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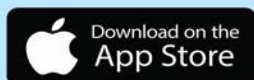
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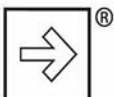


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## FLT Europe expansion

**FLIGHT** Centre is spreading its wings into Europe, this morning announcing the acquisition of Dutch TMC Business Travel Development (**TD** breaking news).

The company, which has been FCM Travel's Netherlands partner for some years, turned over about ten million euro last year.

"BTD is a profitable business that we know well and that operates in one of the world's largest corporate travel markets," said md Graham Turner.

"Having a company owned presence in the Netherlands strengthens our proposition for national and multi-national clients and gives us a platform for further growth in the country and in Europe more broadly".

The addition boosts Flight Centre's presence to 14 countries - Australia, NZ, the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, the US, Canada, Mexico, South Africa, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Greater China and the United Arab Emirates.

## NT agent guilty of fraud

**KATHERINE** travel agent Tennille Foley has pleaded guilty to defrauding the NT government of about \$40,000 after her agency was raided by police last month.

Foley, who ran Travelworld Katherine between 2004 and 2014, appeared in court on Fri following charges being laid (**TD** 08 Mar) with evidence presented of 69 "overstated" invoices submitted to the NT Health Dept under the Territory's pensioner travel concession scheme.

The long-running investigation saw Darwin agent Xana Kamitsis sentenced to almost four years in prison (**TD** 02 Dec) while the ABC reported NT Health Minister John Elferink said on Fri that Flight Centre may also be involved.

During Fri's hearing prosecutor David Morters said Foley had stated she had been "first introduced to the process of submitting inflated invoices" when she had worked with

another agency, while defence lawyer Peter Maley said his client had worked at Flight Centre between 2000 and 2004.

The court heard Foley had given a formal statement to police and was prepared to testify.

Elferink was quoted by the ABC as saying the government was "continuing to seek redress...if any criminality becomes apparent it will be pursued irrespective of settlement".

A Flight Centre spokesperson told **TD** "we have committed to repaying any overpayments that were made".

### What a whopper!

**Travel Daily** today has nine pages of news, a cover page from **JITO** and full pages from:

- Oceania Cruises
- AA Appointments jobs
- JITO
- Qantas NTIA competition

## Hilt new EK WA mgr

**GARY** Hilt has been appointed to the position of Emirates regional manager for Western Australia.

Well known to the travel industry through a variety of roles including at New Horizons Holidays, Harvey's Choice and most recently as national sales manager for SAA, Hilt takes up his Emirates position today.

EK will boost capacity out of WA in Aug this year with both daily Perth-Dubai flights to be operated by an A380.

## Network next week

**THERE** are still limited places available for the upcoming **Travel Daily/JITO** networking night which takes place at Sydney's Ivy Bar on Tue night 22 Mar.

Sponsored by Hawaiian Airlines with an opportunity to win a trip to Hawaii, RSVPs can be done via the JITO Connected app - see the cover page of today's issue.

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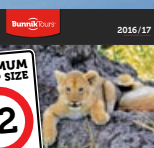
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## ACCC case to High Court

**FLIGHT** Centre md Graham Turner says he's disappointed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is continuing to pursue its long running case against the company, with the ACCC granted special leave for a High Court appeal (**TD** breaking news Fri).

Turner said Flight Centre will "once again vigorously defend our position," with the saga seeing Flight Centre initially fined \$11m but the decision reversed last Jul after a successful appeal.

"Given that it is now some six years after the ACCC first requested information from us, we look forward to this matter finally being resolved in the High Court," Turner said on Fri.

The ACCC launched proceedings in 2012 alleging that between 2005 and 2009 Flight Centre had attempted to induce Malaysia Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Emirates to enter into price fixing arrangements in breach of the Trade Practices Act.

ACCC chairman Rod Sims said he was pleased the case would be considered by the High Court.

