal travel managers after the business review cluster meeting, facilitated by the New South Wales Business Partnership Managers and hosted by Captain Cook Cruises.

## Scotland: Beam me in

**VISITSCOTLAND** has launched an all-new online initiative as part of its Spirit of Scotland campaign which will see Scots from all around the world share personal stories on what makes the country so special to them.

Dubbed iKnow Scotland, the new community will feature live web chats, trip planning and a forum in which people can tell their own stories, show pictures, inspire others and provide advice.

A face-to-face program will also be introduced, which will see VisitScotland partners working with attractions and accom providers to deliver information and advice to visitors.

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# AirAsia Airbus A321neo order



**AIRASIA** has signed an agreement to buy 100 A321neo aircraft from Airbus, marking the first order placed by the low-cost carrier for the larger 240 passenger jet.

The order, valued at US\$12.6b at list prices, was announced at the Farnborough Airshow by AirAsia Group ceo Tony Fernandes and Airbus president and ceo Fabrice Brégier.

The A321neos will be used on the carriers most popular routes - bringing higher passenger volumes with the same slots.

**Pictured** at yesterday's press conference are AirAsia Berhad's ceo Aireen Omar, Tony Fernandes, Fabrice Brégier and Airbus coo - customer John Leahy.

## Khiri enters Jaffna

**A NEW** three night itinerary to Jaffna in northern Sri Lanka has been introduced by Khiri Travel.

"The ground-breaking travel experiences are now available in an area still healing its wounds after a civil war that lasted until 2009," the company said.

General manager Gonzalo Gil Lavedra told *Travel Daily* "the time is right" to enter the region, which is now peaceful and returning to normal.

Khiri Travel's trip through Jaffna will showcase the region's historical, cultural and culinary attractions, with guests travelling by train, bicycle, catamaran and jeep on the four-day tour.

More details [HERE](#).

## 2nd 4 Seasons Tokyo

**FOUR** Seasons Hotels & Resorts will expand its presence in Tokyo having signed a deal with Mitsui Fidosan Co to open a second property in the bustling Otemachi business district.

With approximately 190-rooms, the Four Seasons Otemachi will occupy the upper six floors of the 39-storey mixed-use office tower, and is slated to welcome guests from spring 2020.

## Pearson Ambassador

**AUSTRALIAN** track star Sally Pearson has been named as the first official ambassador for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, running 04-15 Apr 2018.

Pearson will be among a number of high profile figures who will elevate awareness of the 2018 Games.

## Vienna ATM fraud

**SMARTTRAVELLER** is warning Australian travellers to be wary of ATM fraud in Vienna following increasing reports of incidents.

Yesterday, DFAT said instances of ATM theft are on the rise particularly around St Stephen's Cathedral, urging travellers to "look closely at the ATM and do not insert your card if anything looks suspicious".

## Hands On evolving

**SYDNEY-BASED** travel company Hands On Journeys has beefed up its number of small group tours in 2017 to destinations including India, Cambodia and Vietnam.

Hands On Journeys, which was launched last year, specialises in trips which make a difference to the communities in which they travel, owner/founder Simla Sooboodoo said.

"The concept of integrating empowering journeys into development and tourism is extremely dynamic and that's how it should be; offering one inspired trip that will make a difference in everyone's life - yours & the people you will meet along the journey," she said.

Sooboodoo, who previously worked at Grand Circle Travel - Overseas Adventure Travel for close to 10 years, has engaged a sales team to drive awareness of the brand within the trade, with a mission to "provide nothing but an authentic touring experience for the Australian traveller".

See [handsonjourneys.com.au](http://handsonjourneys.com.au).

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## Philippines, Singapore twin-city campaign

**THE** Philippine Department of Tourism and partnered with Singapore Airlines for a new 'twin centre' campaign in a bid to entice British visitors.

With the aim of reaching an audience of over 700,000 - the multi-platform push will promote the best dives, islands and beaches, food and holiday packages in the Philippines.

The drive launched this month on the First Stop Singapore website under the 'Next Stop' section **HERE**.

## BA Chinese cabin crew

**BRITISH** Airways' first Chinese cabin crew is operating on flights from Beijing, Shanghai and Chengdu to London.

The 54 recruits were chosen from over 2,500 applicants and have been inducted via an eight-week training program in London.

All flights from China to London will have at least two Chinese crew on board.

