

Do Dave's Itinerary

Finalists announced

Hundreds of travel agents across Australia created an itinerary for Dave, Air New Zealand's newest frequent flyer, to get him to America's greatest football weekend.

Congratulations to the finalists below who will pitch their itinerary to a panel of judges on 30 Nov in a bid to win the grand prize. The winner will be heading off to Houston on the trip of a lifetime, thanks to Air New Zealand, Keith Prowse Travel and Brand USA.



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Dave's itinerary finals

AIR New Zealand, Brand USA and Keith Prowse Travel have today unveiled the finalists in their massive 'Do Dave's Itinerary' competition which saw hundreds of agents from across Australia develop a bespoke trip for the airline's newest frequent flyer.

Today's **TD cover page** lists the lucky agents who will pitch their itineraries to a panel of judges on 30 Nov in a bid to win the grand prize - a trip of a lifetime to the 2017 Super Bowl in Houston.

SQ CGK/SYD changes

SINGAPORE Airlines' earmarked thrice weekly Singapore-Jakarta-Sydney route this summer has been revised to Singapore-Sydney nonstop flights, due to runway maintenance at Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta Int'l Airport (**TD** 10 Nov).

The changes will take place on 07 Dec and run to 31 Jan.

A Singapore Airlines spokesperson told **Travel Daily** the resumption of the planned Singapore-Jakarta-Sydney service depends on the status of the required regulatory approvals.

Pre-booked customers will be put on the alternate flight.

QF waiver extension

QANTAS has extended its waiver for customers affected by the earthquake and travelling to/from Wellington and Christchurch (**TD** Mon) to 20 Nov - **CLICK HERE**.

Australia key for Ireland

TOURISM Ireland ceo Niall Gibbons yesterday reiterated his organisation's commitment to the Australian market, saying the Irish government had maintained its presence here "through difficult times" in recent years.

Gibbons was in Sydney for an event as part of a trans-Tasman roadshow (**see p4**) which has seen Tourism Ireland interact with agents at events in Auckland, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

He said Tourism Ireland's ongoing investment here was recognition of the importance of tourism to the Irish economy, with Aussie travellers staying about four times longer than those from closer markets such as Great Britain.

Last year Ireland welcomed a total of 10.5 million visitors globally, an increase of more than 10%, Gibbons enthused, with future initiatives including a just-announced bid for the 2023 Rugby World Cup.

Attendees at the event were treated to a sneak peek at a new video voiced by Irish action star

Liam Neeson promoting the bid - see traveldaily.com.au/videos.

Market manager Sofia Hansson highlighted the performance of the Australian/NZ market for Ireland, which has grown over the last four years from 178,000 in 2012 to 221,000 in 2015.

The biggest increase was 2012 to 2013 when numbers jumped 16%, while 2014 was a slow year with just 1% growth, improving to 6% in 2015 - albeit slower than the 10% overall figure unveiled by Gibbons.

MEANWHILE, Ireland is also a focus for Australia, with Tourism Australia rolling out a new Working Holiday Maker campaign from next Mon.

The €95,000 digital promo is being run in partnership with Irish travel agency USIT which is offering a €999 package including a one way flight to Australia, the one year WHM visa and a one year travel insurance policy.

The Australian government is also understood to be exploring the possibility of extending the age limit so Irish citizens aged up to 35 could travel on this visa versus the current 18-30 age restriction.

Tourism Australia ceo John O'Sullivan, who met with Gibbons yesterday, said it was hoped the campaign would reverse a current downturn in working holidaymakers from Ireland which has dipped to around 5,000.

ATEC keynote guest

PERSONALISED customer experiences and the range of choices offered to clients will be the key to future success for individual tourism businesses, according digital futurist, Chris Riddell who will be the keynote speaker at ATEC's Meeting Place event to be held Canberra later this month.

He believes people are not concerned by things like booking engines and systems which they simply expect to work.

"What they care about is the experience around the product and how it meets their needs and expectations," he said.

He explained that with travel easier and cheaper than ever, people are craving experiences in a way they never have before.

"They have a real desire to be deeply embed into the places they are visiting," he said, noting tourism businesses needed to cater for this.

CLICK HERE for more information on ATEC's 29-30 Nov Meeting Place event.