"This case raises important issues for the application of competition laws in Australia in the future, as online offers are increasingly being made directly to consumers by both agents and their principals," Sims said.

The Full Court of the Federal Court previously unanimously found there was no separate market for distribution and booking services to consumers, and thus Flight Centre and the airlines did not compete with each other.

Turner said "we are not in the business of attempting to make airfares more expensive and we will continue to fight to be able to seek access to all fares to ensure the millions of customers that we serve are not forced to pay more for their flights".

## QF NTIA competition

**QANTAS** will host four lucky travel agents at the upcoming National Travel Industry Awards, with a special NTIA competition launching today.

For details see the **last page** of today's issue of **Travel Daily**.

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## NZ, VA quest for local biofuel

**TRANS-TASMAN** airline pals Air New Zealand & Virgin Australia today announced they have instigated a search for a locally produced aviation biofuel.

The pact will see the carriers issue a Request for Information (RFI) to the market with three key principles - to ensure that the alternate green fuel delivers environmental, social and economic benefits.

Air New Zealand chief flight operations & safety officer Captain David Morgan said the RFI is a prime initiative under the Kiwi carrier's carbon management program.

"By working in partnership with our alliance partner Virgin Australia we hope we can stimulate the local market, drive innovation and investment and potentially uncover a sustainable biofuel supply suitable for our respective operations," Captain

Morgan said.

VA's head of sustainability Robert Wood echoed the remark, saying aviation biofuels provide a significant opportunity to stem emissions, at the same time "also building long-term fuel security for the sector".

Wood said: "We are seeing the development of the aviation biofuel industry accelerate internationally but that is not yet the case for our region".

He added the pact with Air NZ "will de-risk investment in the sector, creating high-tech, high-skilled jobs in the region".

**MEANWHILE**, United Airlines began using commercial-scale volumes of sustainable biofuel for regularly scheduled flights from Los Angeles Int'l Airport on Fri.

United has purchased up to 15 million gallons of AltAir Paramount's renewal fuel over a three-year period.

## Ankara terror attack

**MORE** than 30 people were killed in Turkey's capital Ankara overnight when a car laden with explosives was blown up in the city's transit hub in Kizilay.

The blast comes two days after the US embassy warned its citizens of a "potential terrorist plot to attack Turkish government buildings & housing located in the Bahcelievler areas of Ankara," *The Telegraph* reports.

It's alleged the attack was carried out by Kurdish militant group, Kurdistan Workers' Party, which claimed responsibility for another attack on 17 Feb in Ankara that killed 28 people.

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade this morning issue a fresh advisory to Aussies travellers to "avoid the affected area and follow the advice of local authorities".

Smarttraveller's official advice for Turkey remains as 'exercise a high degree of caution'.

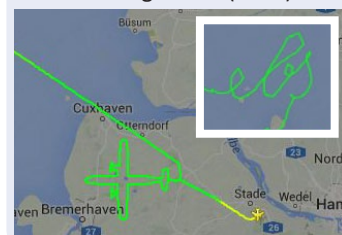


## Window Seat

**WE'VE** seen some pretty creative flight paths used by airlines in the past, but the owner of a Robin DR-400/180 Regent in Germany has really taken steps to set a new benchmark.

The pilot of the private plane traced the outline of an aircraft over northern Germany on Sat, flying between Hamburg and Heligoland in the North Sea.

According to *FlightRadar24*, the flight took about 1hr and 20mins to complete, which also included a signature (inset).



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## NT luxe hotel progress

**THE** Northern Territory Govt has confirmed receiving interest from eight parties for a mooted new luxury hotel for Darwin's CBD.

Proposed in Aug, the luxury hotel is viewed as a potential catalyst for renewed interest from tourists and the business events market, the NT govt said on Sat.

The Expressions of Interest process lured interest from local and int'l investors with a small number short-listed to proceed to the detailed proposal phase.

