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## TTW comms back up

A COMMUNICATIONS outage at Travel the World this morning that impacted the company's phone lines & emails (**TD** special alert) has now been rectified.

TTW said it's "all systems go" for travel agent engagement.

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## Bali Hotels deplores DFAT

**THE** Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade is under-fire from the Bali Hotels Association (BHA) relating to "recent hype" surrounding concerns about the Zika virus in Indonesia.

Last week, DFAT's Smarttraveller site issued an update warning Aussies bound for Indonesia, incl Bali, to protect themselves against mosquito bites.

Just days later, Virgin Australia issued a waiver for travellers with flights booked to Denpasar (Bali), enabling affected pax to defer travel for up to 14 days (**TD** Wed).

In a memo to stakeholders issued yesterday, the BHA said it wished to clarify the situation which has been "sensationalised through the Australian media".

"We would like to inform you that based on information BHA received from a spokesman for the Indonesian Ministry of Health

that Australians considering travelling to Indonesia should not be worried about contracting the Zika virus, despite a recent travel advisory from the Australian Govt," the BHA stated.

The Bali-based organisation said the country had not been affected by the virus, referring to a recent report by the World Health Organisation that excluded Indonesia from the list of nations experiencing an outbreak.

BHA slammed DFAT, adding "we can only deplore, as we have done so for the last few years, that the Australian warning system relays information that is often linked to hearsay".

The grilling continued, with BHA saying DFAT's updates are "not location specific and most importantly that each time new information (regardless of its importance) is posted, it pops-up as a 'change in travel warning' and every time replicating fears that are not founded".

BHA said it regularly talks with the WHO to ensure member hotels & guests are well informed.

DFAT was sought for comment by **Travel Daily** but was unable to respond before **TD**'s deadline.

## QF/EK fare increases

**QANTAS** has announced it will be increasing a range of airfares across the UK, Europe, North Africa and the Middle East from 30 Jun following a review with alliance partner, Emirates.

To ticket based on the current int'l fare structure, agents need to issue tickets on/before 29 Jun.

'Day of week' & 'weekend' pricing will be introduced, replacing the weekend Q surcharge on Business, Premium Economy and Economy cabin bookings.

## Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today has eight pages of news & photos, plus full pages from: (click)

- Albatross Tours
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## HU resumes XIY/SYD

**HAINAN** Airlines will replicate seasonal services between Xi'an and Sydney over the northern winter as offered in 2015/16, with twice weekly flights using Airbus A330-200s set to resume from 14 Sep, GDS displays show.

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## Allianz, Citibank pact

**ELIGIBLE** Citibank credit card holders are now able to attain complementary travel insurance through Allianz Global Assistance, including pre-existing medical conditions if travelling abroad. See [allianz-assistance.com.au](http://allianz-assistance.com.au).

## USA growth “unabated”

**AUSTRALIAN** traveller’s passion for the United States remains steadfast, despite concerns the weaker dollar may affect the decision to travel.

Freshly released preliminary international arrivals data from the National Travel and Tourism Office for 2015 indicate that arrivals from Australia jumped by 11.3% year-on-year.

A shade under 1.5 million Aussies travelled to the USA last year, embedding Australia in the Top 10 int’l arrivals market.

Brand USA director Australia & New Zealand Oliver Philpot said the results show the national tourist board’s investment in the market to raise awareness “are delivering significant results”.

Philpot said “We’ve been highly active in supporting the airlines with various cooperative marketing campaigns, delivered a range of impactful programs with our trade partners, grown our education of the travel agent community through the USA Discovery Program” and more.

Unprecedented affordability of airfares across the Pacific and increased capacity was identified as key factors driving growth.

“These results show the decreased value of the Australian dollar has had a minimal impact on travel intention to the USA and actual travel numbers.”

“If the market continues to develop as expected, we believe the current growth will continue unabated,” Philpot added.

A series of new campaigns will be introduced into market over the coming months, encouraging consumers to travel beyond the traditional gateways (**TD** 09 Mar).

## QF trade site log-ins

**ACCESS** to the Qantas Industry Centre, Qantas Industry Sales Site and Group Travel Website will be limited to travel agents with a valid IATA or TIDS (Travel Industry Designator) number from 01 Jul. Register your number by 30 Jun.



