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FC Sabre training begins

FLIGHT Centre staff in Australia have been informed of an imminent switch to Sabre, with training on the new GDS already underway in preparation for a 01 Jul switch-over from Travelport.

Rumours of a split from FCTG's long-standing global distribution system provider were speculated 10 months ago (**TD** 10 Jun 16).

Travel Daily understands Australia's largest travel company is preparing to make the change at the end of this financial year, with its Australia/New Zealand offices transitioning to Sabre, while FCTG's businesses in Europe will migrate to Amadeus.

When contacted by **Travel Daily** for information on the deal, a Sabre spokesperson referred **Travel Daily** to Flight Centre "for more details on the contract and the transition".

A Flight Centre spokesman would neither confirm or deny the change, saying "because of confidentiality, we are unable to make any comments about our GDS contract".

FCTG is estimated to process more than 24 million segments annually through its GDS.

HA \$50 peak day levy

HAWAIIAN Airlines is advising agents it will be introducing a "Q surcharge" of \$50 on select flights between Australia and Honolulu on peak travel dates.

In a memo to agents yesterday afternoon, HA said all unticketed bookings would need to be issued by today to avoid the increase, which "may change at any time without prior notification".

The \$50 levy applies to the SYD/HNL service on 22 and 23 Sep and 22, 23, 25, 26 & 27 Dec, and on the HNL/SYD service on 06 Oct and 06, 07, 08, 11 and 12 Jan.

It will also be added to its BNE/HNL service on 16 Sep and 21 & 23 Dec, as well as on HNL/BNE on 29 Sep and 05, 07 and 10 Jan.

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MTA rejects OTA claims

MOBILE Travel Agents (MTA) founder Roy Merricks has rejected claims the industry is being "eroded" by online travel agents and criticised the service offered by web-based rivals.

The MTA co-managing director says it is a "furfy" that travel advisors' positions are being adversely impacted by OTAs and questioned whether operations such as Webjet should be considered de facto agents.

"Any OTA promoting itself as a travel agent or travel advisor could be construed as 'potentially misleading'," Merricks said.

"The misnomer is they are effectively promoting themselves as an online version of a traditional travel agent - without a shop - and therefore suggesting

they are more readily available.

"Nothing is further from the truth and it is, in my opinion, potentially misleading when OTAs promote themselves as a travel agent or travel advisor in the sense of the words understood by consumers," he said.

Despite claims to the contrary, Merricks said the travel distribution system, travel agents and advisors were "alive and growing well."

Last week TravelManagers' chair Barry Mayo said a personal service provided by a frontline seller was "still extremely important in a growing technological world".

ROK re-opening soon

ROCKHAMPTON Airport says it is likely to remain closed until tomorrow following flooding.

The Rockhampton Regional Council says a final inspection of the airport is planned for today ahead of a likely reopening on Thu 13 Apr.

LH Grp comp winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Brooke Salter from Andrew Jones Travel who was chosen as the winner of last month's competition.

Courtesy of Lufthansa Group, Brooke & a friend will be jetting off to the European city of her choice on LH Group's extensive network later this year.

This month **Travel Daily** is giving away another trip to Europe with Singapore Airlines - details on **p8**.



Travel Daily
on location on Tasmania's
Maria Island Walk

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of The Maria Island Walk in Tasmania, one of the Great Walks of Australia.

THE Maria Island Walk is billed as "four days that will last a lifetime," taking a maximum of ten guests on a guided walk through one of the country's most pristine wilderness areas.

About 80km from Hobart, the all-inclusive product was created in 2002 by Ian and Bronwyn Johnstone, who established two exclusive permanent bush camps as well as refurbishing an existing home on the island to form the basis of the four day itinerary.

Groups are led by two guides who highlight wildlife such as Tasmanian devils, hordes of wombats, kangaroos, wallabies and lots of birds as walkers explore the former convict island.

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TripAdvisor names top airlines

EMIRATES has been named the top airline in the world in the first annual TripAdvisor Travellers Awards for airlines.

Singapore Airlines was in second place, followed by Brazilian low-cost carrier Azul, while Air New Zealand was the only 'local' airline to crack the top 10, in fifth.

Emirates scored for the best First class, Aeroflot for Business class, NZ in Premium Economy and Emirates for Economy.

The awards honour 50 airlines overall, including top lists for the World, Europe, North America, the Middle East and Africa; as well as 16 regional winners.

Closer to home and Singapore Airlines, Air New Zealand, Korean Air, Japan Airlines and Garuda took out the top five places in the Asia Pacific region.