"Additional luxury hotel developments would provide a massive boost to the Territory's economy because of the potential to fill a gap in demand for high end business and leisure accommodation," Chief Minister Adam Giles commented.

Giles said a new luxury hotel will build on the success of the current accommodation offering available in the NT capital.

KPMG has been appointed as probity advisors for the project.

A preferred proponent is tipped to be announced in Jul.

## JetBlue responds to AA/QF sur-reply

**JETBLUE** Airways has fired back at the "sur-reply" by Qantas and American Airlines (**TD** Thu) to recommendations it made to the US Department of Transportation regarding the term of the flagged antitrust immunity (ATI) sought.

On Fri, JetBlue said QF and AA had failed in their sur-reply to address the merits of their support of a three year cap on the granting of ATI, as proposed by Hawaiian Airlines.

"Rather, American and Qantas use their unauthorised Sur-Reply to suggest that JetBlue is no different from American because it has codeshare and interline partnerships with numerous foreign carriers.

"Surely American, as the world's largest airline and recipient of multiple grants of ATI with partners such as British Airways, Iberia, Finnair & Royal Jordanian, understands the difference between an interline or codeshare agreement and a metal-neutral joint venture exempt from the antitrust laws," JetBlue said.

B6 said there is no correlation between an immunised joint venture & codeshare or interline agreement, urging the DOT not to be "distracted by these illogical ...& wholly irrelevant arguments."

## Foraged feast on Hawkesbury



**SUNLUX** Collection and Qantas paved the way for a collaboration between Head Chef of The Table Bay Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa Jason Franco and renowned Australian chef Marty Boetz at the Cooks Co-Op on the Hawkesbury.

The pair, who share a love of foraging local ingredients, created a delicious Hawkesbury and South African inspired menu for guests at the farm on Sat.

VIP invitees to the event included travel agents who sell South Africa and the media.

During Jason's trip to Australia he also attended the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival where he

presented a special MasterClass.

**Pictured** above founder of Cooks Co-Op, Martin Boetz; managing director of The Unique Tourism Collection, Jonica Paramor; head chef of The Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa Jason Franco and senior manager PR and publicity for Qantas, Amanda Bolger.

## Sayonara Kondo

**AAT** Kings's long-standing sales manager for Japan, Takahiro Kondo will depart the guided holiday operator this month.

Kondo has been with AAT Kings for nearly 16 years and is taking up a senior role with a client.

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## Taste of Etihad in Sydney



**ETIHAD** Airways flew six crew members from Abu Dhabi to Australia over the weekend for the Taste of Sydney Festival.

The Gulf carrier's presence marks the EY's new multi-year partnership with Taste Festivals worldwide (**TD Fri**).

Throughout the four day food festival, which ran from Thu to Sun at Centennial Parklands, EY displayed its premium onboard offering including luxury seating & menus - giving crowds a taste of what it's like to fly with Etihad.

"Taste provides us with a platform to highlight our dining innovation across all cabins and in our spectacular lounges," Etihad

Airways' senior vp marketing Shane O'Hare said.

"We draw inspiration from the best restaurants and emerging chefs from culinary capitals worldwide, and serve it with style and sophistication," he continued.

Etihad Airways is participating in 15 Taste festivals across the world in 2016, including the Taste of Melbourne and Taste of Perth later in the year.

**Pictured** above on Fri night at the four-day event are Murray Reason, Etihad Airways' in-flight chef; premium cabin crew Eloise Snape and Denya Glover and food and beverage manager Sergio Outeiro,

## Badgerys Creek-City fast rail link vow

**PRIME** Minister Malcolm Turnbull has committed to developing a fast rail link from the new Badgerys Creek airport in Sydney's west to the city centre.

It comes after he delivered a key note speech at the Western Sydney Ideas Summit last Fri where he covered the topic.

Despite Turnbull's backing of the project, he did not reveal any funding promises - commenting it was too early to commit to a "fully-functioning rail line by the time the airport is ready in 2026".