Tourism Fiji recruiting

TOURISM Fiji is on the hunt for a Fiji-based director of global marketing to drive the way the island is promoted to an international market.

A passion for tourism is essential along with tertiary qualifications and at least eight years experience in marketing at a senior level - see the **back page**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has seven pages of news, including a photo page for **Travelmarvel** & a front cover page for **Air New Zealand** plus full pages: (**click**)

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Choice ahead of its annual
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TRAVEL Daily is brought to
you today from Canberra where
Travellers Choice members
are gathering for their annual
shareholder's conference.

Tonight, delegates will visit
the National Arboretum for
a welcome event ahead of
tomorrow's conference sessions,
workshops and a gala dinner
and awards night at the National
Convention Centre.

See Mon's **TD** for more and look
out for pics on our Facebook page.

MCY \$181m upgrade

THE Federal Govt will provide
a concessional loan of \$181m
to help fund upgrades of the
Sunshine Coast Airport flagged
earlier this year (**TD** 20 May).

Construction of a new runway
and extensions of the airport's
terminal and aircraft aprons will
help open the region to a range of
international locations, including
growth markets in Southeast Asia,
Minister for Infrastructure and
Transport Darren Chester said.

"Upon completion, the airport
will be able to accommodate
aircraft as large as the Airbus
A330 or Boeing 787," he said.

Airbnb expands to trips

FIRST Airbnb disrupted the
traditional accommodation model
with its home sharing operation,
now eight years on the group
has confirmed its entry into the
touring and sightseeing space.

Airbnb's Trips, which launched
yesterday, sees the company's
app split into three key areas:
Experiences, Places and Homes,
with Flights and Services to be
added in the future.

"If you want to have an amazing
trip, you end up basically on a
research project," said Airbnb ceo
Brian Chesky while announcing
the news yesterday at the
company's annual Airbnb Open
conference in Los Angeles.

He said Trips was a way around
that, to "discover the hidden
gems that only locals know about
via personal recommendations
and socialise with other travellers
and locals at exciting events".

The Experiences function sees
guests taken on host-guided
activities ranging from a few

hours to a few days, like booking
an experience with a Tuscan
truffle hunter in Italy or exploring
the grime music scene in London.

The revamped app has launched
with 500 Experiences in 12
cities including Los Angeles,
San Francisco, Miami, Detroit,
Havana, London, Paris, Florence,
Nairobi, Cape Town and Tokyo.

The Places function provides
tips on places to go and things
to do which are curated through
the suggestions of hundreds of
thousands of Airbnb hosts.

Insider Guidebooks are now
available in six cities: Los Angeles,
San Francisco, Havana, Nairobi,
Detroit and Seoul with more
coming soon.

MEANWHILE, Experience users
must use a two-step identity
authentication process with
hosts and guests asked to scan an
official government ID then take a
selfie to match.

Anantara to Europe

ANANTARA has revealed its first
European property - Anantara
Vilamoura Algarve Resort, in
Southern Portugal.

The existing 208 room hotel
which is currently operating as
Tivoli Victoria will join the brand's
luxury portfolio in Apr.

Ahead of the rebrand, the
property will receive a soft
refurbishment including the main
lobby, the gym and the addition
of new children's facilities.

QF/PX c'share all clear

THE International Air Services
Commission yesterday handed
down its final approval for Qantas
and Air Niugini on a codeshare
agreement between Australia and
Papua New Guinea (**TD** 21 Oct).

A range of conditions have been
put in place due to "uncertainty"
by the IASC, to "monitor the
competitive impact".

Harvest Caye open

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Booking.com AAoA response

BOOKING.COM'S Oceania regional manager Tracey Foxall has responded to the Accommodation Association of Australia's claims that its arrangement with the ACCC was "detrimental" (*TD* 15 Nov).

Explaining to *Travel Daily* that they were in fact "fiercely dedicated to fostering healthy competition in the marketplace by providing consumers with the best possible prices."

"In order to maintain our

ability to generate significant customer leads for our partners and invest in all of the new digital technology required to do so effectively, we need to ensure that these properties don't undercut Booking.com in pricing," said Foxall.

"This directly ensures that we can continue to give our customers great prices through a service they love, as well as continue to help all our accommodation partners - big and small - fill their rooms and grow their business."

BA's US investment

BRITISH Airways has unveiled plans to invest \$110m into upgrading US airport facilities.