Australian airlines didn't take out any global awards, however flag carrier, Qantas took out the Australia award for best local

airline.

TripAdvisor reviewers liked Qantas for its 'fantastic service,' and good value, with the airline scoring an average rating of four out of five bubbles.

Award winners were determined by the quantity & quality reviews and ratings over the last year.

Viking golden ticket

VIKING Cruises is giving away seven golden tickets to randomly chosen travel agencies nationwide to celebrate the launch of its 2018 brochures.

The tickets are hidden among the Viking river brochures, and agents will need to open their delivery to see if they are chosen.

Each golden ticket, which can be found between the brochures, entitles the bearer to an eight-day Rhine Getaway river cruise for two from Amsterdam to Basel (or vice versa) on a chosen date.

Badgerys' board boss

THE chancellor of Western Sydney University, Peter Shergold has been named as the head of an advisory board to steer the development of Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek.

The board will have 22 members.

MEANWHILE Badgerys Creek residents have launched a last ditch High Court appeal in an effort to stop their eviction from land earmarked for Sydney's second airport.

Last month the Federal Court dismissed appeals by more than a dozen residents looking to remain in their homes.

TravelEdge new site

TRAVELEDGE Group has launched six new websites across the company.

The websites cover corporate travel, enterprise solutions, academic travel, leisure holidays, events & groups and incentives.



Window Seat

LOOKING for the best place to relieve yourself in Australia?

According to the Best Bathroom Facility competition, run by Total Facilities, Brisbane International Airport has been named Australia's Best Bathroom Facility.

The airport's toilets feature State-of-the-art wash basins, urinals and hand-dryers, touch-screen technology and large-scale photography that show the Queensland outback, native animals, the Daintree rainforest and Bondi Beach.

Arthur's Seat in the Mornington Peninsula and the Sofitel Melbourne placed second and third respectively.

The awards were established to encourage awareness and pride among Aussie bathrooms.



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Discover luxury trekking around the world in the April issue of *travelBulletin*.

CLICK HERE to read **travelBulletin**

Wu egg-stravaganza

WENDY Wu Tours is so egg-cited about Easter that it's running a Easter Eggstravaganza agent incentive.

For every new booking made by 26 Apr with a minimum gross value of \$2,900 per person for 2017 travel, agents will receive a \$50 Coles Myer gift voucher.

The incentive kicked off yesterday, so agents can already get cracking.

Promo applies to both group tour and FIT bookings. For details, call 1300 727 998.

Expedia's Asia lab

THE first Expedia Innovation Lab in Asia has opened in Singapore with the aim of informing the company's future technology development and upgrades.

The lab examines how travellers engage with the Expedia group's websites by placing sensors on test subjects and tracking their experience as they navigate the booking process.

This is combined with eye-tracking to read where the user was looking at each stage and the actions they took as a result.

Emerald Liberte sets sail



EVERGREEN Tours' first river ship in France, *Emerald Liberte*, set sail over the weekend.

Operating on the Rhone and Saone Rivers, the ship accommodates 138 passengers, 44 less than Emerald's Star Ships on the Rhine and Danube Rivers.

Emerald Liberte offers an eight-day itinerary from Apr-Oct sailing between Lyon and Arlon, passing through Chalon-Sur-Saone, then Tournon and Avignon where guests can experience an on board highlight dinner by local chef, Fabien Morreale.

The pool area (**pictured**) turns into a cinema at night.

Until 30 Apr, Evergreen's eight-day Sensations of Southern France cruise in a Category E Stateroom on the 06 Oct, 2018 can be booked from \$3,290ppts. See evergreentours.com.au.



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Sanctuary Cove gm

MATT Rippin has taken to the helm of the 243-room InterContinental Sanctuary Cove Resort as general manager.

He was most recently gm at Holiday Inn Cairns Harbourside.

Vanuatu escapes

IT'S a case of 'business as usual' in Vanuatu following the passage of Cyclone Cook over the weekend, with hotels and resorts open as normal, the Vanuatu Tourism Office (VTO) has advised.

VTO said in a statement there had been no significant damage to infrastructure and the tourism businesses on Efate (Port Vila), Espiritu Santo, and Tanna were operating as normal and airports in Port Vila, Espiritu Santo, and Tanna were functioning.

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DMS Connect whirlwind tour

DESTINATION Marketing Services has wrapped up its DMS Connect roadshow, having made a whirlwind tour through Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland at the end of last month.

