



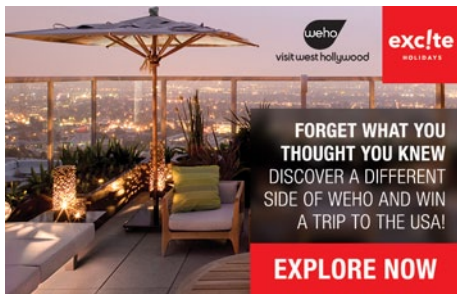
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Fiji urges visitors to come

FIJIAN tourism operators will band together to offer deeply discounted flights and reduced pricing for accommodation packages, in order to keep tourists coming in the wake of last month's devastating cyclone.

A formal Tourism Action Group (TAG) has been convened, and met yesterday at the Westin on Denarau Island, comprising almost 100 people representing large and small tourism operators from across the country.

TAG is firmly focused on "immediate actions to reduce

booking cancellations due to the impact of Tropical Cyclone Winston to parts of Fiji".

Presenters at the meeting included Tourism Fiji executive chairman Truman Bradley as well as Fiji Airways marketing manager Frank Zvonar and TAG chairman Damend Gounder of Tour Managers Fiji.

Gounder said as well as special FJ airfares and accommodation discounts, other initiatives would include advertising and marketing campaigns in key source markets.

"The message is very clear - Fiji is ready to receive tourists," Gounder said, urging all industry partners to align their plans with the action group "and ensure that the experience for visitors is even better than their expectations".

oneworld incentive

QANTAS is this month offering a lucky Australian travel agent a trip of a lifetime, via an incentive with a major prize of two Business class four continent oneworld Explorer tickets.

The trip also includes two nights at a One&Only Resort, with entries gained by booking an eligible oneworld Explorer fare (**TD Mon**) and entering the relevant OSI code via the GDS.

For full details, see the **cover page** of today's *Travel Daily*.

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QANTAS has rejigged its frequent flyer program to allow members to request upgrades using points when making economy or premium economy Classic Flight Rewards bookings.

Options available include upgrades from Economy to Premium Economy, Economy to Business, or Premium Economy to Business, with an updated 'Classic Upgrade Reward' calculator allowing members to work out how many points they need.

The new feature is available on both domestic and international routes, with domestic upgrades to business on Classic Flight Rewards starting at 12,000 points for the shortest routes, through to a maximum of 35,000 points.

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As with all frequent flyer seats, rewards are subject to capacity controls and availability is limited, Qantas advised.

SQ A350 res open

SINGAPORE Airlines has opened reservations for its first A350-900XWB operations, with the new aircraft to debut 08 Mar on the short-haul Singapore-Kuala Lumpur route.

Long haul flights commence 09 May with daily services from Singapore to Amsterdam, with the rollout continuing to Jakarta on 10 May and then thrice weekly to Dusseldorf effective 21 Jul.

Booking.com debuts 'passion search'

ONLINE accommodation giant Booking.com has launched what it's calling a "Passion Search" platform, allowing travellers to easily discover destinations tied to their interests rather than search options limited only to a city or specific hotel.

The new system is debuting with 200 initial "passions" such as skydiving, truffle hunting or tango and more than 1,000 destinations "featured with rich content that perfectly mix curated expertise with real reviews and insights from Booking.com's base of travellers".

Ski.com.au on sale

THE owners of Australia's top ranked snow sports website have placed the ski.com.au domain name on the market.

Founded in 1995, the site claims strong traffic and high search engine rankings, with up to 300,000 monthly unique visitors during the Australian ski season and over 4.5 million page views during peak periods.

There is also an "exceptionally engaged community" with 25,000 chat rooms, and potential to add a booking engine to lift revenue.

Ski.com.au is headed up by Richard Tribe, one of the directors of a firm called Leisurenet Aust.

The sale is being brokered by Martin Kelly, who said the business is "extremely well placed to take advantage of the surge in ski holidays, especially abroad."

