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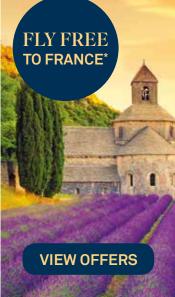
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Virgin debuts MEL-HKG

VIRGIN Australia this morning kicked off its inaugural flight from Melbourne to Hong Kong, with founder Richard Branson declaring the airline was also considering flights to Hong Kong from Sydney and Brisbane.

Branson headed up a flamboyant pre-flight event as he arrived at MEL at the head of a Chinese dragon, before welcoming dignitaries on the first flight.

Special guests included VA ceo John Borghetti, HK Tourism Board chief Andrew Clarke. Federal Minister for Tourism and Trade Steven Ciobo, and Tourism Australia md John O'Sullivan. Borghetti said the new route kicked off Virgin Australia's

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SCENIC is promoting its 2018 France River Cruises on the Seine. Rhone & Bordeaux rivers.

Flight offers including fly free deals are available, along with an early payment discount.

The operator is highlighting its 13-day South of France itinerary, which is priced from \$7,495pp see the cover page.

ambitions for China.

"Hong Kong and mainland China are two of the largest and valuable inbound travel markets for Australia, and we are excited to introduce Virgin Australia to this region.

"We believe there is tremendous opportunity for growth in these markets." he said.

While Virgin Atlantic operated flights from Hong Kong to London, it's not envisaged that VA will expand its cooperation with VS at this stage, with Borghetti telling TD the carrier was firmly committed to its existing codeshares to Europe with Etihad Airways and Singapore Airlines.

Hong Kong Tourism Board's Andrew Clarke welcomed the route, which will help boost Australia-Hong Kong capacity by 8% this year.

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Ascott pumps up interest in Quest

THE Ascott Limited has acquired an additional 60% stake in Quest Apartment Hotels for \$180m, bringing its total stake in the apartment hotel operator to 80%.

Ascott also has the option to acquire the remaining 20% interest in Quest, subject to T&Cs.

The acquisition boosts Ascott's portfolio by over 11,000 units to more than 67,000 units across 507 properties globally, making it the largest serviced residence provider in Australasia.

Lee Chee Koon, Ascott's ceo said "we first took a 20% stake in Quest a few years back; it gave us time to work together and understand each other's culture and strengths".

"After due consideration, we decided to take the partnership further with this move."

Ascott said it was on track to achieve its goal of 80,000 units globally by 2020.

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APT Travel Group (ATG)

managing director Chris Hall has unveiled a new leadership team, including several new high level promotions.

The team will report into Hall and be responsible for "managing the cross functional strategic decisions of the business," the company said.

Steve Reynolds, ceo of APT, and Travelmarvel chief David Cox are both on the team, along with Debra Fox who is now Chief commercial officer (TD 26 Jun).

Fox's expanded role will see her responsible for all key commercial agreements with trade partners as well as overseeing many of the shared services teams.

A new chief people officer role has been created, to be filled by Ashleigh Smith who rejoins the business to take up the role after a three year absence.

Other changes have seen



APT expands senior ranks

Justine Lally promoted to general manager marketing, while Mary Arbuckle has been promoted to head of digital.

The new structure will allow Hall to step back from the dayto-day running of the business to "focus on new opportunities, partnership growth, product enhancements, acquisitions, market development and distribution".

He will also aim to raise the profile of the group globally.

"With a business as large and complex as ATG it's important to manage the cross functional strategic decisions while also being able to maximise the opportunities for each individual brand," Hall said.

"By assembling this dedicated leadership team we are in a much stronger position to leverage opportunities between brands while also setting our sights on future growth," he added.

Swiss SuperStars

SWITZERLAND Tourism, Swiss Travel System and Rail Europe distributors have launched the Swiss Travel Pass SuperStar program, offering agents a chance to hone their knowledge and win some great prizes in the process.

The program consists of six modules, each with 10 questions which agents must complete (requiring a score of six or more) between now and 31 Aug.