The cash injection will be used to improve the customer's journey through check in and security gates as well as revamp its First and Business class lounges at Terminal 6 at New York's JFK airport.

DFAT Malaysia update

TRAVELLERS in and heading to Malaysia should avoid the political demonstrations expected to be held in central Kuala Lumpur tomorrow, DFAT warns.

The level of advice for the country remains at 'exercise normal safety precautions'.

QR LATAM stake tick

BRAZIL'S aviation regulator Cade has given Qatar Airways the green light to acquire a 10% stake in LATAM Airlines.

In Jul, the UAE-carrier agreed to the purchase following a capital increase of US\$613 million through the issuance of new shares at US\$10 a pop.

LATAM told *Arabian Business* it will now move forward with the planned capital increase which it had temporarily delayed while waiting for Cade approval.

Parks Tas 21 success

THE Tas Govt's Parks 21 partnership shows "significant progress" has been made against key objectives, according to its 2016 progress report.

Port Arthur's Three Capes Track received an honourable mention in the update after reporting a gross revenue of \$3.3m in the 10 months since it opened.

CLICK HERE to obtain a copy.



Window Seat

DISNEY'S newest Polynesian princess Moana is said to have raised a few eyebrows in Italy, with her name commonly linked in the country with Italian smut queen Moana Pozzi.

To prevent confusion for Italian audiences, *The Calgary Sun* is reporting that the G-rated star of Disney's 56th animated film will be re-titled to Oceania.

Pozzi died of liver cancer in 1994, but during her reign the XXX actress appeared in more than 100 adult films, and also ran for mayor of Rome.



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Mantra downplays Airbnb threat

THE Mantra Group has dismissed the impact of Airbnb on its operations, saying its source markets aren't affected by the online platform.

At the group's AGM yesterday, ceo Bob East said forecasts for domestic and international traveller patterns - particularly from Asia - were likely to have a positive impact on Australian tourism and accommodation.

He suggested the impact of Airbnb on the hotel industry may have been overstated.

"The Mantra Group has not experienced any impact or noted any nett loss of keys under management as a result of Airbnb," East remarked.

"The focus should therefore be on the industry as a whole - all industry players make a positive contribution to the visitor economy," he said.

East referred to research from New York which showed no local

cannibalisation of hotel demand as a result of Airbnb and no impact on hotel pricing power.

He said the Mantra Group relied predominantly on market sources that were not relevant to the online platform, namely business, groups, international, airline crews, government, conferences and incentives, and corporates.

Recapping the group's annual results (**TD** 19 Aug), chairman Peter Bush told the meeting Mantra had added 11 new properties last financial year and was "Australia's fastest growing hotel group in FY16".

Velocity IPO pact

PROSPECTIVE investors can now earn Virgin Australia Velocity points when they take part in Initial Public Offerings or capital raisings through the OnMarket investment portal, under a new deal offering one Velocity point for every \$4 invested.



Sydney smiles on Ireland



TOURISM Ireland hosted key industry partners at a VIP luncheon at Sydney's Park Hyatt hotel yesterday, on a stunning day overlooking the harbour and the Sydney Opera House.

Attendees included newly appointed Irish Ambassador to Australia, Brendan O'Caollai as well as Tourism Ireland ceo Niall

Gibbons, who are pictured above with Sofia Hansson, Tourism Ireland country manager Australia and New Zealand.

The event was part of the bi-annual Tourism Ireland sales mission to Australia and NZ, with participating suppliers taking in Auckland, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne over a ten day period.

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Ctrip appoints ceo

CTRIP has announced Jane Jie Sun as its new chief executive officer and a member of the board of directors of the company, effective immediately.

All smiles for Build-A-Bear at Sea

CARNIVAL Cruise Lines has struck gold with the roll out of its new Build-A-Bear workshops across its fleet, with the hands-on concept winning approval from its key demographic - kids.

Carnival's vp Australia Jennifer Vanderkreeke said the initiative has been embraced and engaged by the local market more than in its home market, the USA.

Speaking at an event aboard *Carnival Legend* yesterday to unveil the program in Australia, Vanderkreeke said the recent addition of the Build-A-Bear workshops at sea is all about "looking for activities that raised the quality of the experience for the guests, and specifically the kids".