"It is a trusted source of information and ready to grow in new hands," he said.

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NZ ski joins Thredbo in resort pass

NEW Zealand's Coronet Peak, Mount Hutt and The Remarkables have joined The Mountain Collective, a global group of ski resorts offering a single lift pass which also includes NSW's Thredbo Alpine Resort.

NZSki is the newest member of The Mountain Collective, billed as "an unprecedented collaboration between the world's best independent ski destinations".

The expansion means the group includes members in Canada, the US, Europe, Japan, South America and Australia as well as New Zealand, with the Mountain Collective Pass allowing two days at Thredbo and two days at any one of the NZ destinations - along with two days skiing at every other member across the globe.

The Mountain Collective 16/17 season pass is now on sale for \$529 with early purchasers also receiving an additional free bonus ski day - mountaincollective.com.

New financial checks for UK agents

SMALL business holders of Britain's Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL) will now be subject to new financial assessments, under changes to be introduced from Jun this year.

The UK's Civil Aviation Authority, which oversees the protection scheme, said the move will ensure that all ATOL holders are subject to "robust financial tests" while at the same time extending its current risk-based approach.

There will be no change to procedures for large ATOL holders (those with revenues of more than £20 million), while the CAA said the administrative burden will be reduced for standard ATOL holders - those licensed for between £5m and £20m.

Small business ATOL holders are defined as companies with a maximum turnover of £1m.

Under the new arrangements these participants will be assessed on the basis of a set of financial ratios which are weighted and

combined to produce an overall measure of the company's financial position based on data from its annual accounts.

The CAA has launched a new online self-assessment tool to enable participants to prepare for the changes.

"The existing tests have been in place for more than 30 years and needed updating to reflect modern risk-based methods for financially assessing the likelihood of business failure," said ATOL chief Andy Cohen.

"In bringing in these changes our primary objective is to reduce the risk of travel company failure and the subsequent impact and disruption to passengers...the new financial assessments will mean we are better placed to properly identify, in advance, those companies that are in, or at risk of financial trouble".

The new financial ratio tests have been developed with a "leading international credit rating organisation and a professional services firm with expertise in the travel sector".

The four financial measures include the Current Ratio, Cash Ratio, Leverage Ratio and Return on Assets for small business ATOL holders, with the addition of three additional ratios: EBIDTA Margin, Revenue Growth and Revenue Variance, for standard ATOL holders.

For large holders the CAA also applies an "in-depth risk based approach" to its financial analysis.

Rocky \$50 giftcard

AGENTS booking any Rocky Mountaineer rail only package through Rail Plus during Mar will receive a \$50 Coles Myer giftcard.

Rail Plus' voucher campaign is also valid for Stay & Play promos offering up to \$600 per couple in credit for bookings made by Fri.



Window Seat

I DONUT mind if I do.

That was the general consensus late yesterday afternoon in the *Travel Daily* office, after receiving a delicious gift of some Donut Time donuts courtesy of the relaunched Jetstar magazine (pictured).

Jetstar has appointed publisher Hardie Grant Media to revamp the magazine which targets "travel addicts and people who love to explore the world" - not to mention donut lovers, with an article in the new edition highlighting the tasty treats.

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Dittloff to serve time

DISGRACED former travel agent Jordan Dittloff was today sentenced to a minimum of 20 months in prison, after last month pleading guilty to 47 charges of theft (**TD** 18 Feb).

Dittloff released a letter apologising to his victims - including his future mother-in-law - who paid for holidays at his travel agency, Ace Travel Colac, between Jul 2014 and May 2015 but never had the bookings finalised.

The 28-year-old fraudster said sorry to his family and local community, and says he intends to repay all of his debts.

"At present I have no cash or assets and will be unable to make any repayments while I am in jail, but on my release I will begin to work towards making good on my debts," he wrote.

As well as the prison sentence Dittloff will also be subject to a two year Community Corrections Order on his release, with Judge Gerald Mullaly telling him "you must meet your just desserts".

