

Wolgan Xmas in July

EMIRATES One&Only Wolgan Valley has a Christmas in July package for stays incorporating a Sat night during the month, priced from \$2,090 per night, which includes a Christmas-Inspired Degustation Dinner - see page 10.



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Lido signs deal with HRS

AUSTRALIAN integrated hotel booking and payment provider The Lido Group has today announced a new major strategic partnership with Germany's HRS.

The deal will see HRS take a minority shareholding in Lido and gives the company a beachhead in the Australian corporate accommodation booking market which is estimated to be the seventh largest across the globe. Lido ceo Steve Mackenzie told Travel Daily the deal was

VA Vanuatu relaunch

VANUATU Tourism Office (VTO) has lauded the resumption of Virgin Australia's non-stop flights between Australia and Vanuatu following a 4 month suspension.

VA operated its first flight to Port Vila Bauerfield International Airport on Mon from Brisbane following the completion of the runway's initial phase of rehabilitation (TD 08 Apr).

VTO general manager Linda Kalpoi said the organisation was "thrilled" to have Virgin Australia back, acknowledging the importance of VA's return for Vanuatu's tourism industry.

"We warmly welcome Virgin Australia back to Vanuatu and with even more flight options now available, we encourage Australian travellers to consider Vanuatu as their next holiday destination," Kalpoi commented. driven by "clear cultural and business synergies" between the companies, which are both on strong growth trajectories "propelled by their unique hotel content, cutting edge technology and close relationships with valued corporate customers and leading TMCs".

He said the deal would see The Lido Group further accelerate its expansion, with HRS looking to adopt some of its payment solutions across its global market.

HRS currently offers corporate clients more than 300,000 hotels in 190 countries, including several hundred hotel chains and around 180,000 independent properties.

Key customers include global giants such as Google, Alibaba and Huawei.

Effective immediately Lido, which works with over 9,000 properties across Australia & NZ, will work with HRS to share hotel content, integrate technology solutions and jointly service global customers, both directly and in partnership with key TMCs.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news, including a photo page for Travel Counsellors plus full pages from: (click)

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Thai consul closure

DFAT has advised the Australian Consulate in Chiang Mai, Thailand has been closed until further notice, with Aussie travellers now required to contact the Australian Embassy in Bangkok for passport and consular services.

Fly The Friendly Skies

Consolidated Travel & United Airlines will recognize the "Top Selling Agents" for sales ex Australia on the UA network between 16 May-12 June 2016.



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SA RTW agency shut down

A SOUTH Australian travel agency which specialised in round-the-world airfares has been placed into voluntary administration, with the firm's domain names, trade marks and social media accounts on sale by its sole director for \$275,000.

Round The World Experts Pty Ltd, which operated under the domain name rtwexperts.com, claimed to have a database

State of Origin comp

TRAVEL Daily is today kicking off its always popular NRL State of Origin comp in which we have teamed with KPT to give away an amazing Grand Final package for four people valued at \$4,000.

The rugby league series will see the NSW Blues take on the Qld Maroons over three matches with Game 1 being held in Sydney on Wed 01 Jun.

Courtesy of KPT, the overall winner of **TD**'s comp after three matches will win the prize that includes access to a 1hr pre-game function with NRL Legends, as well as a 1hr post match event.

To enter, email your answers to the following Game 1 questions to soo@traveldaily.com.au by 7pm next Wed.

 Which team do you tip to win the 2016 State of Origin series?
What do you predict to be the final score for Game 1?
In which minute of Game 1 will the first try be scored? reach "in excess of four million subscribers" via strategic partnerships with group buying sites in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the UK.

The company's LinkedIn profile stresses it is in no way affiliated with STA Travel or Flight Centre, which uses the brand 'Round the World Experts' in the UK.

A creditors meeting was convened by the administrators Ferrier Hodgson last week in Adelaide and revealed creditors are owed \$4,180 by Round The World Experts Pty Ltd and just over \$90,000 by an associated company called RTWExperts P/L.