The Prime Minister said work was already underway to prepare for the airport rail link.

He told the audience this included "setting aside space for rail including station boxes and approaches so that the rail link can be established whether at the time the airport opens, which would be preferable, or later".

## Shangri-La Hangzhou

**SHANGRI-LA** Hotels & Resorts has opened the new-build hotel Midtown Shangri-La, Hangzhou in the Kerry Central Complex.

The 417-room property has views of the city of West Lake, along with marble bathrooms and a club lounge.

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## New EVA chairman

**EVA** Airways has replaced its chairman Chang Kuo-wei who has served since 2013 with company veteran Steve Lin to take his place.

The sudden move comes after an unscheduled board meeting was called last week with the decision to be effective immediately.

## Iririki opening offers

**VANUATU'S** Iririki Island Resort, will feature a new day spa and a casino when it resumes operation on 01 May (**TD Fri**).

To celebrate its relaunch, the Vanuatu property has a "once only" 15% discount off Island Fare or Premium Waterfront rooms over select dates when booking seven-nights - [www.iririki.com](http://www.iririki.com).

## V Air Haneda launch

**V AIR** launched flights between Taipei and Tokyo Haneda - its seventh scheduled service.

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## Excite Hols Greek Is

**EXCITE** Holidays has released its BIG FAT Guide to the Greek Islands online.

The guide gives agents access to hotel brochures, Greek Islands destination guides, island hopping itineraries, a Selling Greece social media kit, Greek Island Facebook tiles and a Greek Island map.

To download the guide, visit [excitecampaigns.com](http://excitecampaigns.com).

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## Belmond, Mangan partnership

**AUSSIE** chef and restaurateur Luke Mangan will bring his kitchen on board Eastern and Oriental Express in Asia as part of a partnership with Belmond.

The first hosted journey will kick off on 28 Oct from Singapore to Bangkok, with guests touring Singapore's food market before boarding the train for the three-day journey through Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

Mangan will add the partnership to his portfolio of 19 restaurants, including five on P&O ships and a partnership with Virgin Australia.

Prices start from US\$2,280pp, see [www.belmond.com](http://www.belmond.com).

## Homebush staycation

**ACCORHOTELS** is forecasting 100% occupancy at the group's Sydney Olympic Park properties over the weekend due to the combination of events & demand for a weekend staycation.

On Thu the Sydney Royal Easter Show will open and the next day ANZ Stadium will host the Bulldogs vs Eels game and on Sat & Sun, Madonna will perform for the first time in Australia is 23 yrs.

"While demand for hotel rooms will peak on Saturday night across both Sydney Olympic Park and Sydney CBD, we expect our hotel occupancies to pick up over the next few days so guests will need to get in quick as availability is limited," said chief operating officer AccorHotels Pacific, Simon McGrath.

## It's Bula as usual!



**THE** team at Excite Holidays threw their support behind Fiji by attending a Cyclone Winston Charity Breakfast with industry guests last Fri at Sydney's Sheraton on the Park.

Organised by Fiji Airways, Tourism Fiji and Starwood Hotels & Resorts in conjunction with the Fiji Tourism Action Group, the event attracted over 250 partners from the Aussie travel industry.

The message was loud and clear with Tourism Fiji Executive Chairman Truman Bradley saying "It's Bula as usual for the tourism industry in Fiji".

To help reinforce this message, Fiji Airways has launched tactical fares in the market from \$219 ex. Sydney, with no blackout periods.

Additionally, Tourism Fiji has agreed to get all hotels in Fiji to offer free wi-fi in support of its new 'right here, right now' social campaign, allowing guests to easily share photos with friends using #Fijinow.

"We do believe Fiji will recover quickly following Cyclone Winston, but we need the industry and passive and active participants engaging with what we are doing now to make this the best opportunity for people to visit Fiji", said Bradley.