According to the *Herald Sun*, many of the scammer's victims "mumbled disgust under their breath when the sentence was read out, as many of them had spent longer saving for the dream holidays he stole from them than he will spend behind bars".

RCL facebook scam

A **FALSE** Facebook page masking as Royal Caribbean has emerged.

The fake page named 'Royal Caribbean Australia' asks users to click a link and share a post for their chance to win a cruise.

The real Royal Caribbean has issued a statement, stating: "the Facebook page is a scam, do not click the link!".

RCL are working with Facebook to have the page removed.

Visitors stay longer, spend up

INTERNATIONAL visitors to Australia are staying longer and spending more, the Tourism Research Australia's Int'l Visitor Survey, released today shows.

For the year ending Dec 2015, international visitor expenditure spikes 28% to hit a record high of \$36.6 billion - the largest percentage growth since the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

International visitor numbers jumped 8% to 6.9 million during the period, and nights climbed 11% to a record 248.1 million.

In a joint statement, the Minister for Trade and Investment Steven Ciobo and Minister for Tourism and Int'l Education Richard Colbeck, attributed Australia's desirability as a tourism destination to the govt's efforts to increase flight capacity, visa reforms and targeted int'l marketing reforms.

The survey showed 44 cents in every tourism dollar is now spent in regional areas, with visits to farms up 14%, national or state parks by 13% and visits to

wineries spiking 37%.

The Chinese market showed the most growth, with visitor numbers climbing 21% and spend jumping 45% to reach \$8.27b.

China was followed by India with a 19% visitor number increase and spending hiked 38%.

US numbers remained strong as visitors were boosted by 10%, nights by 15% and expenditure by 22% to \$3.4 billion.

Leisure remained the main reason travellers head to Australia, rising 16% in total spend while the number of business travellers dropped 5% and visitor nights declined 12%, despite a 1% gain in spend.

Tourism Australia md John O'Sullivan said the Australian tourism industry had saved the best 2015 quarter until last.

"These numbers don't really need much talking up - they really speak for themselves.

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NASA X-planes tick

NASA has this week been awarded a contract for the preliminary design of a new "low boom" flight demonstration supersonic passenger aircraft.

It is the first in a series of 'X-planes' in NASA's New Aviation Horizons initiative.

NF supplementary

AIR Vanuatu advises it has added an extra service between Port Vila and Sydney on 24 Mar.

The supplementary flight will depart VLI at 0700 and arrive into SYD at 1045.

Swiss trains freebies

SWISS Travel Systems will be adding to their list of freebies for travellers departing on trips aboard the Bernina Express and the Quöllfrisch Express.

Bernina Express First Class passengers will now be able to enjoy a range of free books printed in different languages suitable for both adults and children; whilst travellers aboard the Quöllfrisch Express can take advantage of a traditional free beer or shandy each if travelling on a Sun during Sep this year.

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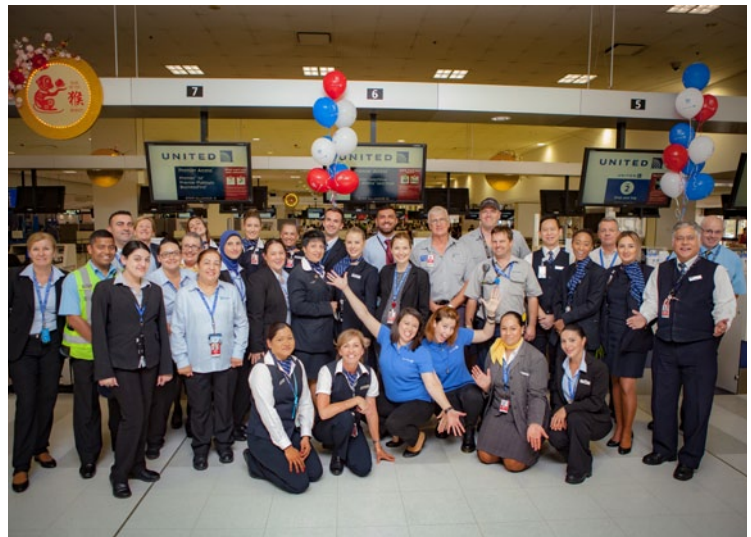
Oman budger carrier

THE first low-cost carrier for Oman has been named Salam Air, however a launch date for the new carrier has not been set.