One of the major creditors of RTWExperts is Graham Evens who is a former director of the firm.

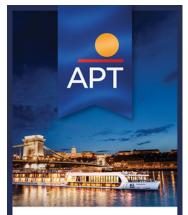
Ferrier Hodgson has confirmed the companies had no employees at the time of being placed into administration, with the move following an unsuccessful attempt to merge with a "Queenslandbased group" last year, according to the *Smart Company* website.

It is understood wholesale partners including Groupon, Our Deal and Living Social are working with the voluntary administrators to minimise any impact to clients.

The RTWExperts website is offering 22 domain names, four business names and eight social media accounts along with 28 other travel-related domain names, with offers invited "from genuine principals only" by director Michael Carter.

Qld awards deadline

QUEENSLAND based tourism businesses, events and RTOs have one week left to submit an entry for the 2016 Queensland Tourism Awards, with online nominations required by Wed 01 Jun - see queenslandtourismawards.com.au.



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Qantas expands WestJet pact

QANTAS and Canadian carrier WestJet have today announced a reciprocal frequent flyer deal, building on their existing codeshare deal signed 18 months ago (*TD* 11 Sep 2014).

Previously, Qantas frequent flyers only earned loyalty points



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if they booked a WestJet flight under the QF code, but through the expanded arrangement travellers can earn their choice of WJ dollars or Qantas Points on flights of either airline.

Effective 16 May, Qantas Frequent Flyers can also redeem Qantas Points on QF codeshare flights operated by WestJet, adding numerous destinations across Canada and the USA when connecting to or from a QF international service.

"WestJet and Qantas are currently working on plans to introduce fully reciprocal redemption for both airlines in 2017," the carriers confirmed.

WJ executive vp commercial, Bob Cummings, said the expanded pact with Qantas would significantly enhance the airline's loyalty program value proposition.

Ovation '18 extension

ROYAL Caribbean International this afternoon confirmed it will add a further six cruises to *Ovation* of the Seas' second scheduled season in local waters during the summer of 2017/18.

The extra departures will see *Ovation* home port in Sydney for five more weeks than originally slated "due to unprecedented popular demand".

New cruises include an eightday South Pacific voyage on 18 Feb 2018 and a three-night sampler on 23 Mar - more details in *Cruise Weekly* tomorrow.

AirAsia X Q1 profit

AIRASIA X has identified Australia as an area for growth in 2016, with the LCC announcing plans to strengthen its presence by introducing new 'FlyThru' pairings to connect the country with Asia and the Middle East. Group chief executive officer,

Datuk Kamarudin Meranun, said enhanced city pairings of China-Australia, India-Australia and Australia-Tehran would be "key growth drivers" this year.

The airline's revenue grew 25% year-on-year to RM971 million for Q1 2016, on the back of a 15% YoY increase in passenger traffic and a 31% uptick on year-on-year growth in average base fare.

ACT tourism vow

MORE than \$8 million dollars has been pledged by the ACT Government into growing Canberra's tourism sector. Funding will be used to promote the capital city to visitors both domestically and internationally.

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IF YOU were to pick any day to sit in as part of *Ellen's* live audience, this Monday was it.

The popular talk-show host had everyone in a state of disbelief when she announced every single person in the studio audience had just won themselves a roundtrip Emirates flight from the US to Dubai.

The tickets handed out by Emirates crew to the screaming crowd (**pictured** below) are part of EK's wider 'Big Takeoff' campaign, based on an insight that 41% of Americans don't take all of their annual leave.





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NT Tourism pledge

NORTHERN Territory Minister for Tourism, Adam Giles, has reaffirmed the state's commitment to supporting the tourism industry, with Budget 2016 providing more than \$51m in funding for Tourism NT.

"Budget 2016 continues our momentum," said Minister Giles.

Tourism initiatives funded with the latest budget include \$8m for domestic and int'l marketing activity; \$20m to build adventure experiences in Territory parks such as the 300-m glass skywalk (*TD* 16 May) and \$5m to supplement the Tourism infrastructure development fund.