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## VA internal rejig

**VIRGIN** Australia has appointed John Thomas to lead its domestic and int’l operations as part of a major restructure, the *Australian Financial Review* is reporting.

Senior execs Gary Hammes, Judith Crompton & Mark Hassell will now report to Thomas, rather than ceo John Borghetti.

## Danube floods impact Travelmarvel cruisers

**TRAVELMARVEL** has advised that higher than normal water levels on parts of the Danube has resulted in river ships being unable to pass under one of the bridges near Vienna.

The swollen river has forced guests on one cruise departure to stay the final three nights of their voyage in a hotel, a Travelmarvel spokesperson told **Travel Daily**.

“Travelmarvel has been liaising with all guests on board regarding this change to their cruise.”

“All other guests are assured that river cruises are currently planned to operate as scheduled,” the spokesperson said.

APT cruises remain unaffected.

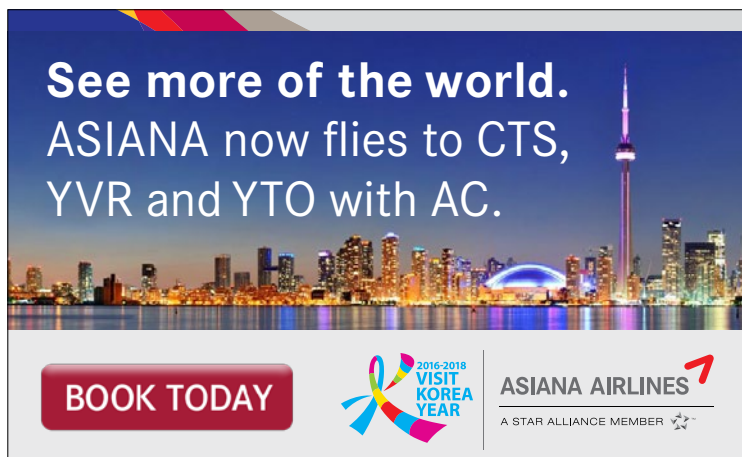


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## SQ/LH take on Gulf carriers on AU route

**THE** Australian Competition & Consumer Commission has been sought to approve a Joint Venture Framework Agreement between Singapore Airlines & Lufthansa in a bid to better compete with Gulf carriers on the Australia route.

The application, filed earlier this week with the regulator, seeks to enable SQ/LH & their respective passenger airline subsidiaries (Austrian and Swiss Air Lines) to coordinate operations between Germany, Austria, Belgium and Switzerland to Australia, as well as Singapore, Malaysia & Indonesia.

SQ/LH's proposed Framework Agreement involves coordinating pricing, sales, marketing and inventory management for all routes between one of the 'home markets' of Lufthansa (Germany, Austria, Belgium or Switzerland) and a 'home market' of Singapore Airlines (Singapore, Australia, Indonesia or Malaysia).

Currently, SQ is the only party in the duo that operates services to Australia, with LH codesharing on routes between Singapore and Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

According to the 40-page application, of which select parts are extracted and marked as "confidential", the codeshare pact will be expanded in Australia, possibly to incorporate Canberra.

The carriers said the joint venture is "likely to result in significant public benefits," which include enhancement of products and services to customers, likely more competitive fares, cost savings and other efficiencies."

"The Gulf carriers (specifically Emirates, Etihad & Qatar Airways) have been expanding services in recent years, and the proposed JV presents an opportunity to increase competition with these carriers, as well as other carriers,"

the applicants told the ACCC.

SQ/LH said Emirates is its prime competitor to its 'home markets' from Australia, with a 29% share of passenger traffic, followed by Etihad Airways (17%) and then Singapore Airlines (15%).

If approved, the SQ/LH/LX & OS JV will increase their combined slice of the market to 25%.

Under the framework, "Revenue Share Routes" at present, will include Singapore to Munich (operated by SQ), Frankfurt (operated by SQ & LH) and Zurich (operated by SQ & Swiss Air).

"Passengers willingness to travel via alternative midpoints is demonstrated by the rapid growth in Middle Eastern carriers on routes between Australia and Europe as recognised by the ACCC," the airlines highlighted.