To be operated by the Muscat National Development and Investment Co, the name for the start-up was decided through a public poll which provided a short-list of eight names.

'Salam' is derived from the Arabic greeting.

Cupcakes unite at SYD



DriveAway extension

TRAVEL Daily can exclusively reveal DriveAway Holidays is extending its earlybird deals.

Until 30 Apr, DriveAway is offering 10 free days on all Peugeot models, 50% off European delivery and return fees and three bonus days for loyalty clients.

Car hire offers have been extended to 31 Mar, including a discount of up to 15% with Hertz and Dollar in the USA, up to 15% off with Hertz in Canada and up to 25% off with Avis, Europcar and Keddy by Europcar in the UK.

In France, there is 10% off Avis CarAway - see driveaway.com.au.

UNITED Airlines celebrated 30 years of non-stop service to the Australian market on Fri by giving away cupcakes and refreshments at the Sydney International Airport check-in counters.

Menzies check-in staff and Sydney airport security are **pictured** joining United Airlines' airport and maintenance staff in the celebration.

LATAM Syd Fiesta

LATAM Airlines has launched the Friday Fiesta, as part of the Spectrum Now Festival taking place in Sydney's Domain from 01-16 Mar.

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Westin signs Struys

WESTIN Hotels & Resorts has announced Malaysian regional television personality and author, Jojo Struys, as its newest well-being brand advocate.

Elements' official opening



ELEMENTS of Byron was officially opened yesterday by NSW Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Stuart Ayres.

The resort is the 11th property in Australia & New Zealand to join AccorHotel's MGallery Collection.

Pictured above (from left) are: Brian Flannery, owner, Elements of Byron; Danesh Bamji, gm franchise, AccorHotels; Peggy Flannery, owner, Elements of Byron; Stuart Ayres, NSW

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events; Lindsay Leeser, vice president development pacific, AccorHotels; Leon Pink, general manager, Elements of Byron.

CA A330-300 order

AIR China has placed an order for 12 Airbus A330-300 aircraft, scheduled for delivery between 2016-2018, which are expected to up airline capacity by 5.6%.

TTC key appointments

THE Travel Corporation (TTC) has announced a series of key sales appointments across its portfolio of brands.

Bringing to the table more than 22 years experience in travel sales, Jerry Pilgrim has joined the Adventure World team as its new Queensland and New South Wales industry account manager.

Pilgrim is tasked with overseeing the Queensland and northern NSW (Ballina/Byron Bay) area, effective as of last week.

Anastasia Kotanidis has been named Uniworld's sales manager Vic/Tas, having formerly held a business development role within the company prior to departing on maternity leave.

Youth travel specialists, Contiki, has appointed Joanna Donald to the role of sales manager Vic/Tas and Kim Ryan as sales manager looking after southern NSW.

Donald was formerly a Contiki Trip Manager in Europe for four years, whilst Ryan has spent a number of years as a travel agent working across various brands from within the Flight Centre Travel Group.

Joining Busabout as its new NSW/NZ sales manager is Holly Cooling, who has over six years of industry experience in both wholesale and retail.

US Intrepid trips

IN CELEBRATION of the 100th anniversary of the US National Park Service, Intrepid will be launching four new itineraries.

New trips include: Hike and Kayak Yellowstone, Hike Sequoia and Mt Whitney, Cycle Bryce and Zion, and Lower Keys and Dry Tortugas Sailing Adventure.

