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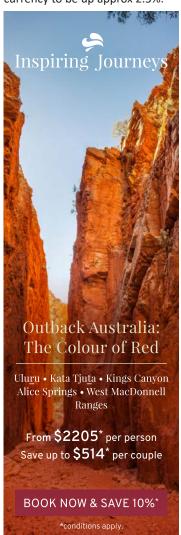
Carnival income up

CARNIVAL Corporation has reported a rise in its adjusted net income for the full year 2017, despite facing voyage disruptions due to hurricanes and increased cruise costs during the period.

The company announced a US GAAP net income for the full year 2017 of US\$2.6b, compared to US\$2.8b for the prior year.

"Our full year performance was led by over 4.5% growth in ticket prices while overcoming a variety of headwinds," Carnival Corporation president and ceo Arnold Donald said.

Looking forward, cumulative advance bookings for full year 2018 are ahead of the prior year at higher prices and Carnival expects full year 2018 net revenue yields in constant currency to be up approx 2.5%.



Creative Cruising sets sail

CREATIVE Cruising is now under new ownership, with the company's purchase by the owners of Express Travel Group (TD 13 Dec) formally settling late yesterday afternoon.

ETG ceo Tom Manwaring reiterated that it was business as usual for the company post the acquisition, with Creative Cruising continuing to operate with current staff from its existing premises at The Travel Corporation's offices in Sydney.

Manwaring has big plans for the B2B specialist cruise wholesaler,

Air NZ Hi Fly update

AIR NZ has issued an agent update on its Hi Fly substitute trans-Tasman services, introduced while its B787-9s undergo maintenance (TD 11 Dec).

New bookings for affected flights for travel from 24 Dec will receive a comment at the time of booking in the GDS while a SSR will be generated to existing GDS bookings notifying of the change.

Customers booked to travel on a Hi Fly aircraft have the option to amend their flight or request a refund - CLICK HERE for more.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has five pages of news and photos, plus full pages from:

- Melia Hotels
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telling **TD** this morning "we are looking at how we can double the size of the business".

He expects to boost consultant numbers to further improve the existing sub-five minute call centre waiting time, and is reviewing supplier contracts "to see how we can differentiate on product selection and deliver the best cruise packages".

Interestingly, Creative Cruising has also formed an arrangement with key Travel Corporation brands including Insight, Trafalgar and Contiki which will be "heavily promoted" as part of Creative Cruising's range, Manwaring said.

Ardent sale to help boost theme parks

DREAMWORLD operator Ardent Leisure has announced the sale of its bowling and entertainment businesses, saying the deal will help support its theme park division.

The company said today it had entered into a binding agreement to sell the bowling and entertainment assets for \$160 million to The Entertainment and Education Group (TEEG), the owners of the Timezone Group.

Ardent chairman Gary Weiss said the deal relieved the company of the need to further invest in the businesses, allowing it to continue the "reinvigoration" of its theme parks.

TC opts for Cairns

TRAVELLERS Choice has revealed Travellers Choice Shareholders' Conference will return to Cairns in 2018.

The three-day event was last held in Cairns in 2008 and in 2018 will see attendees stay at the fivestar Pullman Cairns International.

SYD in for record

SYDNEY Airport continued its growth trajectory in Nov, with passenger numbers up 4.5% compared to Nov 2016.

The facility is on track to achieve record pax numbers for 2017, with a 3.6% v.t.d. rise on the prior corresponding period (PCP).

For Nov. int'l traffic hit 1.3m pax, a 7.1% gain on Nov 2016, while domestic numbers climbed 3.1% on the PCP to 2.4m.



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New USA handles

VISIT USA has launched new trade-facing social handles and a new URL to engage with the Australian trade.

The organisation has adopted the handle @usatraveltrade for Facebook, Twitter, plus Instagram and www.usatraveltrade.com.

They will be used to promote new US itineraries for 2018 tips for selling the USA, prize giveaways and more - see page 1.

SYD MCA artwork

A MAJOR work of contemporary art by Kamilaroi artist Archie Moore will be installed at the Marketplace at Sydney Airport's T1 International Terminal in 2018.

Under a partnership between Sydney Airport and the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Moore's "United Neytions" will see 28 large flags which reflect Aboriginal cultures hung from the ceiling of the Marketplace.