The application states LH would be "unlikely" to commence its own flights from Asia to Australia.



## Window Seat

**BEAM** me up Scotty!

A proposed strategic program to develop teleportation in the next 20 years has been drawn up for Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, reports the *Telegraph UK*.

The multi-trillion dollar proposal has been listed in the National Technological Initiative, a state-sponsored program designed to pool funds into the research sector.

Other ambitious projects listed in the cybernetics initiative include developing a Russian computer programming language, quantum computing and neural interfaces.





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## THCI recognises state trainers



**THE** Grace Hotel in Sydney set the scene last night for the Tourism Hospitality and Catering Institute's (THCI) award function which recognises the State's best trainers from a large number of training providers.

Minister of Skills, John Barilaro, spoke at the event on the importance of skills training and how industry-based solutions

were his preferred method of improvement.

THCI has been involved with sponsoring and providing recognition to students and trainers nationally since its inception almost 40 years ago.

**Pictured** above at the event is Minister John Barilaro (left) and Rick Myatt, director, AFTA Education and Training.

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## Stamp duty out in VIC

**THE** Accommodation Association of Australia (AAA) is lauding the Victorian Government's decision yesterday to remove stamp duty for foreign purchasers of accommodation businesses in the state.

AAA chief executive Richard Munro said it was a very positive outcome for the accom sector.

"The proposal was seen by our industry as being a virtual 'hotel investment tax' which is why there was such opposition to it," he remarked.

He said with tourism picked to be one of five key industries to grow in Australia over the coming years, the move was necessary to ensure continued investment.

## SYD runway down

**SYDNEY** Airport has advised it is now under single runway operations due to strong wind gusts and is urging customers to contact their airline for updates.

## Expedia unveils film

**TOURISM** Australia has partnered with Expedia to present a new digital advertising campaign to entice people from the UK and the United States to visit Australia.

Tagged 'How far will you go for the things you love?', the interactive film captures picturesque settings in Tasmania, Western Australia and Victoria.

Both 360 degree and traditional 2D footage is utilised, creating an immersive user-experience.

**CLICK HERE** to view the film.

## Glenelg motel revamp

**APPROVAL** has been granted to redevelop Glenelg's existing Comfort Inn Marina Motel.

The upgrade of the property will see it transformed into a five-star hotel with conference facilities, retail and residential apartments.

SA Planning Minister John Rau said the rebuild will provide a boost in jobs and tourism.

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## Snow Conditions

**WELCOME** to **TD's** regular snow conditions update, providing information on the latest snow falls, depths and lifts in operation across key Australia and New Zealand ski-fields.

Here's the latest snow reports:

- Falls Creek - 46cm / 3 lifts
- Perisher - 43.7cm / 5 lifts
- Thredbo - 43.7cm / 5 lifts
- Charlotte Pass - 35cm / 0 lifts
- Mt Hotham - 45cm / 2 lifts
- Mt Buller - 22cm / 2 lifts
- Coronet Peak - 50cm / 1 lift
- The Remarkables - 30cm / 5 lifts
- Mt Hutt - 30cm / 3 lifts
- Cardrona - 25cm / 5 lifts

## United Ski incentive

United Airline's latest incentive will reward ten Aussie agents who complete their training module in the lead up to the US ski season with a holiday in Mar 2017.

Travelling on United's *Dreamliner* aircraft, the winners will head to Reno-Lake Tahoe or Salt Lake City to experience skiing or boarding and après skiing activities in these regions.

The incentive will be offered in partnership with ski resorts in Utah and Nevada and all agents who complete the training with a minimum score of 85% will be eligible to win a place on the trip.

The training module opened on 01 Jun and will run until 31 Jul.

To register and complete the training, see [flyunited.com.au/ski](http://flyunited.com.au/ski).

## eCreators VR at TIE

A **VIRTUAL** reality space designed for the travel industry will be showcased at the Travel Industry Exhibition by eCreators.

The company offers an e-learning platform, Learnbook and says the VR experience will take participants "to remote locations all over the world".

Several headsets will be up for grabs at the exhibition.

Register for TIE **HERE**.

## QF update webinars

"Network Update" webinars will be held by Qantas on 29 Jun at 0830, 0930, 1030 and 1430 AEST.