Intrepid managing director, James Thornton, said the trips were designed to encourage travellers to celebrate all the parks have to offer whether on foot, bike, kayak or boat.

Prices for the new itineraries begin at \$2,195.

Bula as usual

TREASURE Island Resort in Fiji is assuring visitors it's "bula as usual" at its premises, following the category five cyclone which hit a fortnight prior.

To entice travellers, a 50% discount on sell rates starting at F\$440 (AU\$259.80) per night has been offered, for travel between 15 Mar to 26 Jun, subject to availability.

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WITH no local travel expo to cater for their community, TravelManagers' Melbourne based personal travel managers Mark Elevato (representative for Werribee) and Amy Ferguson, (representative for Tarneit) held their inaugural Wyndham Travel Expo at the Werribee Italian Sports & Social Club.

"After some brainstorming, the client mini expo idea was born and we haven't looked back," Elevato said.

Sixteen partner suppliers ranging from airlines, coach companies, cruise operators and land suppliers participated with about 160 people attending.

"We recognise the opportunity for clients to meet and talk face to face with key product

representatives is invaluable," Ferguson said.

Seven partner suppliers were invited to provide a 20-minute client presentation.

TravelManagers local business partnership manager Scott Hallo assisted with proceedings by emceeding the evening.

With new clients and a significant number of bookings received subsequent to the expo, it can only be described as a resounding success.

The pair plan to make it an annual event and envisage it growing bigger each year.

Pictured above: TravelManagers partner suppliers all smiles following the success of Mark Elevato and Amy Ferguson's inaugural travel expo.

TRIPADVISOR has unveiled its Travellers' Choice awards for family friendly hotels with Queensland picks dominating the Aussie top 10 list.

Taking out first place is Sea World Resort, Main Beach Queensland with prices starting at \$266 per night.

Next in line is Cairns Coconut Holiday Resort in Cairns, Queensland with rooms starting from \$146 per night followed by NRMA Treasure Island Resort & Holiday Park – Biggera Water, Queensland at \$154 per night.

Chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor Barbara Messing said the list makes it easier for parents to find "that perfect hotel" for their next family trip.

For the full list [CLICK HERE](#).

Curio into Reykjavik

HILTON Worldwide is bringing Curio - A Collection by Hilton to Reykjavik with the opening of two city centre hotels.

The Luxury 50-room Reykjavik Consulate Hotel and the 160-room Iceland Parliament Hotel are both slated to be opened by the end of 2018.

Star Alliance initiative

STAR Alliance is co-locating member airlines in a single check-in zone at Los Angeles' Tom Bradley International Terminal in a bid to streamline their customer's check-in experience.

Check-in for all ten Star Alliance member carriers operating out of the terminal have been consolidated in a single aisle.

Abode NSW addition

CONSTRUCTION of a new 52-key Abode Hotel in Murrumbateman in NSW, just outside Canberra, will be started by GEOCON, in late 2016.

It will fill a major gap in the market, with no hotel between Gunghalin and Yass.

It's set to feature a large, flexible foyer space and public area.

In addition to the hotel rooms, there will be some suites to accommodate larger groups, including wedding parties.

AF Michelin tucker

AIR France has engaged Michelin-starred chef Daniel Boulud to design new menus in the carrier's La Premiere And Business Cabins on flights from eleven North American cities.

Boulud said he hopes travellers find his French dishes "soulful and delicious".

Thailand Zika caution

THE Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade is warning Aussies travelling to Thailand to exercise a "high degree of caution" due to the ongoing transmission of Zika virus.

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LATAM Amadeus deal

AMADEUS has reached a new content agreement with LATAM Airlines Group, providing travel agencies connected to the GDS with the airline's full range of fares, flight availability and more.

The companies have also agreed to continuous cooperation in order to accelerate LATAM's merchandising capabilities and ancillary services to agents.

"Our collaboration with Amadeus will allow us to continue making use of an important distribution channel worldwide, allowing us to specifically target our growing network of international markets", LATAM vp ancillary revenue & tours José Luis Rodríguez commented.