Tempo 3% bonus

TEMPO Holidays is increasing commission levels for Australian agents by 3% for packages, tailormade and coach touring products valued at \$2,000 or more.

The bonus is valid on bookings for India, Sri Lanka, Dubai, Middle East, the Med and Europe when booked and deposited by 15 Jun.

BW free brekkie

BEST Western is offering free breakfast at 4,000 select hotels for bookings made between 18 May and 30 Jun, for stays until 31 Oct, to a maximum of two people per room - more details **HERE**.

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ABOVE: Hawaiian Airlines has upgraded it's Premium cabin offering, adding brand new lie-flat seats on its Airbus A330 aircraft.

The new seats (**above**) are designed to fold into 180-degree beds, with the cabin configured in a 2-2-2 formation.

"In details little and large we have crafted a new seat and a new cabin to look after our guests in unparalleled comfort accompanied by the authenticity and warmth of our in-flight Hawaiian hospitality," commented HA chief executive officer, Mark Dunkerley.

The new-look has been designed to mimic the "flowing curves" of the wind and ocean, with Hawaiian Airlines collaborating with a Californiabased consultancy to come up with the final creation.

HA will phase installation of additional A330 Premium Cabins starting in the US autumn through until early 2018.

The carrier will have a total of 23 A330 aircraft by this summer after receiving delivery of its final jet on order.

Pictured above inset is the new lie-flat seating in action.



Globus groups spike

THE Globus family of brands has seen surges in group business across a range of its travel services, according to Globus business development manager Darren Perry.

Speaking with *Travel Daily,* Perry indicated winning the World Youth Day (WYD) account for Cosmos has given the company tremendous leverage and recognition in the ability to market specialist group tours and products.

Perry said that an excess of 3,500 pilgrims will travel on tours pre and post the WYD event being held in Krakow, Poland later this year.

Expressions of interest for group bookings are now open for the once in a decade performance of the Passion Play in Oberammergau in 2020. Phone 1300 130 134 to book.







Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of Brand USA and Air New Zealand, who are hosting the #tasteUSA mega famil across the US this week.

WHEN sending your clients to the US on Air NZ's non-stop Houston flights it's well worth encouraging a stopover here, if only for the city's fame as the home of NASA Mission Control - immortalised in the words of the Apollo 13 crew "Houston, we have a problem".

NASA's facilities here are open to the public, with options including the Level 9 Tour - the "ultimate, behind-the-scenes VIP experience" where participants get to see where astronauts train.

There's also a peek at both the historic and current Mission Control centre for the International Space Station, and the four-to-five hour small group tour - with a maximum of 12 participants each day - is led by an expert who is happy to answer any questions.

It costs US\$99 and you have to plan well ahead, with the tour usually booked out some time in advance.





ITALKTRAVEL Horsham wrote itself into the travel industry record books this month when it visited the Rail Plus website and unknowingly made the company's one millionth booking.

The Victorian agency's md Anne Taylor made the historic transaction on the Rail Plus website to secure an ATOC ticket between London and Glasgow.

To celebrate, Rail Plus sales exec James Hooper visited the store last week to deliver some flowers and special treats.

Pictured from left are Michelle Brown, italktravel Horsham; the one millionth booker Anne Taylor and Narelle Hughes, italktravel Horsham with James Hooper from Rail Plus.

Zika Caribbean drop

ZIKA virus has been highlighted as a key factor in the Caribbean hotel industry's noticable performance decreases in the first four months of 2016.

When compared to the same period in 2015, occupancy is down 3% to 72.9% while the average daily rate has dropped 1.4% to US\$268.86.

STR's vp for consulting and analytics Steve Hennis said Zika is the "overriding" issue detracting visitors from the area.



VTO consumer drive

VANUATU Tourism Office (VTO) has launched a new \$1.5 million consumer marketing campaign targeting couples and families.