To register for the 20 minute sessions, or for more information, **CLICK HERE**.

## Biz travellers' wants

**IMPROVED** wi-fi and a larger budget to extend trips are on the wishlist for many business travellers, according to the GBTA Business Traveler Sentiment Index Global Report.

The report found respondents who want to work inflight say the biggest hindrance to their productivity is a lack of in-seat power outlets.

Other bugbears include seat-size, tray table size and lack of adequate USB outlets.

The study also revealed 44% of companies allow employees to use ride-sharing and 28% allow home-sharing when they travel for work.



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## HLO agents experience Contiki



**CONTIKI** recently hosted a group of Helloworld agents on a mega famil exploring Europe.

Staying in locations such as Chateau de Cruix in France and the Austrian Gasthof in the Swiss Alps; agents gathered from all across the US, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, India and Malaysia to sample Contiki's European journeys first-hand.

Helloworld agents in attendance included: Maddison Kirk, Rebecca

Hawkless, Chelsea Albert, Ruby Smith, Phil Hoffmann, Toni Sarich, Robert Ehemann, Molly Leech, Madeline Pantazis, Kiera Scott, Jamie-Lee Holloway and Cath Bisaro.

The adventurers are **pictured** above in front of the iconic Lion monument in Lucerne.

## Laucala reopening

**IN ONE** week on 01 Jul, Laucala Island will reopen after being fully restored following damage caused by Cyclone Winston.

The private island retreat has undergone a four-month refresh of its landscaping, along with regular maintenance of its villas and public spaces.

The 25-villa resort will reopen on 01 Jun.

For bookings or inquiries, email [reservations@laucala.com](mailto:reservations@laucala.com).

## EK KK DXB/AKL A380

**EMIRATES** has confirmed the reassignment of A380 aircraft on its non-stop services between Dubai and Auckland (**TD 08 Jun**).

The first flight from DBX-AKL at the beginning of Mar was flown using an A380, but the airline has since operated the route using Boeing 777-200LR aircraft.

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# Agents kick back in Thailand



**EIGHT** Hoot Holidays agents said 'sawasdee' to Thailand this month on an eight-day famil exploring the exotic kingdom. Adventures, culinary experiences and wellness were on the menu for the lucky attendees, who participated in cooking classes; lounged about in luxury resorts; and took in the natural beauty and hospitality Thailand is famed for.

The group stayed at Centara

Karon Resort Phuket, Cape Panwa Hotel and Sunwing Resort Kamala Beach before moving onwards to Centara Anda Dhevi Resort & Spa.

**Pictured** feeling pampered from left are George Kenton, general manager, Centara Anda Dhevi; Paul Laguna, Kanjana Jorenchai, Centara Anda Dhevi; Ueki Binas, Belinda Lahood, Jasmin Philip, Clarisa San Diego, Chenoa Everett, Kerry Vassiladis, Yan Pagtalunan and Rutjiret Ananphong.

## Wolfe Lodge Georgia

**GREAT** Wolfe Resorts has announced it will expand into Georgia in 2018.

Planned for the city of LaGrange, the 456-suite Great Wolfe Lodge Georgia will offer several dining options, flexible conference space and dozens of entertainment options.

Attractions include the Great Wolfe Adventure Park; MagiQuest live-action game; Story Time by the fireplace and more.

## EVA SKYTRAX award

**SKYTRAX** awarded EVA Air its coveted 5-Star Airline Ranking last week, during a special ceremony in Taipei.

Accepting the prize was EVA chairman Steve Lin, who said "it is deeply gratifying that all of our hard work to keep quality service an strategy as our top priorities is recognised".

EVA is the eighth airline in the world to receive SKYTRAX's five-Star Airline Ranking.

## Wendy Wu flash sale

**ASIAN** holiday specialists, Wendy Wu, has slashed the prices on several of its Asian itineraries.

Book 28 Jun-01 Jul and save up to \$1,500 per couple on the 16-day Angkor to the Bay tour, with departure on 03 Dec from either Sydney or Melbourne.

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## oneworld ticketing

**FROM** 01 Sep, customers checking in on separate oneworld tickets will need to book connections in a single booking to be eligible for through check-in to their final destination.