&Beyond Big 5 sale

THE 11-day Marine Big Five and Safari Big Five of Africa offered through &Beyond has been discounted by \$1,000 per person.

The trip includes stays at the luxurious &Beyond Kirkman's Kamp, Belmond Moug Nelson Hotel in Cape Town & Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve.

Departures are offered throughout the year, priced from approx \$6,213 per person.

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Big QR announcement

DOHA-BASED Qatar Airways says it will make a "significant network announcement" at the ITB Berlin trade show being held in Germany next week.

QR launches flights to Sydney tomorrow & Adelaide on 02 May.

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SPA treatments, meals and complimentary night stays at participating AccorHotels properties are among an array of special bonuses made available to MasterCard cardholders as part of a new three-year partnership.

The "exclusive privileges" are offered at more than 550 hotels in the Asia Pacific region.

MasterCard cardholders can book AccorHotels' two-night 'Dream Getaway' program and score a bonus night free, for bookings up until 31 Mar.

To access the exclusive batch of offers, cardholders need to visit the MasterCard-AccorHotels partner page, provide their Le Club AccorHotels loyalty number, and enter the last four digits of their MasterCard card.

For more detail, go to mastercard-accorhotels.com.

New MU chairman

CHINA Southern Airlines has appointed China's Vice Ministry of Transport, Wang Changshun as chairman, succeeding Si Xianmin.

According to reports, Si was removed from the position due to "serious discipline offences".

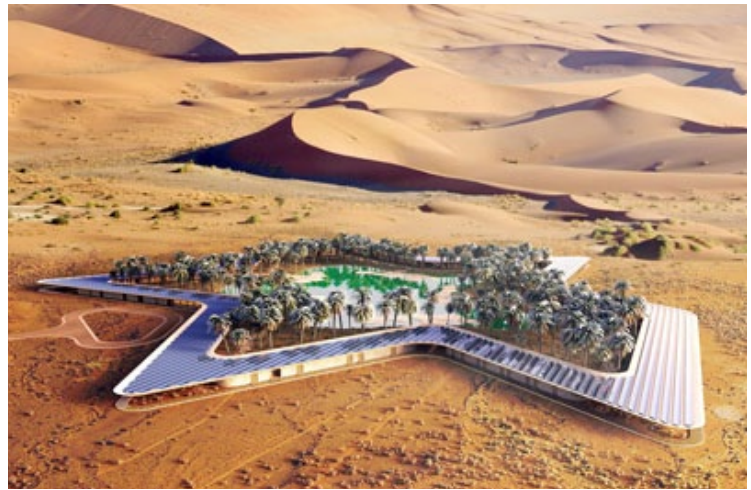
OpenKey enhanced

A SUITE of new features have been developed for the newly released OpenKey mobile app, Version 2.0.

New capabilities of the app includes guest profiles which enable easy management of the check-in process and access to a digital key via the platform.

Users can also provide hotels with an estimated time of arrival, can call the hotel's front desk at the tap of a button and have their details stored using ID Captures, that helps the front desk confirm the guest's identity.

World's greenest eco-resort



LIWA in the United Arab Emirates has been earmarked as the location for the world's greenest eco resort, slated to open in 2020.

The 84-suite Oasis Eco Resort will be built by Dubai-based company Eco Resort Group and is centred around a natural spring which is used for crop irrigation, fish farming and recreational activities.

Positioned in the deserts of southern Abu Dhabi, the resort's restaurant and bar will feature organic ingredients grown on-site, a fitness centre that uses smart equipment & a therapeutic spa.

The property's meeting rooms will feature smart glass windows, while the low-profile structure will provide maximum exposure to surrounding sand dunes.

All the resort's energy needs are provided through 157,000ft² roof top solar panels.

London-based Baharash Architecture says the Oasis Eco Resort is "designed to offer a unique insight into the natural wonders of UAE's desert-scape."