Using its mantra of 'Discover What Matters', Aussie travellers will be urged to book a South Pacific island holiday.

At the centre of the push is a television commercial backed by social media engagement and a competition element.

VTO gm Linda Kalpoi said the drive is based on "what the people of Vanuatu believe in and practice every day".

"We want to bring friends, family, health and happiness to the forefront as these are the things that really make a holiday special," she said.

View Vanuatu's new TVC HERE.

Essendon initiative

VICTORIA'S Essendon Fields has initiated a Fly, Shop, Play and Stay campaign focused on rediscovering the area's historical aviation precinct, shopping & leisure attractions - CLICK HERE.

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Macao shows off its bling



OVER 300 people from 23 countries have descended upon Studio City in Macao for the Travelport Live APAC Customer Conference 2016.

Yet to reach it's first birthday, the complex is a gambling, retail and entertainment mecca in one.

This week delegates will hear from 40 speakers talking allthings technology and innovation.

Not one to miss a conference, Jayson Westbury, chairman of World Travel Agents Associations Alliance and ceo of AFTA is pictured with Tim Lane, md Travel Beyond; Mark Reddy, head of client strategy, Travel Beyond and Kayleen Shuttlewood, general manager - Pacific, Travelport.

Sabre mobile app

SABRE has launched a mobile booking channel known as Sabre Explore for small to mid-sized travel agents in Australia & New Zealand - see more HERE.

Scoot India launch

SCOOT officially launched services from Singapore to Amritsar and Chennai this week as part of wider plans to expand its network to India.

Flights to Amritsar will initially operate on a thrice weekly basis with an additional weekly flight to be added from Jul.

The low-cost carrier has also taken over Tigerair's daily Singapore to Chennai service on its Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Further, the Singapore Airlines offshoot is planning to commence Singapore-Jaipur services four times weekly from Oct.

Scoot's coo Leslie Thng said it was important to tap into India, one of the "fastest growing aviation markets in the world".

Insight Vac new staff

INSIGHT Vacations has this week announced three new appointments to its team.

Karen Deveson will commence the role of head of marketing at the end of the month, having formerly spent 20 years working across publishing and media.

The firm has also boosted it's sales team with the appointment of new Melbourne-based sales manager Yvette Montell and has welcomed back NSW/ACT sales manager, Andy Roberts.



Today's issue of *TD* is coming from China's Macao courtesy of Travelport, which is hosting the **Travelport Live APAC Customer** Conference 2016.

THE glitz and glamour of hotel and casino resort, Studio City was in full force at last night's cocktail welcome.

Delegates mingled over canapés, were entertained by magicians and were welcomed to Macao by Travelport's Mark Meehan, managing director, Asia-Pacific and Studio City president, JD Clayton.

Today's agenda packs a punch, with a mix of on-stage panels, a keynote presentation, talks, breakout sessions and of course, time for networking.

Tonight attendees will don their show-stopping outfits for a Night-at-the-Oscars themed dinner at the Pacha nightclub.

Tomorrow the shenanigans continue, with a half-day of discussions, panels, presentations, break-out sessions and a closing keynote. For images from last night's canapes and cocktail welcome event, see *TD*'s Facebook page.

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Oman Air to Canton

OMAN Air will debut flights on the Muscat-Guangzhou route from 18 Sep, subject to regulatory approvals, operating four times per week using A330-200s.

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@traveldailv.com.au.



The Sebel Noosa in Queensland has completed a soft refurbishment to reveal a brand new look. New living, dining and bedroom furniture has been added, with interiors receiving a fresh lick of paint. New rugs and wall art now adorn the suites.



Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa has officially launched its new Eco Centre. The newly created educational facility is located above Mokha cafe and is a dedicated area to learn about the natural eco system in Oman. The Eco Centre opens daily from 10am-6pm.



&Beyond Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp in Botswana has reopened following an extensive revamp of the facilities. The old tents have been replaced with simple new structures with wide overhands for added shade and the interiors within have been

rearranged so that the king-sized beds face the Okavango Delta views.