## Airbnb Open 2016

**THE** third Airbnb Open will take place in Los Angeles in Nov with this year's event being transformed into a 'festival of hosting'.

The event will see Airbnb's community gather in one place to forge connections with each other and learn tips for successful hosting, as well as hearing the latest news from the company.

Big names including Ashton Kutcher, Gwyneth Paltrow and Elizabeth Gilbert have been confirmed as keynote speakers along with Airbnb's founders, executives and more than 30 host and guest educators.

There will also be a range of music, art and food throughout the three-day event.

Earlybird ticket registration has opened today - to join, go to [www.airbnb.com/open](http://www.airbnb.com/open).

## Snowtunes festival

**MUSIC** festival Snowtunes has been secured for the Snowy Mountains over the next three years and is expected to attract many first time visitors to the region.

The event, which kicks off in Sep, is expected to lure more than 10,000 visitors and generate in excess of \$2.4 million over the three year period.

## W Hotel takes The Ribbon



**NSW** Planning & Infrastructure has approved the demolition of the existing IMAX building in Darling Harbour, Sydney to make way for a new luxury hotel.

The project, previously flagged in **Travel Daily** (TD 28 Jan), will see the landmark site on Sydney's harbour foreshore converted into a 25-storey building, containing a hotel, serviced apartments, retail and "entertainment uses".

Paperwork filed with the govt indicates the hotel will offer three different accommodation types - rooms, suites and apartments.

'The Ribbon Hotel Scheme' is being developed by construction group Grocon and it will consist of two towers, the second a separate two level retail structure.

Despite objections from the City of Sydney Council regarding a number of concerns, the NSW

Planning Assessment Commission said it was "satisfied that the intended use is in unison with the surrounds".

"The Commission notes that the building responds to the scale and massing of the city buildings within close proximity and will complement the new Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct development," it stated.

*News Corp* reports the hotel is destined to be operated under Starwood Hotels & Resorts luxury brand, W Hotels & Resorts, and will feature 402-rooms.

The \$700 million project will be owned by Chinese investor Zhengtang, which seeks to raise capital from China to finance The Ribbon Hotel & Residences, and is earmarked to open in 2019, *The Australian* reports.

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# 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).



**Lemala Camps and Lodges** has completed a refresh of its tented camps in Lemala Nduu, Lemala Mara, Lemala Ewanjan and Lemala Ngorongoro. Rooms have received a new makeover and are now furnished with fresh furniture and improved lighting, with decks extended in rooms, lounges and dining areas.



**Castaway Island Fiji** reopened in Jun following a three month clean-up of as a result of Feb's tropical cyclone Winston. Fourteen of the 64 burees have either been completely rebuilt or refurbished, with the outdoor kitchen also receiving a facelift.

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**PICTURED:** Repping her favourite team above is Footy Tipping Round 15 winner Ellie Mastrapostolos of helloworld Milton Qld, with her prize courtesy of inPlace Recruitment.

## Royal Davui stay pay

**GUESTS** staying at Royal Davui Island Resort in Fiji can attain two nights free when booking seven consecutive nights on the Island and in Premium Villas.

The luxury resort also has a Stay 5, Pay 4 promotion on all villa categories, year-round.

See [www.royaldavui.com](http://www.royaldavui.com).

## Ovation's Aussie art collection

**ROYAL** Caribbean has released further details of the all-new art collection on board *Ovation of the Seas*, including pieces by Australian artists, ahead of the ship's maiden sailing in Australia from Dec.



Curated by London-based Peter Millard and Partners, the collection features contemporary pieces from artists from around the world.

Close to 20% of the 11,000-piece, US\$4.5 million dollar art collection featured on board is from Australian artists, including Emma Hack, Rowena Martinich and Joseph Marr.

**Pictured** above is Emma Hack's Wallpaper Cockatoos which will feature in the ship's music hall.

## Fiji NTIA welcome

**TOURISM** Fiji has partnered with AFTA for this weekend's highly anticipated National Travel Industry Awards in Sydney, as the Arrivals Sponsor.

Regional director Australia for Tourism Fiji Carlah Walton said the tourist office was "very proud" to partner with AFTA for this year's NTIAs.

The event is being hosted at The Pavilion at Darling Harbour on Sat.

## Planet's 'Best in Asia'

**LONELY** Planet has named Japan's Hokkaido prefecture as the best destination to visit in Asia this year on its inaugural 'Best in Asia' list.