Domestic travel surges

HOLIDAYMAKERS have led a 7% surge in domestic travel, helping to lift total spending to \$63.7 billion in the year to 30 Sep, according to figures released today by Tourism Research Australia (TRA).

In its latest National Visitor Survey, TRA says overnight trips increased in line with spending, up 7% to reach 96 million.

Growth was strong across all types of travel, but was led by holiday travellers who boosted their spending by \$1.7 billion or 6% to hit \$31.8 billion.

Outlay on business travel was

Scenic calendar

SCENIC'S Christmas Calendar promotion ends today, giving travel agents a chance to win a Christmas Markets river cruise in late 2018.

See the ad on **page one** for more details.

up 9%, while spending on visits to friends/relatives lifted 5%.

Despite the strong result, the pattern was mixed across the country with eastern states monopolising growth.

Spending was up in Vic (12%), NSW (10%) and Qld (6%), with especially strong growth in the ACT (14%) and Tas (24%).

But it was down in WA (-3%), SA (-1%) and NT (-11%).

Air travel on the rise

DOMESTIC air travel increased again in Oct, with the total number of passengers on Aust flights up 3.6% over the same month last year to 5.63 million.

Figures released by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) also show a 5% decrease in airline capacity in Oct, meaning the industry-wide load factor lifted from 80% to 82.3%.

United/TD winner

THE winner of a United Airlines/ **TD** competition to design the best endorsement for the carrier's Sydney to Houston route has been announced as Alana Towers from Scenic Tours.

She snaffled two Economy class tickets from SYD to IAH for her efforts after putting her Photoshop skills to good use and creating a promo focusing on the Houston Astros baseball team.

Runners up scored \$200 Coles Myer gift cards while all entrants scored United Airlines pyjamas.

Mantra Boxing sale

MANTRA Group is offering up major savings across its Mantra, Peppers, BreakFree and Art Series Hotel brands through a Boxing Day promotion.

Savings will apply to bookings made between 26 Dec and 03 Jan on hotels in Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii, with rates starting from \$99pp, per night.





Chili eclipse tours

GRAND American Adventures has introduced three new Solar Eclipse Chile adventures commencing Jun 2019.

The small group tours escort travellers through many sought after sites in Chile, from the architecture of Santiago to the vineyards of the Tabali Winery.

The trips range from seven to 12 nights and start from \$3,779pp.

BA-CZ codeshare

BRITISH Airways and China Southern Airlines have partnered on a new codeshare agreement that will see BA customers able to book seats on connecting CZ flights in China.

Connections to Shenyang and Harbin can now be made through Shanghai, flights to Dalian can be made via Beijing, while domestic services to Changchun can be made through either Shanghai or Beijing under the agreement.

Virgin adds flights

VIRGIN Australia has steeled itself against the usual Christmas chaos by introducing an additional 150 flights to both domestic and international locations through Dec.

The airline estimates it will carry two million passengers to 58 destinations throughout the month and interestingly around 9,000 domestic pets.

Given the travel surge, Virgin has also ramped up its Christmas efforts by serving up a range of holiday treats on board including fruit mince pies, turkey and cranberry rolls, with more than 7,000 bottles of bubbly to be popped in-flight over Christmas.

DFAT Croatia

DFAT has advised travellers heading to Croatia to observe dress standards in certain areas popular with tourists.

On-the-spot fines may apply.



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Brand USA winner

BRAND USA Australia has announced Zoe Meathrel from The Infinity Group has taken out its trade incentive competition, Five Badge Fun.

The US marketing body asked agents to complete five new badges that were recently introduced on its training site.

"I discovered so much about these amazing five US destinations. I'm looking forward to finding out where my mystery flights package takes me," Meathrel said.

Scoot first US flight

SINGAPORE Airline's low-cost carrier Scoot has started four-times-weekly services from Singapore to Honolulu, marking the carrier's first route to the United States.

The new flight will be serviced by a Boeing 787 *Dreamliner* and will operate via Osaka, Japan.