**Pictured** above are Krystyna, Sam, Louise and Matt from Excite Holidays with Mary from Costa Travel, Darlinghurst (centre).

## Yasawa webinars

**UPMARKET** Fijian property Yasawa Island Resort & Spa will host a trade webinars on Fri to provide partners with an update since its reopening on 01 Mar.

Yasawa was impacted by Tropical Cyclone Winston in Feb but is now operating as normal.

Webinars will be held at 0830 & 1030 - **CLICK HERE** to register.

## Cannabis Resort open in Mile High City

**BOOKINGS** for Colorado's first cannabis resort, Camp Bud+Breakfast at Aspen Canyon Ranch will open tomorrow.

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# Travellers Choice Sundowners



**THE** Africa Safari Co recently took its top eight Travellers Choice agents to Africa, with the fabulous trip taking in Chobe National Park, Hwange National Park and Victoria Falls.

Highlights included an overnight on the *Chobe Princess* as well as a stay at the Royal Livingstone Hotel in Zambia, while the group also travelled on the Elephant Express train through Hwange National Park to experience the Invelo properties.

**Pictured** enjoying a sundowner on the banks of the Zambezi River at the Zambezi Sands Lodge are Viv, Susie, Brian, Monique, Donna, Kathy, Diane and Denise.

## TAM termination

**TAM** Airlines will suspend its services between Brasilia and Orlando, with the thrice weekly 767-300ER service to cease operation effective 03 Jun according to GDS screens.



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## Aegean to Iran

**STAR** Alliance member Aegean Airlines will boost Iran capacity with existing thrice weekly flights between Athens and Tehran lifted to daily effective from Jun 2016.

## Google Destinations launches

**INTERNET** giant Google is further enhancing its travel offerings with the debut of Destinations on Google, which promises to help users "discover and plan your next vacation".

Prospective travellers can search with Google on their mobile device for a continent, country or state they would like to travel to and add the word "destination" to see an "easy-to-browse collection of options".

According to the Google blog, Destinations "integrates a deep understanding of all the places in the world with Google Flight

and Hotel Search so you can see available flight and hotel prices instantly.

"So instead of jumping between a dozen links or tabs to get the information you need, you can sit back and scroll - and leave the heavy lifting to us," Google said.

The system can also search based on hobbies, interests or activities and has a "flexible dates" filter to allow refining of results by month and display when fares and rates are lowest, across multiple destinations.

## Cruise Team HAL push

**HELLOWORLD'S** specialist cruise division, The Cruise Team, is offering 20 Bonus Trip Dollars when booking a Holland America Line 2016 departure.

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## Legoland California plans second hotel

**PLANS** were released last week for a castle-themed hotel at the Legoland California Resort.

Earmarked for opening in 2018 at the same site, the new three-storey structure will feature 250 rooms, a restaurant & a gift shop.

The Carlsbad-based property last week rolled out its latest addition, 11 Lego Friends themed rooms and one suite, tying in with the Friends Heartlake City land that opened last year.

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## NZ NTIA nominations

**NEW** Zealand's TAANZ has opened nominations for the 2016 NZ National Travel Industry Awards which will be held on Sat 10 Sep at SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre.

The NZ NTIA has 22 categories and tickets for the gala dinner are now on sale via [NTIA@hot.co.nz](mailto:NTIA@hot.co.nz).

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## IndiGo A320neo debut

**INDIAN** low-cost carrier IndiGo has taken delivery of its first A320neo, making the airline the first operator of the aircraft in India and in Asia.

The airline has ordered a total of 430 A320neos.

## Icelandair up PDX

**ICELANDAIR** will this year add flights and extend its season from Portland Int'l Airport (PDX).

Portland's expanded schedule will resume 11 May with two weekly flights which will increase to four weekly flights in late Jun through mid-Sep.

In addition, the airline will extend the season from PDX through Jan 2017 & will resume with an early start in Mar 2017.