The event attracted more than 250 professionals from the conference, incentive and leisure sectors, allowing them to meet with DMS's international selection of Destination Management Companies.

DMS managing director Marissa Fernandez said "It was great to

see the market provide such a positive response, not only by attending but extending high interest in itineraries to destinations such as East Africa with Dragonfly Africa and Ireland with Moloney & Kelly Travel."

The event was supported by Air New Zealand and Philippine Airlines, along with other sponsors from among the airline and hotel sectors.

Pictured on the roadshow is the DMS team, from left, Sarah Arvela, Michelle Muscat, Marissa Fernandez, Niharika Chandra, Sami Lai and Sneha Gonzalez.

Marriott enters Kenya

MARRIOTT International has opened its first property in Kenya, the Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Hurlingham.

The 96-room property is one of four hotels to be opened by Marriott in East Africa this year.

It will be followed by Four Points hotels at Nairoboi Airport and in the Tanzanian cities of Dar es Salaam and Arusha.

Air Tahiti Nui special

AIR Tahiti Nui is offering discounted flights from Australia, on sale until 24 Apr.

Return Economy fares from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Tahiti are priced from \$1,209 per person.

Inter-island flights are also available from \$1,609 return.

DFAT terror update

THE Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has updated its Smartraveller advice on the threat of terrorism worldwide, with new information on recent attacks in countries including Algeria, India, Indonesia, Turkey and the UK.

It warns the threat of ISIL in south-east Asia continues to grow - for details **CLICK HERE**.

MEANWHILE, Smartraveller has also issued a new advice on the Philippines, saying the US embassy in Manila has warned that terrorist groups may attempt kidnappings in the Central Visayas, including the provinces of Cebu and Bohol.

QF TC Cook waiver

QANTAS has released a waiver for passengers holding a valid ticket issued on/before 10 Apr affected by Cyclone Cook for travel between Australia and Noumea from now until 02 May.

A range of options are available including rebooking or holding the value of the ticket in credit.

Russia 2-for-1 dates

BENTOURS has added new dates to its two-for-one deal on Russian river cruises, for bookings made by 30 Apr.

The offer is now available on select departures of the Symphony River Cruise between May and Oct this year, priced from \$4,560 per couple.

Costly strike for AR

A GENERAL strike in Argentina last week has cost Aerolineas Argentinas more than \$10 million in a single day, the airline's ceo has revealed.

Workers across the country walked off the job on Thu in protest at government austerity measures, bringing transport services to a halt.

Aerolineas Argentinas ceo Mario Dell'Acqua told *Reuters* the strike was 'for no reason' and cost the carrier about 120 million pesos.

Mountain sculptures

THE family friendly Sculpture at Scenic World 2017 in the Blue Mountains has launched, showcasing world-class artworks from 41 artists.

Now in its sixth year, the exhibit features 35 pieces along a 2.4km walkway, "transforming our rainforest into a stunning outdoor gallery for everyone to enjoy".

Sculpture at Scenic World runs until 07 May with day passes priced at \$64 per adult.

For more details, **CLICK HERE**.

MCB planners guide

THE Melbourne Convention Bureau (MCB) has released its Melbourne Planner's Guide 2017, providing info on planning a business event covering the arts, culture and shopping sector, to dining and wildlife encounters.

MCB's guide also contains over 300 products, services and incentive activities and maps to assist in logistics planning.

View the guide **HERE**.

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Kylie is the top point scorer for Round 3 of Travel Daily's AFL footy tipping competition. She's won a \$100 travel voucher courtesy of Expedia.

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TERRORISM, sadly is once again on the top of the news with this latest dreadful attack in Egypt. There is clearly no place on earth that terrorist respect given these attacks were committed in churches.

The images are very hard to look at, the video footage even harder to watch. These people are despicable, questionable human-beings that can rage this sort of atrocities on people attending a church service. This hits the bottom of the human race in my opinion.

Only days ago was the terrorist attack in Sweden. I mean Sweden, a country that is known to be at peace with everyone dating back to the post Viking days when King Gusta Vasa united that nation in the 15th century. A country that has been known to have open borders and a welcoming nation to so much immigration, yet terror has now also struck them. It is difficult to reconcile all of this, it is so sad for the loss of life in places of such peace. It's shocking.

Not in any way to trivialise these events, but as with so many terrorist attacks over the past 18 months or so, the travel industry looks to what to tell clients.

It is difficult to give advice about this sort of thing. Should I travel, am I safe, will it happen to me, what do you think? These are all the questions travel agents get asked when these things happen.