View a video of the resort **HERE**.

Storm Tigerair pact

BUDGET carrier Tigerair Australia has renewed its alliance with the Melbourne Storm NRL team, extending its partnership with the carrier for five years.

To celebrate the extension, TT has re-badged one of its Airbus 320 aircraft with Melbourne Storm livery and officially naming the jet after the team's captain, Cameron Smith.

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LUXURY safari operator, andBeyond, introduced agents on its recent Botswana Explorer Educational to its anti-poaching initiative, Rhinos Without Borders from Our Horn is Not Medicine.

Rhinos without Borders was started by andBeyond, in partnership with Great Plains Conservation, to translocate 100 rhinos from South Africa where poaching is increasing at an

alarming rate to Botswana, where harsher penalties are enforced.

Donning buffs (above) to support the wildlife conservation scheme are: Tanya Gurtin, Adventure World; host Norman Harper, andBeyond; Darren Partridge, The Africa Safari Co; George Sutherland, African Travel Specialists; Matt Ross, Above and Beyond; Sue Werner, Adventure Associates.



WIN WITH TEMPO

This month *Travel Daily*, Tempo Holidays and Taj Hotels are giving readers the chance to win a trip from two to India, on Tempo Holiday's 8 day Incredible Royal Escape - with Taj Hotels. The prize includes 7 nights accommodation, transfers and comprehensive sightseeing throughout, valued at up to \$8,400.

To win, have the most correct answers and the most creative answer to the final question. Send your entries to tempo@traveldaily.com.au

Q2. The colourful 'Holi festival' is celebrated in which month in 2016?

Hint: Easter 2016 is as well



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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.



Fafa Island Resort, Tonga has opened a new semi-open air bar and outdoor restaurant in time for the peak tourist season. Offering seaviews, a brand new menu inspired by German and Polynesian fusion cuisine will also be introduced. For more information visit www.fafaislandresort.com or contact_sales@ptn.net.au.



Mercure Wellington Abel Tasman has undergone a refurbishment, presenting a series of contemporary rooms suited for both leisure and business travellers. New beds, wooden cabinetry, spacious working spaces and contemporary artwork have been added to 39 of its standard rooms and new electronic key technology has also been incorporated. Book at www.mercure.com.



Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel has unveiled its newly refurbished executive lounge. The new lounge features modern designer furnishings, seat capacity for over 90 guests and an entertainment hub that offers technologies including 79 inch and three 55 inch LED televisions.

Langham AKL for sale

THE Langham Auckland has been listed for sale - the first five-star hotel listed in New Zealand in almost five years.

Appointing CBRE hotels as the marketing agency for the Symonds Street property, national director Rob Cross commented "local and international buyer interest was expected given the buoyant hotel and investment market conditions in New Zealand".

VA Jurassic partner

VIRGIN Australia has been announced as the Official Airline Partner for the world premiere of Jurassic World: The Exhibition, which runs from 19 Mar to 09 Oct at the Melbourne Museum.

Flight and accommodation packages will be made available, which includes return flights flying VA to Melbourne, checked baggage and an exhibition flexi entry pass.

Visit virginaustralia.com/jurassic.

Scenic deal deadline

SCENIC is reminding agents only one month remains to take advantage of its earlybird offer on tours around Australia & India.

Guests travelling to Aus in 2016/17 are eligible for Fly Free or Partner Fly Free offers on select tours, with savings equating to \$1,400 per couple.

Earlybird offers for India include savings of up to \$2,900 per couple with a Fly Free offer on journeys 21 days or longer.

Book by 31 Mar to secure deals.

Insurance for women

A NEW online consumer travel insurance brand targeted at women has launched.

Called 'Travel with Jane', the insurance brand is powered by Sydney-based firm, Insured by Us.

Director Ben Webster said that tradition travel policies are "overwhelmingly geared towards male consumers" and "engaging Australia's female travellers is a key business growth opportunity."



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