"This is a partnership similar to the what Carnival has with Hasbro and Lip Sync Battle.

"[In Build-A-Bear], we found an organisation that has the same fun, free spirited ideas that we have, and the same ethos."

The arrangement with Hasbro brings classic board games such as Trivial Pursuit, Guess Who and Cranium to life with oversized props, across Carnival's ships.

Lip Sync Battle, based on Jimmy Fallon's US TV program of the same name, will be available from



later this year.

Announced earlier this year, the Build-A-Bear Workshops at Sea concept sees the build-it-yourself stuffed teddy bear and animal program available to children visiting its kids club on a number of occasions per cruise itinerary, to ensure no child misses out.

On its recent transpacific sailing from Hawaii to Australia, *Carnival Legend's* Club Ocean at the bow of the ship received a facelift ahead of its deployment in local waters, with new carpets, a fresh lick of paint and brand new toys.

The pay-as-you-go Build-A-Bear Workshop is expected to be fitted on *Carnival Spirit* soon.

Pictured are some of the happy campers on board *Legend* about to choose their Build-A-Bear.

For more images from the event, see **TD's** Facebook [page](#).

Amex 2017 forecast

SUBDUED growth with only moderate price increases across air, hotel and group transportation is the predication being put forward by the AMEX's Global Business Travel Forecast for 2017.

The report said Australian airfares were tipped for a slight increase on domestic Economy flights, while int'l business fares will remain flat across 2017.

In relation to hotels, Australia is expected to be a strong performer in the APAC as a weak Aussie dollar helps attract int'l visitors and drive occupancies up.

G Adv free movie tix

G ADVENTURES will host free movie screening of *Bad Santa 2* for travel agents in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane on 22 Nov.

Agents are encouraged to RSVP quickly to reserve a spot for them and a friend.

CLICK HERE to register for Melbourne, [HERE](#) for Sydney or [HERE](#) for Brisbane using the password 'worldofgood'.

Goldie Infinitus win

THE Gold Coast has snagged its largest ever business events conference with one of China's largest personal health care companies, Infinitus.

Around 8,000 Chinese delegates are expected to descend on the Gold Coast in May 2018, injecting an estimated \$50 million into the local economy.

The six-day incentive program will be designed to inspire Infinitus staff who will experience the diverse tourism experiences on offer in the region.

Euro tourism demand

EUROPE as a whole has experienced a growing tourism demand in 2016 with international visitor arrivals growing 3% in the first half of the year compared to the same period last year.

The fastest growth was seen in Iceland (+34%) followed by Slovakia and Cyprus (both +19%) followed by Bulgaria (+13%) then Ireland and Portugal (both +12%).

Destinations which saw the biggest drop were Turkey which was down a whopping 32% in int'l arrivals & Belgium (-13%).

Today's Technology Update is brought to you by Excite Holidays.

Relevancy is King



There's no doubt that the volume and complexity of information available on the internet is invaluable, but without

Google it would be impossible to find what you need. Google provides the ability for anyone to pinpoint the exact content they require very easily. It allows people to type in a simple word or phrase and it generally retrieves exactly what they are looking for within the top three results.

That's why Google is the number one search provider and Bing and Yahoo are far less popular. Not because they are less 'pretty', but simply because they don't provide people with the most relevant results.

As travel wholesalers, we often talk about our volume of product and at Excite Holidays we can certainly boast about the sheer number of hotels and activities we have in our booking system. But size isn't everything. And, as travel agents, being presented with more options doesn't make your job easier, it actually makes it much more difficult and time consuming.

The cornerstone of our new search system, Hotel Search 2.0, is that it's not about the number of results, but the quality of the results. We've done a lot of work behind the scenes to allow travel agents to 'search by anything' and receive only the most relevant products as quickly as possible. Our aim is to be the Google of the travel industry. It might be a mean feat, but at Excite Holidays we like to reach for the moon and land amongst the stars.

Damian Sutton, Chief technology officer, Excite Holidays



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Travelmarvel's Top Achievers take on the Rockies

IT WAS adventure at every turn for the 23 lucky travel agents on Travelmarvel's Top Achievers fam to the Canadian Rockies recently.