The six Australian agents who achieve the highest number of points will win a coveted spot on a seven-day Christmas market famil to Switzerland in Nov, incl return flights, accom, first class train travel, mountain excursions and city tours.

Other prizes up for grabs include a Bucherer watch, \$250 worth of gift vouchers & a cheese hamper.

All agents who successfully complete the program with a score of 36pts will receive a Swiss Travel Pass SuperStar Certificate. See theswisspasssuperstar.com.

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UL direct to HK

SRILANKAN Airlines is adding new non-stop services between Hong Kong and Colombo, set to commence from 15 Jul.

Operating five times weekly, the service will depart HKG at 0200 on Thu and Sat and also at 1815 on Mon, Thu and Sat.



XIAMEN Airlines and the Macao Government Tourist Office this week announced a combination product for Australian travellers, offering "one fare, two cities".

Return flights start at just \$768 per person from Sydney or Melbourne, with the price including a free night's stay in Xiamen along with a complimentary coach tour of the city which is about 90 minutes north of Macao and Hong Kong.

Travellers don't need a Chinese visa if they stay up to 72 hours in Xiamen, and Macao is also visafree for 30 days.

"This is a very exciting venture between airline and destination, which should build on our numbers of Australian holidaymakers to Macao," said Helen Wong, gm of the Macao Government Tourist Office in Australia and New Zealand.

"Merge the low air fare with some attractive accommodation offers and we have the makings of an affordable Macao experience," she said.

Last year about 93,000 Australians visited Macao, a year-on-year increase of just 1%, spending 2.5 days on average.

The destination is experiencing a tourism boom, however, with overall numbers reaching 31 million and ongoing hotel development boosting accommodation stock to a whopping 37,900 rooms and more on the way.

Xiamen, Macao team up The joint initiative will be promoted in trade advertising, travel industry workshops in both Sydney and Melbourne and in a series of shopping centre activations in Sydney this week featuring 3D virtual

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Xiamen Airlines. Xiamen Airlines country manager Yang Huy Chen said Australian passengers would enjoy the carrier's exclusive Boeing 787 operations, with the average age of the wide-bodied aircraft less than two years.

reality experiences of Macao and

FCTG record sales

FLIGHT Centre Travel Group is predicting an underlying profit before tax of \$325-330 million in the year to 30 Jun, having achieved record sales and strong growth in the second half.

The group this morning announced it expected Total Transaction Value (TTV) to be more than \$20 billion for the full year, an increase on the \$19.3 billion recorded in 2015/16. Managing director Graham

Turner said results in Australia had improved in the second half thanks to strong sales volumes.

While discounting had pushed down int'l airfares by 7% in the first half, they were now closer to last year's levels and had lifted revenue and TTV growth late in the year (TD breaking news). Results were also boosted by record profit in the US and UK.

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DESTINATION weddings might be about to make the leap from tropical beaches to computer game console, thanks to a Japanese company that now offers the chance to 'marry' a digital anime character in a virtual reality ceremony.

The Niitzuma LovelyxCation video game launched earlier this year by Hibiki Works now lets players don a tux and 3D virtual reality headsets in a realworld chapel in Tokyo.



When the time comes to kiss the bride, grooms are presented with what looks like a set of rubber lips on a stick.

CLICK HERE to see a video.

Latin Am CostSaver

TRAFALGAR'S CostSaver brand has introduced Latin America to its 2018 Americas program, with five new itineraries covering Peru, Argentina, Costa Rica and Brazil.

The move follows this year's launch of North America tours, based on CostSaver's European formula aimed at independentminded travellers seeking low cost and more free time.

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Travel Daily en route to Hong Kong

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of Virgin Australia and the Hong Kong Tourism Board, who are hosting the launch of VA's MEL-HKG route.

TODAY'S inaugural Virgin Australia flight from Melbourne to Hong Kong will be conducted in typical Virgin style, with a range of celebratory treats for those on board.

A Hong Kong inspired menu will feature fortune cookies, traditional egg tarts and other cuisine devised by celebrity chef Luke Mangan, who is also on board the debut service.