Noting the latest update from DFAT yesterday of a **terrorist threat worldwide** and a stronger warning message to all would be travellers, it is very important to consider that this advice does not say **DO NOT TRAVEL**. It is a guide and an advisory to travellers and the travel industry should take good note of the wording and pass this onto clients that ask the sort of questions mentioned before.

At the end of the day, people will continue to travel. We must as the world needs to keep spinning and life must go on. Take care to all as we travel the world; it a sad time for many, but we must ensure that the freedom of democracy and the freedom of travel prevails.

Bundy cyclone appeal

QUEENSLAND'S Bundaberg Rum distillery is showing its support for cyclone recovery efforts in the state, with the tourist attraction donating 100% of Distillery tour tickets sold in Apr (01 to 30 Apr).

The move was commended by Queensland Tourism Minister Kate Jones who said the initiative shows "true Queensland spirit".

Contiki Greek pride

CONTIKI has added Greek Week summer 2017 product itineraries to celebrate The Greek Pride events in Athens and Mykonos with two packages.

Greek Week, Athens Pride will run for 10 days, departing 09 Jun and Greek Week, Mykonos Pride will run for nine days on 24 Aug.

The tours are \$1,886 and \$1,806 respectively - see contiki.com.au.

Sabi Sabi distinction

THE four lodges operated by Sabi Sabi Private Game Lodges in South Africa have joined the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World brand collection.

The Nat Geo positioning recognises companies that meet the highest international standards in terms of experience, authenticity and sustainability.

Sabi Sabi's portfolio includes Bush Lodge, Earth Lodge, Selati Camp and Little Bush Camp.

See www.sabisabi.com.

Camino booking tool

WALKERS on the Camino de Santiago in Spain can now choose a starting point, finishing point and everything in between through CaminoWays.com.

The site now enables pilgrims to tailor an itinerary to their liking rather than a pre-made package.

Buffalo Tours picks a winner!

BUFFALO Tours recently ran an exclusive incentive for the top twenty sellers of Buffalo Tours products.

The selllers were awarded two sightseeing vouchers for a scenic flight over Ha Long Bay with Hai Au Aviation, one of Buffalo Tours companies.

They will take off from the Tuan Chau Island Marina and explore the landscape and limestone pillars reaching up from green waters.



Pictured is one of the lucky winners Debbie Tripp receiving her prize from Matthew Edwards of Buffalo Tours.

Accounting Manager

Si Travel Group houses one of Australia's leading independent wholesalers with experience of more than 21 years in the industry. The business has grown significantly from just three people when it first started to over 45 staff now, working with over 4,000 travel agents throughout Australia.

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Aussie Bush ballad proves perfect Choice

A **ROUSING** rendition of *Waltzing Matilda* proved a hit for Travellers Choice members when they were called upon to entertain fellow passengers on board a recent *Star Clipper* voyage. But the performance wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for some smart thinking.

"None of us actually knew all the words, so I got the lyrics up on my iPod and the rest of the group took photos of my screen using their phones," says Deb Long from Weston Cruise & Travel. "In the end, we didn't only sing well, we even did the actions because we thought we'd better ham it up for an international audience!"

The Travellers Choice members were the first Australian travel agent group hosted by Star Clippers in seven years. They travelled as guests of Adventure World on the seven-night voyage around Thailand and Malaysia, with the exclusive famil forming part of their Silver Choice Award prize package.

Each year Travellers Choice presents Gold, Silver and Bronze Choice Awards to its top 30 members based on support for preferred partners. As well as reward trips, winners also benefit from exclusive sales incentives and service grants, which can be used towards any of the network's member services.

Choice Awards are announced each year at the group's Annual Shareholders' Conference, with this year's event taking place in November at Perth's new six-star Crown Towers.

For more information please visit www.travellerschoice.com.au.



KARON Viewpoint in Phuket, overlooking Kata Noi, Kata Yai and Karon beaches: (L-R) Nancy Sinopoli, Travel House Group; Robyn Mitchell, Travellers Choice; Lisa Carter, Capricorn Travel; Deb Long, Weston Cruise & Travel; Mike O'Leary, Endeavour Travel & Cruise; Sue Holmes, Carine Travel Bug and Carol Shaw, Tour de Force Travel.



(L-R) **SUE** Holmes, Carol Shaw and Lisa Carter.