Qantas check-in agents will begin informing customers of the policy change from 01 Jul.

**MEANWHILE** QF and AA's inaugural Auckland-Los Angeles service has taken to the skies.

## Mozart godmother

**CRYSTAL** River Cruises named Elisabeth Gurtler as the godmother for its first river ship *Crystal Mozart*.

Gurtler is the managing director of Hotel Sacher, a famous lodging in Vienna.

The vessel will be officially welcomed to the fold at a christening ceremony on 11 Jul.

## UA commissions doco

**UNITED** Airlines teamed up with Tribeca Digital Studios to produce a documentary on US Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls.

A surprise premiere of the documentary was screened today on UA flight 408 from Newark Liberty to Chicago O'Hare.

The film - which centres on five athletes as they get ready to represent the US in Brazil - will be available for inflight viewing from 01 Jul.

## Voyages showcases Indigenous artwork

**AYERS** Rock Resort will host a series of Indigenous Australian artists over the next few months as part of its Artists In Residence program.

Designed to engage guests with Indigenous art, the special program will go from Jul through until Dec.

The artists will exhibit and create art at the resort, with works also available for sale.



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## Battlefield Tours 2017

**PRICING** for next year's Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours (MMBT) departures has been released today along with preregistration for 2018 anniversary trips.

With 2018 marking 100 years since the end of WWI there are several key commemorations taking place on the Western Front expected to attract significant numbers of Aussies.

Clients can register for these 2018 journeys, with MMBT's \$250 fully-refundable preregistration fee, which will guarantee seats.

Final prices for these tours are set to be released 12 months prior to departure.

For more information on the 2017 tours or to book, visit MMBT's newly released website [www.battlefields.com.au](http://www.battlefields.com.au) or phone 1300 880 340.

## Bali visitor stats

**AUSTRALIAN** tourist arrivals in Bali are up a massive 20% year-on-year for May, jumping from 77,502 in May 2015 to 92,977 in the same month this year.

A total of 429,017 Aussies visited the popular tourist island this year alone, up 9.6% on last year's Aussie arrivals in the holiday hotspot in the same period of 391,423.

Overall the number of foreign arrivals in Bali between Jan and May 2016 stands at 1,862,243 compared to 1,555,747 between Jan and May 2015.

This 19.7% spike in arrivals demonstrates the rising popularity of the nation.

## Rotorua mud festival

**A \$1.5 million** investment from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment will see Rotorua play host to New Zealand's first mud festival.

The event is scheduled to take place in Dec 2017 and is expected to increase international interest in the destination.

## NSW welcomes Gretzky



**PREMIER** of New South Wales Mike Baird along with NSW Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events Stuart Ayres welcomed famous Canadian ice hockey player Wayne Gretzky, to Sydney this week.

The Ministers joined Gretzky and some junior NSW hockey players, on a pop-up ice rink in front of Sydney Harbour.

This is Gretzky's first visit to Sydney, secured exclusively by Destination NSW.

With a career spanning 20 seasons, Gretzky is regarded as the best player on the ice, hence the nickname 'The Great One'.

Pictured **above** is Mike Baird together with Wayne Gretzky.

## Wyndham Grand ATH

**WYNDHAM** Hotel Group is planning to open Wyndham Grand Athens early next year.

The 273-room hotel will feature conference and event space, a restaurant, bar, spa and a roof-garden with a pool and a 360° view of the city skyline.

The hotel will be positioned in the city centre near the Metro and many key attractions.

## Thredbo snowmaking

**KOSCIUSZKO** Thredbo has launched a development application with the NSW Government's Department of Planning & Environment to build \$75,000 of Earthworks and Snowmaking infrastructure at Thredbo Alpine Resort.

The project is set to go on public exhibition **HERE** from 29 Jun to 28 Jul.

## WA campaign success

**THE** Tourism WA 'Just Another Day in WA' digital tourism campaign has reached around 1.1 million people online, just a fortnight after its launch.

The push aims to highlight the natural beauty locals may take for granted in their state.

West Australians are also supporting the #justanotherdayinWA hashtag on social media using the it more than 14,700 times.