## Wu clarifications

**TRAVEL Daily** would like to clarify Wendy Wu Tours' free three-night Hong Kong stopover is valid when booked in conjunction with select 2016 China Classic and Discovery tours, for new bookings made from 14 Mar-22 Apr and for travel May-Aug.

Also, savings of \$255 are available only when booking a five-night package at Centara Ras Fushi Resort and Spa Maldives.

## Hampton Inn Rome

**THE** 90-room Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Rome has opened within 5km of the Martha Berry Museum and Callier Springs in the US state of Georgia, about 15mins drive from Russell Airport.

## Uprising says 'I Do'

**ADVENTURE** beach resort Uprising Fiji will for the first time market the property as a wedding destination at the Fiji Wedding Expo (FWE) from 19-20 Mar.

"We want to change the perception of the market regarding Uprising and let potential customers know that we indeed do weddings and offer that authentic friendly Fijian touch," gm James Pridgeon said.

Uprising Fiji has 24 rooms, a restaurant, beach bar and one wedding venue & can be entirely booked out for a wedding party for less than FJ\$8,000 (AU\$5,008).

## More MH370 debris?

**DEBRIS** with a visible serial number found on a beach in Mozambique in Dec by a South-African teen on holiday will be sent to Australia for testing as part of the MH370 investigation.

The teen told *CNN* at the time he found the metal his family was sceptical but his mother contacted officials after a suspected part of MH370 was found in Mozambique last week.

The part will be tested in Australia with help from Malaysian authorities and Boeing

## SPTO ITB social push

**SOUTH** Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO) ran a 'Post & Win' social media campaign at ITB Berlin to boost awareness of the South Pacific to the European market.

Makelesi Muloilagi, Marketing Officer at SPTO said in the European market there is a lack of information about the South Pacific among travel agents.

The campaign was giving away prizes to those who posted a selfie taken at the SPTO Booth.

## Brochures



**WELCOME** to Brochures of the Week, *Travel Daily's* Monday feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure you'd like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including a PDF of the front cover, and contact details to [brochures@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:brochures@traveldaily.com.au).



### Infinity Holidays - New South Wales

The NSW brochure has the addition of introduction sections with tips on where to eat, drink and shop. City Escape packages are now included, along with the Wilderness & Aboriginal Explorer Tour, which explores Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, home to the most concentrated collection of Aboriginal Heritage sites. My Mates Tours, bus and coach tours for the adventurous adrenaline junkie have also been added. Canberra now has its own dedicated section.



### Travelmarvel - New Zealand 2016/17

The latest brochure from Travelmarvel features five itineraries ranging from eight to 24 days in length. Ocean cruising has made its way into the program, with the 24-day New Zealand Navigator. The itinerary combines a 10-day land journey with a 14-night cruise aboard Holland America Line's *MS Noordam*. Highlights include the 15-day New Zealand Getaway from Auckland to Christchurch via the Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Wellington, Queenstown and Lake Tekapo.



### Wendy Wu Tours - Maldives & Singapore 2016

Wendy Wu Tours has released a dedicated brochure on its newest destination, the Maldives. The brochure details over 30 properties suitable for romance, family escapes, luxury and relaxation, along with stopover options in Singapore. The program ranges from the Kurumba Maldives with five-nights accommodation and daily breakfast from \$1,325pp to the luxurious new Amilla Fushi resort, featuring an eight-bedroom residence, a Luke Mangan restaurant and a 10,000 bottle wine cellar.



### CIT Holidays - Europe Rail 2016

A 22-day consecutive and five- and seven-day flexi Eurail Global passes have been added to this year's program. The brochure has info on rail passes and tickets, night trains, high speed trains and scenic trains across Italy and Europe. Common rail questions and answers and popular rail routes and travel times with maps are also included. CIT also offers a range of Switzerland scenic journeys, mountain top excursions and swiss packages including railways, tours and hotels.