TIN has been mined on Phuket for hundreds of years and the group visited the Phuket Mining Museum: Pictured from back row (L-R): Andrew Hutchinson, Adventure World, Carol Shaw, Sue Holmes, Mike O'Leary, Diana Siderova, Star Clippers; Jim Cooper, John Hancock, City Beach Travel & Cruise. Front row (L-R): Nancy Sinopoli, Deb Long and Robyn Mitchell.



STAR Clipper



SEARCHING, successfully, for some higher wisdom. From left are Jim Cooper and John Hancock.



ENJOYING Star Clippers' outstanding cuisine: (Clockwise from left) Greg Close, Easy Travel and Cruise; Lisa Carter, Jim Cooper and Diana Siderova.



(L-R) **DEB** Long, Nancy Sinopoli and Lisa Carter.

SKAL MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

WELCOME to the monthly SKAL meetings calendar. If you have an upcoming meeting you'd like us to feature, email skal@traveldaily.com.au.

Club: SKAL Hobart
Date: Wed 19th April
Venue: Pancho Villa
RSVP: secretaryhobart@skal.org.au

Club: SKAL Perth
Date: Thu 20th April
Venue: Matilda Bay Restuarant
RSVP: alison.banks@travelmanagers.com.au

Club: SKAL Melbourne
Date: Thu 20th April
Venue: Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens
RSVP: d.miller@thsn.com.au



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Mantra SYD on track

MANTRA Group today said it was on track to open its newbuild 136-room Mantra branded hotel at Sydney Airport in late Jun.

Located a short distance from SYD's T2/T3 domestic terminals, the nine-level property has now moved to its fit-out phase.

Outrigger activities

KULA WILD Adventure Park is offering Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort guests a three-day entry pass to the attraction.

The resort runs a free shuttle bus to the park, which features Fiji's only dedicated children's splash pool.

The three-day entry pass is offered with all-inclusive accommodation packages at the Outrigger resort.

Liverpool FC to Syd

ENGLISH Premier League giant Liverpool FC has been confirmed to play an exhibition game against Sydney FC on Wed 24 May.

The team will travel to Sydney to play a post-season game at ANZ stadium and this will see the Reds make their Sydney debut against Sydney FC.

The game will also celebrate the Reds 125th anniversary on 3 Jun, and will be marked with activities around Sydney

Tickets on sale from tomorrow.

ACI seeks alternative solution for e-bans

AIRPORT Councils International (ACI) is calling for a solution to the UK & USA ban of bringing large electronics into the plane's cabin.

In the short term, the industry group wants additional explosive detection capability deployed at boarding gates.

Beyond this, ACI said it was critical that states worked with industry and security equipment manufacturers to enable a collaborative approach, to implement solutions that were suitable for all airports.

Singapore visa validity

THE Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has issued an advisory on its Smartraveller platform regarding passport validity in Singapore.

The update advises that Singapore authorities require all travellers (including those transiting) to have at least six months' validity remaining on their passports (entry and exit).

Luton pax record

LONDON Luton Airport has hit a new milestone with 15 million pax travelling through the facility in the past year.

More than 1.2 million pax flew through LLA last month, marking a 15.7% increase compared to Mar 2016.

LLA said the airport had recorded three years of continuous growth.

italktravel on the factory floor!

SEVERAL agents from italktravel enjoyed a famil to the Boeing Factory in the USA, and experienced a tour that "you can only experience if you buy a plane!" according to the Boeing Tour guide.

The group was hosted by United Airlines, and received the five star experience, with floor access to the Boeing 747, 777 and 787 production lines as part of the incentive trip.

Pictured from left, standing on the production floor in front of a Boeing 777, being built for United airlines are: Antonio Romeo, italktravel Castle Hill; Anne Parkinson, Janeene Ferreri, italktravel Kensington; Deidre Parkes-



Finch, United Airlines; Jonathan Nelson, ETG; Sandra Brasier, italktravel Mt Waverley; Abbey Barnier, italktravel Warners Bay; and Jordan Farrelly, italktravel Newcastle West.

Win tickets to UK/Europe

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Singapore Airlines' flights to/from Australia, Singapore Airlines is offering Travel Agents in Australia the opportunity to win two return Business Class tickets from Australia to any Singapore Airlines destination in UK/Europe!

To win, correctly answer each daily question in April. The lucky winner will have the most correct answers as well as the most inspired final entry. Send your answers to singaporeairlines@traveldaily.com.au



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Q5. Which world-renowned chef from Sydney is part of Singapore Airlines' International Culinary Panel?

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- Calypso an advantage
- Travel beyond the tourist trail

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