VA has also today launched a new inflight duty free offering, partnering with 100 popular brands available for purchase on the new flights - more from Hong Kong in *TD* tomorrow. 100% Pure refresh

TOURISM New Zealand's new global 100% Pure New Zealand campaign, revealed by *Travel Daily* (*TD* 20 Jun), is now live. The two-part push will run for

two years and aims to use digital marketing to convert travel aspirations into bookings.

Video content addressing what there is to see and do has been released, and in a few weeks will be followed by more specific information on travel routes, places to see and things to do.

Content will direct consumers back to newzealand.com.

The push will run in all Tourism New Zealand's target markets and is the first piece of activity to be delivered from Tourism New Zealand's new four year strategy.

The plan targets greater dispersal of visitors and encourages off peak travel through supporting airline or travel agency partnerships. **CLICK HERE** to watch the clip.

Plans for "10 new Balis"

A TRIPLE-PRONG action plan to redress Indonesia's "neglected" tourism industry has been developed by the country's govt in a bid to boost visitor numbers.

Speaking to media in Sydney last night as part of the Wonderful Indonesia sales mission, Vinsensius Jemadu from the Ministry of Tourism said tourism has become one of five priorities for the govt, revealing three initiatives devised to achieve an ambitious 15 million overseas arrivals in 2017.

Initatives include deeper cooperation with airline partners, developing homestays and using tech to house Indonesia's full suite of tourism data in one location.

Under the homestay focus, and to encourage visitor dispersal beyond Indonesia's most wellknown tourist hot-spot, Bali, the government has signalled plans to create "10 new Balis".

Earmarked sites for the new Balis are Danau Toba, Tanjung Kelayang, Tanjung Lesung, Kota Tua Jakarta, Borobuder, Bromo Tengger Semeru, Labuan Bajo, Wakatobi, Mandalika & Morotai.

Seven of the ten "new Balis" will share a common nautical theme, while others will have links with Indonesian culture. To support tourists at these new sites, 10,000 homestays will be required in the next five years.

Jemadu, the director for Asia Pacific Tourism Promotions, said collaborations with airlines, travel agents & wholesalers in Australia was key, naming Helloworld, Flight Centre and Consolidated Travel as important partners.

He revealed the Indonesian govt was in talks with Jetstar for more preferential daytime slots at Denpasar Ngurah Rai Int'l Airport and that the low-cost carrier was intending to restart services from Perth to Lombok, a route that was shelved in Oct 2014.

Indonesia's recently announced Memorandum of Understanding with Jetstar (*TD* 08 May) will also see the country's tourism sector provide a subsidy of \$15 per pax, used to fund advertising promos, Jemadu explained to *Travel Daily*.

MEANWHILE, Jemadu confirmed Indonesia was planning to beef up its presence in Australia from Aug with the appointment of a dedicated director to oversee this market (based in Jakarta) and reps in Sydney and Melbourne.

China is Indonesia's top inbound visitor source & will also receive its own dedicated director to handle the sheer volume of growth.



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2nd QF wi-fi plane

QANTAS has announced that a second Boeing 737 aircraft has been fitted with its latest ViaSat technology to provide free inflight wi-fi for passengers.

Up to eight more aircraft will also be decked out with the technology between now and Sep, however the aircraft will not have the wi-fi activated as yet.

Qantas said on average 32% of all pax on wi-fi enabled flights choose to log-on at some stage.

For an update on how QF's wi-fi trial has progressed, **CLICK HERE**.

Emirates impressed by Kiwi's America's Cup



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EMIRATES Team New Zealand stopped in Dubai on their way to Auckland to showcase the America's Cup trophy after claiming the win on the weekend.

The team was joined by leaders from the Emirates Group and the New Zealand Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Later in the morning, Emirates staff were given a chance to take pictures with the trophy.

Emirates has sponsored the Kiwi team since 2004 after commencing flights to the land of the long white cloud in 2003. The team won the America's

Cup with a 7-1 win over Oracle

UK hols protection

THE UK Government is planning to give travellers who book online similar protections to those who book packages via a travel agent or tour operator.