Instagram is the most popular social media platform for the hashtag with 10,500 posts while the 'Just Another Day in WA' website has had 24,000 hits.



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**Marker Manager, Premium Experiences:** This brand new role is charged to deliver on strategic experience projects for RedBalloon, ensuring the business remains competitive, attractive and relevant for expanding opportunities and customers. As we expand into new areas, we know that our customers are looking for curated, unique and high end experiences – therefore this role is dedicated to finding, creating and sourcing product in this niche space. To be successful in this role, you will need tourism experience and a thorough understanding of high end product & supplier management.

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# Travel Specials

**WELCOME** to Travel Specials, *Travel Daily's* Friday feature. If your firm has released a travel special you'd like to make the industry aware of, send the details to [specials@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:specials@traveldaily.com.au).

**SkiJapan.com** is offering three-nights free accommodation at Furano Resort's New Furano Prince Hotel as part of a seven-night earlybird package deal from \$1,635pp, when booked by 30 Jun. See [SkiJapan.com](http://SkiJapan.com).

Save up to \$40 per night with the Winter Warmer Hot Deal at Melbourne's **Metro Apartments on Bank Place**. Prices start from \$135 per night for stays between now and 31 Aug, call 03 9604 4321.

Experience the thrill of sports fishing with **Groote Eylandt Lodge's** special five-night package from \$4,500pp twin share including airfares from Darwin to Groote & a private sports fishing guide. Call 08 8987 7077.

The Celebration Travel Company has a three-night girls getaway on offer at **Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa** from \$969pp twin share including a 60 minute spa treatment email [agents@celebrationtravelcompany.com.au](mailto:agents@celebrationtravelcompany.com.au).

## Universal Volcano Bay revealed



**UNIVERSAL** Studios Orlando in Florida has unveiled designs for its latest attraction, Volcano Bay.

The water theme park will be divided across four primary areas, offering 18 attractions such as multi-directional wave pools with sandy beaches, twisting multi-rider raft rides and slides.

Spanning 28 acres, Volcano Bay

will have resort-like amenities such as concierge locations and lockers, themed restaurants and bars and signature food options.

Volcano Bay is slated to open in 2017, with international tickets on sale soon for travel dates beginning 01 Jun next year.

**CLICK HERE** for a sneak peek video of the new attraction.

## Lindblad special

**BOOK** a Lindblad Galapagos expedition by 31 Aug to receive \$500 in savings per person plus a complimentary flight between Guayaquil and Galapagos on select 2016 departures.

The deal works in conjunction on new bookings on board the *National Geographic Endeavour* and the *National Geographic Islander*, subject to availability.

Call 1300 361 012.

## Emirates 20 years

**EMIRATES** will commemorate 20 years of flying to Australia this weekend at Melbourne Airport.

The Victorian capital was the carrier's first Australian destination in 1996, eleven years after EK's inaugural flight.

The celebrations on Sun will see gifts handed out to passengers, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra perform for guests at check-in.

## Rejuvenation offer

**THE** Essence of Fiji Rejuvenation Centre, a transit lounge five minutes from Nadi Airport is offering two-for-one passes from today until 15 Aug with regular passes retailing for \$50.

The centre offers free luggage storage, showers, lockers, a movie room, rooftop lounge and in-house shopping.

The pass must be used before 31 Dec, **CLICK HERE** for more.

## CZ direct to Malacca

**CHINA** Southern Airlines is launching its first nonstop charter flight between Guangzhou and Malacca, Malaysia on 29 Sep.

CZ will fly the route once every five days until Jan 2017.

**MEANWHILE**, the carrier resumed its thrice weekly nonstop Guangzhou to Moscow service this week.

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## VRL, Topgolf tie-up

**TOPGOLF** has expanded its global community, signing a letter of intent today to license its concept exclusively to Australia with Village Roadshow Limited.

The six hectare venue will be situated next to Warner Bros. Movie World on the Gold Coast. Construction will begin on the golfing entertainment facility within the next few months with an opening scheduled for mid- to late 2017.

Village Roadshow is also looking to open further Topgolf venues throughout Australia over the coming years and is even in talks about Asian markets.