A helicopter ride over Banff National Park, and a choice of Zip Trekking, taking a Blackcomb Glacier Jeep Safari or sightseeing in a floatplane, were among the activities on offer as Travelmarvel said thanks to its top performing agents for 2015-16.

The nine-night itinerary included a ride on the Rocky Mountaineer from Jasper to Vancouver, a two-night stay in Whistler and touring on board a luxury coach complete with free wi-fi.

Agents were able to experience Travelmarvel's fantastic four-star accommodation, the Rocky Mountaineer's SilverLeaf Service and a luxury overnight stay at the Chateau Lake Louise; all topped off with a gondola ride and Breakfast with the Bears at Grouse Mountain.

At a special awards dinner at the Maple Leaf Restaurant in Banff, Travelmarvel Executive General Manager David Cox presented the 2015-16 Sales Award to Rane Reguson from Jetsetter Travel in Ayr, Qld.



TRAVELMARVEL'S Top Achievers take on Lake Louise.



TOP Achievers enjoy the view from the top.



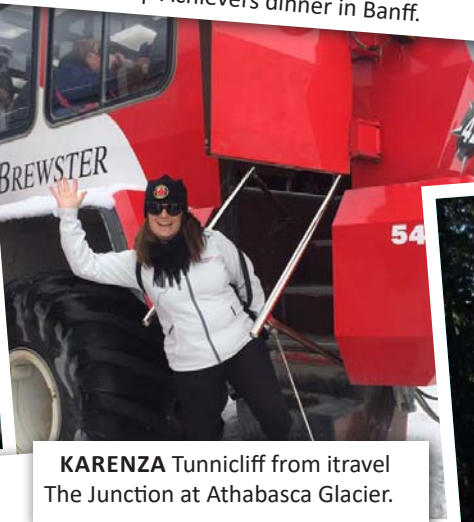
DANIELLE Anastasio, Flight Centre Niddrie; Celeste Fellowes, italktravel Reservoir; Jess Elo, Travelmarvel and Brianna Berryman, Gippsland Travel at the Top Achievers dinner in Banff.



TRAVELMARVEL'S Susie Coughlin and Executive General Manager David Cox present Rane Reguson from Jetsetter Travel in Ayr with the 2015-16 Top Achiever Sales Award.



THE ziptrekkers prepare to glide over the treetops of Whistler: Andrew Pitt, Bicton Travel; Kate Connell, Travelmarvel; Dave Ahlhauser, italktravel Midland; Pete Balmer, Cruise & Coach World; Helen Clarkson, italktravel East Doncaster; Jenny Kater, Coopers Travel; Virginia Shulist, Travelmarvel and Dylan Spence, Flight Centre Doncaster.



KARENZA Tunnickliff from itravel The Junction at Athabasca Glacier.



IN THE chopper: Lisa Gair, Travelmarvel and Jenny Kater, Coopers Travel.



PREPARING for the glacier adventure.



WHISTLER Air glides on in.



TAKING on Whistler by ATV.

Heidi showcases Switzerland



MORE than 100 travel agents and suppliers joined Switzerland Tourism last night for an exclusive preview of 'Heidi'.

The latest adaptation of the movie is based on the biggest Swiss bestseller book of all time, published by author Johanna Spyri almost 130 years ago.

"This movie was shot in all the original locations in the Swiss Alps highlighted in the book, and today Heidi's home of Maienfeld located in Eastern Switzerland, and often referred to as 'Heidiland', attracts many visitors from all over the world"

said Mark Wettstein, Switzerland Tourism director Australia & NZ.

The feel-good family movie coincides with the German Film Festival held from now to 30 Nov with screenings at select locations across Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra.

Pictured at Palace Cinemas Norton Street are: Mark Wettstein, Switzerland Tourism; Grace Craig, TravelManagers; Janice Lee, Personal Travel Manager; Patrick O'Shea, MTA Travel; Birgit Weingartner, Switzerland Tourism and Darius Gross, Jungfrau Railways.

Win a Variety Cruises experience

This month Travel Daily, Variety Cruises and Discover the World are giving readers a chance to win a yacht cruise experience on the Glories of Spain and Portugal cruise, sailing on board *M/S Panorama II*. The total prize value is AU\$7,710.

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14. Which Variety Cruises yacht will sail the "Glories of Spain and Portugal" itinerary?