CCC half price Fiji deal

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises Fiji is offering a 'Take a Friend for Half Price' sale on all three-, four-, seven- or eleven-night cruises around the Fiji Islands.

The sale will go on until 30 Jun, with the travel period extending until 31 Mar 2017.

Cruising on board the MV Reef Endeavour, a complimentary Kids Club is also available for children aged five to nine.

Prices start from \$1085.25 per person twin share for the threenight cruise, whilst the four-night cruise is priced \$1,456.50.

CLICK HERE for more info.

Wimbledon VR

A NEW virtual reality experience exploring Wimbledon will give visitors the chance to be immersed in historical championship games as if they were right there.

Tennis legends John McEnroe, Pete Sampras, Martina

Navratilova and Serena Williams all feature throughout the virtual reality (VR) experience.

The tech will officially debut at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum on 20 Jun.

Other favourites at the museum include tours of centre court, the broadcast centre and more.



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CLOSE to 7,300 delegates from around the globe attended this year's INDABA trade show in Durban, South Africa which took place at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre earlier this month.

Around 14,000 meetings were held across the three-day event - 3,000 more meetings when compared to 2015, with 17 countries spanning the African continent exhibiting.

Pictured above at the INDABA welcome event are Australian

buyers and South Africa operators: Karryn Papenfus, Adventure Destinations; Glenn McKeag, Springbok Atlas; Wayne Hamilton, Swagman Tours and Anita McGaw, Prestige Safaris.

Cycle & food guide

SCENIC has unveiled a 44-page Europe river cruising mini guide for 2017 dubbed The Cycling and Culinary Wonders of Europe that is focused on a number of its specialty voyages - view it HERE.



Sales Coordinator – Delaware North Parks and Resorts

Delaware North, a global leader in hospitality, boast an impressive portfolio of Parks and Resorts in Special Places throughout Australia including: Lizard Island Resort, Heron Island Resort, El Questro Wilderness Park and Kings Canvon Resort.

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If this sounds like the role you have been holding out for, please hit the Apply button below.







ABOVE: Carol Mills from Travel Counsellors with Fab Leiva posing for a quick Insta-pic.



ABOVE: Travel Counsellor Matt Schmitz with Managing Director AU David Hughes.

Travel Counsellors celebrates success!

TRAVEL Counsellors enjoyed an action-packed conference filled with education, inspiration, collaboration and of course, celebration last weekend. Held at the Gold Coast's deluxe Palazzo Versace, the conference was attended by Travel Counsellors agents from all over Australia, along with guests from the Travel Counsellors head office, team members from both Australia and the UK and trusted suppliers, sponsors and partners, including headline sponsor Travelport.

Taking the Travel Counsellors brand from 'Good to Great' was the focus of the conference with the team collectively aiming to make Travel Counsellors known as 'the most caring business in the world'. Sessions from sales techniques to positivity, welcome events sponsored by Etihad Airways Arabian Nights on Friday night and awards presentation on Saturday night provided plenty of time to relax, chat and network with each other.

With this year's awards going to 'Best Newcomer' Lani Symons Vaughan, 'Best Corporate' Nadine Kutz, 'Biggest Business Increase' Meagan Patterson, 'Achievement Award' Sharon Wood, 'Most Helpful' award voted by their fellow TC's Suzanne Watson and picking up the 'Phenix Award' and 'Best Retail' was Karen Coates.



ABOVE: Tracy Parkinson, General Manager AU, Travel Counsellors with David Hughes, Managing

Director AU. Travel Counsellors.

BELOW: Steve Byrne, Managing Director with TC Tina Millington.



ABOVE: Travel Counsellors excitedly gearing up for the conference outside of Palazzo Versace.

BELOW: Ryan Davis from Travelport addressing the audience.







LEFT: Guests getting into the spirit at the



LEFT: Looking sharp: Travel Counsellors Sharon Wood, Meagan Patterson, Lani Symons Vaughan, Managing Director AU David Hughes, General Manager AU Tracy Parkinson; Karen Coates, Nadine Kutz and Suzanne Watson.