## Win a trip to Germany

Including a  
German Rail  
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& stays in  
Frankfurt and  
Dresden

Lufthansa is giving **TD** readers the chance to win a Famil Trip for two to Frankfurt, valued at over \$5,000. The prize includes:

- Two return Economy Class to Singapore and Lufthansa Premium Economy class ticket to Frankfurt
- 5 days within 1 month German Rail Pass in First Class
- 2 Nights at Best Western Hotel Macrander in Dresden, a City Tour, and 2 Day Dresden Public Transport Card
- 2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Frankfurt, a City Tour, and 2 Day Frankfurt Public Transport Card

Click **HERE** to learn more about Lufthansa Premium Economy Class and visit [www.Germany.travel](http://www.Germany.travel) for more information.

To win, have the most correct answers and the most creative entry to the final question. Send them to [lufthansa@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:lufthansa@traveldaily.com.au)

Q17. The German Rail Pass allows you to travel to/from Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, France, Croatia and Denmark on select buses and trains. True or false?



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Gold Coast, Salary Negotiable DOE, Ref: 2186SZ1

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For more information please call Serena on  
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### Customer Service – Japanese Speaking

Sydney, \$40-50k + Super, Ref: 2351HC1

My client is looking for a Japanese Customer Service Consultant and a Team Leader to join their team in Sydney. This is a great opportunity for an experienced customer service consultant and Team Leader with Japanese language skills to join one of the leading inbound travel companies in Sydney. You will be trained on new products destinations. In return you will receive a competitive salary depending on experience plus super and the chance to work for a leading travel company.

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If you have a sound understanding of airfares, complex itinerary changes and ticketing and would like more of a work/life balance then this could be the role for you. My client is a leading online travel agent and they are seeking a customer service advisor to join their team. Your ability to problem solve and assist customers with their queries around fare changes and refund processing will propel you in your career. The position is located in Melbourne and an attractive salary is on offer.

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### Temporary Corporate Travel Consultant

Perth, Excellent Hourly Rate, Ref:1234SO10

An interesting temporary role has arisen to commence immediately for a corporate consultant who is skilled at Galileo, Crosscheck and fares and ticketing for a great company in a lovely location. A fun environment and friendly staff make this the perfect position for around 3 weeks. If you believe that you fit the bill for this role or other temporary positions around Perth, please do get in touch. You must have experience of self-ticketing and be able to hit the ground running.

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(02) 9113 7272 or click [APPLY](#) now.

### Luxury High End Travel Consultant

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If worldwide luxury travel is your passion & you have travelled extensively, why not move to an agency where high end travel is their focus! You will be creating bespoke holidays & booking luxury travel packages and cruises to worldwide destinations. The ultimate purpose of this role is to create & convert the sale of high quality tailor-made itineraries to exceed client's expectations. Join this busy, boutique travel agency and be rewarded with a lucrative bonus scheme & family opportunities.

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### High End Travel Consultant

Kogarah, Package to \$55k, Ref: 2198PE4

This fantastic agency is looking for a new team member to join their boutique travel agency. This opportunity offers great work/life balance & the future career prospects. Leave the daily grind of the city commute & work close to home Monday to Friday only. A great mix of new & return high-end business will keep you busy throughout the day. You must have a minimum of 2 years consulting & the drive to be successful. If this sounds like you please apply & reap the rewards in this new travel role.

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### Africa Travel Specialist

Melbourne, Competitive Salary Package, Ref: 2352KF1

Do you have experience in building luxury tailor made trips to Africa? Have you travelled Africa extensively? My client a luxury tour operator requires an Africa Tailor Made Consultant with direct experience of this fantastic destination. Your role will be to tailor make luxury holidays over the phone whilst working towards targets. You will ensure that all luxury hotels, lodges, flights and excursions are booked correctly and maintain exceptional customer service in this fast paced environment.

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### Brand New Corporate Travel Consultant

East Perth, \$55-65k, Ref: SO1234O9

This position is based in a beautiful location and due to their success this organisation is now recruiting two additional staff to respond to the growing needs of its business. Working with an interesting client, you will be managing their travel requirements and you will become an integral part of their national/international travel division. If you relish becoming part of a thriving and growing organisation, then this is the place for you. A minimum of 3 years' travel experience required.

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