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TTC Manhattan office

IN RESPONSE to demand on the US East Coast, The Travel Corporation will next year open an office in Manhattan, headed up by Uniworld CEO Guy Young.

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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.

Qantas is running a sale from now to 11:59pm 22 Nov, offering Economy one-way flights to Denpasar from \$229 and to Noumea from \$249. Economy return flights to Honolulu are priced from \$795 - [CLICK HERE](#).

Save 30% off accommodation at **Yasawa Island Resort & Spa** for stays 01-18 Dec. For reservations, visit www.yasawa.com.

Book and pay before 21 Dec a **Busabout Asia** 2017/18 departure using the promo code EBASIA and receive a 15% discount. See busabout.com.

Claim a 10% earlybird discount off the newly-released **AAT Kings** Inspiring Journeys Australia & New Zealand 2017/18 program for bookings paid in full by 28 Nov.

Royal Caribbean International is offering 50% off the cruise fare of the second guest for bookings made by 03 Dec. Applies to travel throughout Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific departing 03 Jan-22 Apr.

GC2018 CGA rebrand

THE Australian Commonwealth Games Association has rebranded as Commonwealth Games Australia and unveiled a new look corporate ID.

Commonwealth Games Australia CEO Craig Phillips said that with a home Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast on the horizon, the time was right to freshen up the look of Commonwealth Games Australia.

The new logo is **pictured**.



Nat Geo Travel's best

ECUADOR'S Cloud Forests, the Cradle of Humankind in South Africa and Anchorage, Alaska are some of the top 21 destinations to visit in 2017, according to *National Geographic Traveler*.

The magazine released its Best of the World list today, which is broken up into Cities, Nature and Culture and offers tips and facts for planning trips to each locale.

Also on the agenda is Baja California National Marine Parks, Mexico; Cartagena, Colombia; Finland; Guadeloupe Islands; Marrakech, Morocco and Papua New Guinea.

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

ANA Mexico details

THE first direct daily flights between Tokyo's Narita Airport and Mexico's capital Mexico City, operated by ANA will take to the air on 15 Feb.

Operated using a Boeing *Dreamliner* 787-8, the new route will be ANA's longest flight.

NH180 will leave Narita at 1640 and the return flight, NH179 will fly out of Mexico at 0100.

Europcar NZ costs

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All aboard! This leader in the cruise business is looking for a new crew member to join their team. You will be passionate about all things cruise and have a good working knowledge of general travel products and arrangements, from FIT to escorted tours. Your role is all about giving the best customer service and creating perfect itineraries to build a base of loyal repeat clientele and reap the rewards of an uncapped commission structure. Full systems and destination training is provided.

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My client is a leading Travel Company and is recruiting for a Digital Content & Marketing Specialist to join their busy office for 4 days a week. As a Digital Marketer you will have a passion for social media to help grow their online presence through the creation of unique, engaging, informative and authoritative content. This role includes the creation and administration of content for social media, websites, newsletters, promotions and other marketing communications to drive sales.

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Wholesale Travel Consultant

Perth, Up to \$50-55k OTE, Ref: 2532SO4

This is an opportunity for an experienced travel agent to be part of something different. You will be looking after cruise & land packages and with a fantastic office culture and a stable working environment. So if you are looking to be rewarded with uncapped earning potential, then look no further! You need to have at least 3 years consulting experience working within a retail or wholesale environment.

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Director Global Marketing

Tourism Fiji is looking for a Fiji-based Director Global Marketing to lead its marketing strategy and ensure the world knows that Fiji is the place 'where happiness finds you'.

A lot of responsibility comes with the job in a role that will set the direction for how Fiji is marketed and promoted within each of its international markets.

Reporting to the CEO and working with a highly supportive team and tourism industry, the Director Global Marketing will implement new directions to ensure that the organisation will reach its 2020 targets.

A passion for tourism is essential along with excellent communication skills and the ability to work effectively and pragmatically with all level of stakeholders. A tertiary qualification and at least 8 years demonstrated experience in marketing at a senior level is mandatory.

This position is based in Fiji and regular international travel will be required.

If you have a can-do attitude and seeking a rewarding role with unforgettable experiences then apply by email to the CEO, Tourism Fiji at vacancy@tourismfiji.com.fj

Applications should contain a cover letter, resume and salary expectation.

Applications close 11 December 2016.

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