A bill introduced to the UK Parliament this week aims to extend the protections of the existing Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL), which provides refunds in the case of a travel company collapse.

Due to be enforced from next year, the system would for the first time provide cover for UK travellers who book flights and hotels separately online.

Prime Minister Theresa May said the new system would ensure the ATOL scheme could keep pace with technological change now and in the future. Team USA in Bermunda.

Pictured above: Emirates Team New Zealand at Emirates HQ with Sir Tim Clark, Emirates president, Gary Chapman, Emirates & Dnata, and Jeremy Clarke Watson, NZ Ambassador to the UAE.



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A tale of one fare, two cities

THE Macao Government Tourist Office's new "one fare, two cities" initiative (see **page 3**) is likely to also significantly boost awareness of the Chinese coastal city of Xiamen. Located

about 500km north of

Hong Kong and Macao, Xiamen is prized for its stunning beaches and bays, with the desirable location making housing prices among the highest in China, putting it just behind the massive metropolises of Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Xiamen Airlines operates direct services to Xiamen from Sydney four days per week, and thrice weekly from Melbourne, along with daily connections onwards to Macao.

Australian travellers arrive in Xiamen at about 7pm, and the \$768 lead-in return fare (valid through to 30 Oct) includes a free stopover hotel and a bus tour of the city - and a launch deal also includes a 50% saving on a Cuniq Travel SIM for use while abroad.



The return services from Macao connect directly with Xiamen Airlines overnight flights back to Sydney or Melbourne.

MGTO general manager Helen Wong said the partnership offers an alternate route to the traditional Hong Kong flight path to Macao.

Xiamen Airlines also represents Xiamen Tourism in Australia.

Helen Wong is **pictured** sealing the deal with Xiamen Airlines gm Yang Hua Chen.

Cathay ADL boost

CATHAY Pacific today revived its fifth weekly service from Hong Kong to Adelaide, giving it a total of 2,500 seats per week while boosting freight capacity.

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AFTA update

From AFTA's chief executive, Jayson Westbury



THIS week I am in Rome for a range of global meetings with IATA and the travel industry value chain including the Passenger Agency Program Global Joint Council (PAPGJC), the Transparency in Payments Working Group (TIPWG) and the Airline Distribution Stakeholders Forum (ADSF). Each of these meetings presents an opportunity for the global agency community to

discuss the all-important IATA BSP program and the various governance aspects to its operation.

The TIPWG has been working on a new set of standards to allow new forms of payment to be included within the BSP and this is an exciting initiative that will really provide IATA agents with all sorts of new modern payment options. There is still some work to be done, and of course resolutions and governance changes to be made, but from the meetings being held this week, progress is being made.

The ADSF is the interaction between the global agency community, GDS and IATA where a great deal of the detail as to how these new ideas and concepts will actually work and be implemented in the future are discussed. And the PAPGJC is the global interaction between the agency community, airlines and IATA.

Each meeting carries a different purpose, considering and discussing the IATA NewGenISS project. While as with all things IATA it is complex and surrounded in lengthy pages and pages of resolutions, the outcome is that the BSP will have a modern spring in its step going forward and hopefully future proof for many years to come the traditions enjoyed between travel agents and airlines and how they settle funds together for tickets sold.

All of these changes are planned to be passed by the governance conference (PAConf\40) of the IATA program in Nov with hope that the new arrangements will come into effect in Mar 2018. As IATA agents know, the settlement remittance cycle for Australian IATA travel agents changes in Feb 2018 to a seven-day BSP with a seven-day settlement and this will set up Australia for a good footing to embrace many of the changes coming in the new year.

As to my location, why this meeting was held in Rome is a mystery to me. In the European summer and with Rome at its busiest and hottest?

As a destination Rome is looking great and the new airport terminal brings great improvements to the arrival experience and as you can imagine Rome is as busy as ever. While there is an increased feeling of police presence around the streets, it is really a case of business as usual. All of this work falls within the remit of the World Travel Agents Association Alliance (WTAAA) of which AFTA remains a driving force at the global level.