Compiled by Lonely Planet writers, the list describes the country's northernmost island of Hokkaido as having "a wild, mountainous landscape that begs exploration on foot, bike or motorbike" with great seafood and easy access via the new bullet train.

Shanghai in China came in second with its brand new Disney resort listed as a highlight followed by Jeonju, South Korea in third place for its preserved traditional villages and street food scene.

See the full list [HERE](#).

## New Vietnam Air ceo

**JETSTAR** Pacific's chairman Doung Tri Thanh has been named as the new president and chief exec officer of Vietnam Airlines, Air Transport World is reporting.

**MEANWHILE**, VN yesterday announced it has introduced online check-in, available 24hrs prior to flight departure.

## CNTO 'invite only'

**TRAVEL Daily** wishes to clarify China National Tourism Office's special event being held in Sydney next month (*TD* yesterday) is an 'invitation only' function, with guests to be contacted directly.

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## AMEX/ Airbnb pact

**AMERICAN** Express Global Business Travel (GBT) has entered a new agreement with Airbnb catering to business travellers.

The program will see GBT and Airbnb integrate Airbnb booking information into GBT's reporting platform, allowing GBT's customers to easily track their travellers' Airbnb bookings.

The first phase of the pact is expected to go live in the US in the next few weeks then expand to more countries later this year.

## Solomon weddings

**SEVERAL** Solomon Island church elders have given their 'in principle' blessing to allow overseas couples to legally wed in the country.

The support follows a gathering called by the Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau which is looking to grow the destination's appeal to international travellers wanting to tie the knot overseas.

Such a blessing is key in getting the current Matrimony Law amended which doesn't allow overseas couples' weddings to be legally recognised in their country of origin.

Several local resort operators already have wedding packages and are keen to building on-resort wedding chapels.

## Toyota backs AA DFW

**THE** US arm of Japanese car manufacturer Toyota has thrown its support behind American Airlines' plan to introduce daytime services from Dallas/Fort Worth to Tokyo Haneda.

In Apr, AA lodged an application with the US Department of Transportation to begin daily year-round flights on the route, utilising Boeing 777-200 aircraft, commencing as early as 30 Oct.

In a letter to the Department filed this week, Toyota said the new route is the "best way to maximise consumer benefits".

"Through DFW, American's customers will have one-stop service from Haneda to important international business hubs such as London, Paris, Madrid and Frankfurt in Europe, as well as Mexico City, Bogota, Lima, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo and dozens of other cities in Latin America," Toyota told the DOT.

## TNZ filmmaker video

**OSCAR** winning filmmaker James Cameron expresses his love of New Zealand in 100% Pure New Zealand's new promotional video which is being released to the country's key markets.

Cameron shares his personal stories and insights while exploring some of New Zealand's most beautiful locations.

Tourism New Zealand chief executive Kevin Bowler said he is confident the video will inspire more people to visit the land of the long white cloud.

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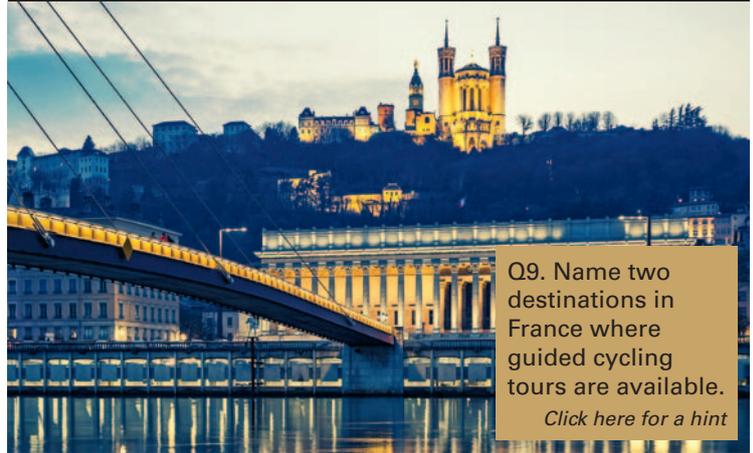
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The 737 MAXs will carry short-haul customers further with a lower environmental impact while the 787-9 will fly up to 45 more pax an additional 520kms with 20% less fuel use compared to the model they replace.

## New Sheraton Grand

**THE** newly opened Sheraton Istanbul Atasehir has been designated as a Sheraton Grand, marking the brand's second Grand property in Turkey.

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