RIGHT: Attendees listening attentively at the Sunday Travel Counsellors session.



LEFT: Alan Glover from Etihad Airways.



G Adv Norway sailings

THREE new itineraries through Norway have been introduced by G Adventures on its cruise vessel G Expedition to support consumer demand in the area.

Operating next May, the options include an eight-day sailing from Tromsø to Bergen, a 14-day cruise between Edinburgh and Tromsø as well as a 15-day adventure from Bergen to Longyearbyen.

An early booking saving of 15% is available on the new Norway cruises, as well as Arctic sailings, departing between 11 May-11 Aug 2017 when booked before 30 Jun - see gadventures.com.au.

LA wins LV Super Bowl

LA TOURISM & Convention Board has aided with the successful bid to host the NFL Super Bowl LV in 2021 at the new Rams stadium in Inglewood (TD 18 May).

EK Tasman bargains

AIRFARE prices across the Tasman have been reduced by Emirates, on sale until 28 May. Economy class fares from

Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Auckland & Sydney to Christchurch lead in at \$229 one way.

Business fares are priced from \$599 one-way.

Sale fares are available during select travel periods.

Canada Mar visits up

VISITOR numbers to Canada in Mar skyrocketed 10.5% compared to the year prior, topping more than 286,700, the Canadian Tourism Commission reported.

The increase was driven by Mexico, where arrivals surged a whopping 54% year-on-year, and the United Kingdom (up 15%). Entries from Australia spiked by

4.6% to 10,604 during the month.



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THE 'FAB Four' team of Rail Europe, Viking Cruises, Qatar Airways and Germany National Tourist Office recently conducted a series of educational events for the trade in NSW and the ACT.

Participants in Canberra, Wollongong and Bowral learned the latest news and discovered some great deals in relation to Destination Germany, river and ocean cruising, rail options, accommodation and airfares.

Another 5 into SLH

BOUTIQUE properties in the Maldives, Europe, NZ and China have been added to Small Luxury Hotels of the World's portfolio.

The new additions include Milaidhoo Island (which opens in the Maldives in Nov), Mahana Villa in Nelson, New Zealand; Naman Retreat in Da Nang City, Vietnam; Althoff Hotel Villa Belrose in St Tropez, France and Elite Spring Villas in Anxi, China.

MEL traffic milestone

MELBOURNE Airport achieved its highest ever number of int'l passenger traffic movements over a 12-month period between May 2015-Apr 2016, topping 9m.

During Apr, there were 733,192 foreign passengers passing thru MEL, up 8.1% year-on-year, with Singapore and China traffic rising 45% and 19% respectively.

Domestic pax numbers were up 2.7% year-on-year to 2.03 million.

There were also many prizes handed out at the events.

The 'FAB Four' are pictured and include (from left), Brendan Coory, Viking Cruises; Nicki Schleibs, Rail Plus; Stefanie Eberhard, GNTO; Linda Seiersen, Viking Cruises and Adam Joseph, Qatar Airways.

E190-E2 first flight

BRAZIL'S aircraft manufacturer Embraer has operated the first test flight of its new E190-E2 jet several months ahead of originally scheduled.

The next generation 'E-Jet' has new engine and wing designs, aimed at improving fuel efficiency by more than 15% compared to current variations.

Embraer's E190-E2 is expected to enter commercial service in the first half of 2018.

Starwood roadshow

REPRESENTATIVES from over 30 Starwood Hotels & Resorts will embark on a three city consumer show in Australia next month.

Brands represented include St. Regis, Sheraton, Westin, Four Points, W Hotels and others from Australia, Samoa, New Caledonia, Fiji, the USA, China, Southeast Asia and South Asia.

Shows are being held in Brisbane (on 22 Jun), Sydney (23 Jun) and Melbourne (24 Jun). CLICK HERE for more details.

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