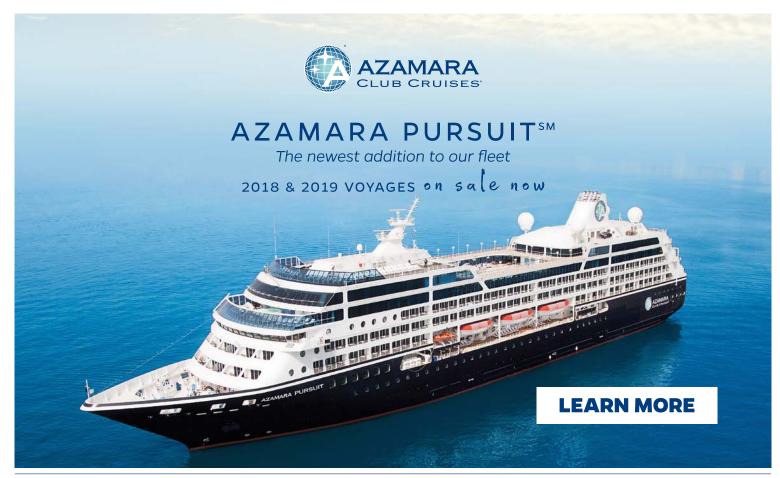


Window Seat

AIRSERVICES Australia has finalised preparations for the arrival of Santa Claus on 24 Dec, allocating the flying philanthropist the 'SLEIGH RIDER ONE' call sign.

A number of safety measures have been taken to ensure Jolly Old Saint Nick lands safely, including the use of tailwinds to lessen the effort for the reindeers, reducing airborne holding by making Santa the priority and minimising sleigh noise by using a continuous descent flight path on arrival.







DriveAway leasing

DRIVEAWAY Holidays is reminding agents they have until Fri to take advantage of its "Best Ever Peugeot Leasing Offer".

The deal includes 15 free days and 50% off delivery and return fees on all of DriveAway's Peugeot leasing models collected in 2018.

Until the end of Dec agents who make a Peugeot leasing booking can go in the draw to win \$1,000. **CLICK HERE** for details.

Cathay Pacific stats

CATHAY Pacific and Cathay Dragon carried 7.9% more passengers last month compared to the same period last year, the latest figures show.

Passenger load factor for Nov increased 0.1 percentage points to 83.6% while available seat kilometres increased by 6.4%.

In the first 11 months of 2017, pax carried increased by 1.3%, while capacity grew by 2.7%.

Jumeirah new hotel

JUMEIRAH Group has outlined plans to enter into three countries next year, with the opening of five new properties, according to local media.

The new additions are:
Jumeirah Royal Saray, Bahrain;
Jumeirah Sa'adiyat Island, Abu
Dhabi; Jumeirah Bali, Indonesia;
Jumeirah Nanjing, China and
Jumeirah Muscat Bay, Oman.

The group will also refurbish Jumeirah Beach Hotel prior to its 21st birthday in late 2018.

Aust Day cruise

A RANGE of Australia Day lunch and dinner cruises has been released by Captain Cook Cruises.

Three options are available aboard *MV Sydney 2000* at both meal times.

Lunch options range from a buffet for \$149 per adult to a four-course meal for \$229.

Dinner options are priced from \$169 per adult to \$249.

RaceAround Hong Kong



THE Qantas Holidays RaceAround 2017 bonanza supported by Qantas Airways & the Hong Kong Tourism Board saw 40 leisure consultants test their navigation skills, stamina and team spirit over four-days.

The extravaganza kicked off with a site inspection of the yet-to-open Murray Hong Kong, A Niccolo Hotel, followed by a welcome cocktail function.

The mission started with a theme park challenge at Hong Kong Disneyland and Ocean Park.

Next agents' stamina was put to the test with the Great Outdoors Hiking Challenge, followed by the Highlights of Kowloon and HK Island Challenge and the Gala Dinner, complete with The Lip Sync Challenge.

The winning team is pictured, in the back row: Nathan Micallef, Helloworld Travel Melton; Kath Doody, Hong Kong Tourism Board; Lucy Almeida, Helloworld Travel Brighton; Goriza Zinzopoulos, MasterCard Solutions; Lydia Ozich, Reho Travel; Sue Harrison, Allure Travel by CTM; Cathy Natoli, Laze Away Travel; Bronwen Simpson, Hills Travel Centre & Karen Robinson, Travel View.

In the front row are: Steve Brady, Qantas Holidays; Trevor Reid, Qantas and Anna Chui, Hong Kong Tourism Board.

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK ON THE GOLD COAST WITH AUSTRALIA'S LEADING MOBILE AGENCY GROUP.