### Helen Wong's Tours - China 2016/17

A range of value for money journeys have been added to this year's brochure to attract a wider Australian audience. Included are 12 Valued Group Journeys, two Premium Group Tours and 23 Private Journeys. Three-to seven-day itineraries for Hong Kong and Macao are also highlighted in the 68-page brochure. QR codes are scattered throughout, which when scanned by a smart phone will bring up a video of the destination to assist with promoting the destination.



### Natural Focus Safaris - South America 2016/17

The 2016 South America brochure has additional tours in Mexico, some new cruise vessels in the Galapagos and Peruvian Amazon, as well as a luxury train journey in Ecuador aboard Tren Crucero, which chugs between the Andes and the coast. The offering in Mexico has expanded with an eight-day exploration of the Yucatan Peninsula and new ships in the Galapagos include the 16-pax catamaran *Petrel* and the luxurious yacht, the *Origin*.





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## VX launches SFO/DEN

**VIRGIN** America will tomorrow launch its new service of three daily nonstop flights from San Francisco to Denver.

The route will connect the booming San Francisco & Denver innovation economies with "tech-forward flights" which offer wi-fi, power outlets and live TV and movies at every seat.

## Baltic Manor Houses

**RUSSIAN** Travel Centre is slashing \$150pp off its new small group tour, Baltic Manor Houses.

The 10-day tour from Latvia through Estonia to Finland has three departures in Jul and Aug.

Guests stay for two nights in each of three restored manor houses which have been converted into luxurious accommodation.

The tour is priced at \$1,959pp twin share with the discount valid for bookings made before 08 Apr. Phone 1300 668 844.

## DestinationElite rejig

**DESTINATIONELITE** has unveiled its refreshed website which features real-time hotel and resort booking for members.

Founder and ceo of the company Mark Greedy said the new site "cleanly and clearly brings an excellent representation of our luxury lifestyle portfolio".

He said the portal presented "the finest luxury travel experiences available today".

You can see the new look site at [www.DestinationElite.com](http://www.DestinationElite.com).

## Oasia Suites KL

**FAR** East Hospitality (FEH) has announced its Oasia Suites in Kuala Lumpur will start welcoming guests from 18 Apr.

The 247-key property is located within the KL Golden Triangle with easy access to the city and the KL Forest Eco Park.

FEH is offering 50% off room rates for guests staying from 18 Apr to 31 Dec.

Monday 11th Mar 2016

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**AUSTRALIA'S** first new-build cruise liner *Ovation of the Seas* (pictured above) has completed its conveyance - reaching the next milestone in its construction.

Conveyance is a unique process for ships built at the inland Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg, Germany - with the liner taking a successful 12 hour trip from Papenburg down to the North Sea.

Thousands of local onlookers gathered along the river bank to watch the 167,800 tonne ship leave for its journey - one of the largest vessels of its kind to undergo conveyance in the area.

*Ovation of the Seas* is set to launch next month when she departs Southampton, England for Tianjin, Beijing, China on a 52-day sailing.

To book a cruise or for further information on the new-build see [www.ovationoftheseas.com.au](http://www.ovationoftheseas.com.au).

## Airnorth to MEL

**THE** first commercial flight from Toowoomba to Melbourne, operated by Airnorth touched down at 1025 this morning.

Operated on an Embraer E170 jet, the flight was the first of seven weekly return flights from the new Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport at Toowoomba and will codeshare with Qantas.



## Round 3 Winner

Congratulations

**ANNE SHEINBAR**

from Helloworld

Anne is the top point scorer for Round 3 of Travel Daily's Super Rugby footy tipping competition. She has won a harbour cruise for two from Captain Cook Cruises.



Major prize for the 2016 footy tipping competition is return economy class airfares to Dubai flying with **EMIRATES**. Emirates has 77 flights per week to Dubai.

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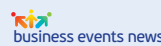
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