Due to continued expansion, MTA, Australia's pioneer of the Mobile Travel Agency, has a number of exciting opportunities for travel experts to work with a young dynamic team in Robina on the Gold Coast.

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The Assistance team at Head Office is looking for an experienced Travel Consultant to join our dynamic team. The right applicant must have a minimum 3 years' experience in a similar role, familiar with at least one GDS, excellent customer service and communication skills and exposure to both Corporate and Leisure travel.

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Working as part of an enthusiastic team this position involves issuing high volumes of airline tickets including complex and Round the World fares using any of the GDS's. Applicants must have excellent ticketing skills and knowledge with a minimum of 2 years' experience in a similar role.

If you are interested in either of these exciting roles, please send a brief cover email and your resume to kym@mtatravel.com.au

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Cathay to Dulles

CATHAY Pacific will begin a fourtimes-weekly nonstop service from Hong Kong to Washington DC Dulles Int'l Airport in Sep 2018.

The route will bring the airline's first Airbus A350-1000 to the region when operations commence on 16 Sep.

CX will service IAD with a threeclass A350.

Paul Gaugin offer

PAUL Gauguin Cruises is offering return Economy airfares and a two-night pre-cruise stay in Tahiti for bookings on a sevennight Tahiti & the Society Islands cruise made by 29 Dec - CLICK.

OKURA Nikko Hotel Management Co will bring its brand back to Bali next year after striking a deal to launch the Hotel Nikko Bali.

Hotel Nikko Bali will offer 188 rooms and will be located on the Badung peninsula.

AC Montreal-Lima

AIR Canada has launched flights to Lima from Montreal under its Air Canada Rouge brand.

The twice weekly service will be operated with a 282-seat Boeing 767-300ER aircraft featuring Premium Rouge and Economy class service.

Hotel Nikko for Bali

ANZAC Somme

FRENCH Travel Connection is offering a three-day escorted tour for Anzac Day to the Somme.

The tour will include attendance at a dawn service at the Australian National Memorial.

Packages start at \$1,635 per person and include accommodation at the Ibis Styles Peronne Assevillers Hotel and entry to a number of memorials. Call 1300 858 304 for more.

HK Airlines to LAX

HONG Kong Airlines has commenced operations on its new service to Los Angeles.

LAX becomes the carrier's first destination in Continental United States, with San Francisco and New York to follow in 2018.

The route will be serviced by an Airbus A350-900 XWB fitted with Business and Economy classes.

Flights will operate initially four times a week before starting a daily service on 16 Jan.

Accommodation Updates

WELCOME to Accommodation Updates, Travel Daily's Wed feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description with an image to accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au.



Meriton Suites Campbell Street Sydney has completed a full transformation. Upgrades include new furniture for all 247 suites which incorporate "sophisticated tones and contemporary details" to cater to the higher standards of inbound hotel quests.

Improvements have also been made to public spaces.



A new Club Lounge has opened at Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Located on the 14th floor, the lounge features free breakfast and complimentary cocktails in the evening, plus a selection of free non-alcoholic drinks all day. The space

also includes meeting spaces for business travellers.



Castleknock Hotel in Dublin has finished a €7m development and added 52 new bedrooms, a state-of-the-art luxury spa and upgraded leisure centre, and two new restaurants. The four-star hotel now has 190 rooms. The spa is stocked with Elemis and

VOYA natural organic products. The leisure centre includes an 18m pool.

B6 share buyback JETBLUE has announced it will

launch a US\$750 million share buyback plan on 01 Jan.

According to an SEC filing, the plan has been authorised to run for a period of two years, through to the end of 2019.

B6's previous share repurchase program was for USD500 million worth of shares and began on 01 Jan 2016.

The program was completed earlier this year.

Hard Rock Maldives

HARD Rock International will debut a new property in 01 Oct 2018, with plans to open the Hard Rock Hotel Maldives.

It will be part of the Emboodhoo Lagoon project, which is the first integrated resort destination in the Maldives.

Hard Rock Hotel Maldives will have 178 guestrooms including family suites, beach villas and overwater villas.

Win with Air Canada

With Air Canada now flying to Vancouver non-stop from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne it's clear Australian travellers have fallen in love with Canada's beautiful west coast city. If you'd like to know what all the fuss is about, then here's your chance.

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All you need to do is create a fun photo featuring Air Canada and showing how much you love Canada and send it to aircanada@traveldaily.com.au before 31 Dec.



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