QR Nice inaugural

Daxing 2019 launch

NICE Cote d'Azur Intl' has welcomed its first Qatar Airways flight from Doha with a traditional water-cannon salute, marking the start of five-weekly services on Boeing 787 aircraft. **BEIJING'S** new Daxing International Airport is on track to open in 2019, Chinese media report, with the steel structure of its five-wing terminal buildings completed on Fri.



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Peugeot runout sale

DRIVEAWAY Holidays has released a new runout deal, offering seven day's free car hire on all new Peugeot European car leasing program, a saving of \$322.

The offer is available for all new Peugeot car lease bookings made for collections in Europe prior to 31 Dec of a minimum 21 days.

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Lux submissions

NOMINATIONS are open for Luxperience's annual awards night, to be held in Sep.

Categories for the third annual awards include: Inspiring, Meaningful, Connections, and Outstanding Destination awards. Nominations must be lodged by 24 Jul - **CLICK HERE** for more info.

TravelCube sales force, unite!



TRAVELCUBE has restructured its national sales force with the aim to grow relationships with the company's key partners.

Under the revamped line-up, TravelCube's sales team now includes two newly-created key account manager positions.

Former NSW state manager Stacy Harsh, and former NSW sales executive Teagan Greentree have appointed to the new roles. In addition, former sales manager Queensland Shari Rokosuka will become TravelCube's newly created sales manager Australia, with responsibility for TravelCube's team of account managers. **Pictured** are Stacy Harsh, Teagan Greentree, Shari Rokosuka and John Stucci.



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Mantra Southbank's apartment-style guest rooms have been transformed into an art-inspired urban oasis as part of a milliondollar upgrade at the Melbourne property. All 118 one- and two-bedroom apartments have been rejuvenated, and include new

furnishings, bedding, and windows. The property is close to Crown Casino and the Melbourne Convention Centre.



 Located on one of Bali's beach coves,
AYANA Resort and Spa has launched its new Kubu Beach Club space. The Kubu
Beach Club is inspired by elements such as shell, wood, bamboo, stone and traditional rooftops made with "lontar" leaves, similar

to the island's palm leaves. Inside the club, there are ocean facing cabanas, day beds, and even a spot for a traditional Balinese massage.



The Hyatt House Chicago/Naperville/ Warrenville is back in business after a major renovation in the hotel's public areas. Works on the property included the new H Bar, along with floor tiles, paint, wall vinyl artwork and all new soft seating furniture throughout

the spaces. Inside the H Bar, guests can enjoy Sip+Savor menu, cocktails, premium beer and wine, along with grilled cheese sandwiches, pizzas, and shareable snacks .

DestinationQ 2017

TOURISM businesses, industry groups and stakeholders are invited to be part of Queensland's DestinationQ forum in Brisbane.

Scheduled to take place on 9-10 Nov, the forum will coincide with the annual Qld Tourism Awards gala ceremony and Qld Tourism Industry Council's Indigenous tourism event on 08 Nov.

It's the first DestinationQ forum to be held in Brisbane since the event began back in 2012.

CLICK HERE for more details.

New LAWA stores

LOS Angeles World Airports and Westfield will refresh LAX Terminal 3 with the introduction of a new retail and dining collection that should be completed by the end of the year.

The new dining area will aim to give travellers a taste of LA with four locally based restaurants set to take up show in the terminal.

Options include the LA gastro pub, The Parlour, earthbar and Panda Express, as well as a new shopping hub for those a spot of retail therapy before their flight, with stores including Moshi and Hudson LAXpress.



Exclusive ticket giveaway

This week Travel Daily and Helloworld Travel are giving away 20 family passes (4 tickets) to the Women's Indoor Volleyball Grand Prix at the AIS Arena, Canberra on 22-23 July, see the Helloworld Volleyroos take on the world on home soil, thanks to Helloworld Travel.

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Bentours late sale

BENTOURS and Hurtigruten are running a last minute sale on select expedition voyages through to Nov.

Savings of 20% are available until sold out and there are no single supplement until 31 Jul.

Included in the deal is Hurtigruten's 15-day The Ultimate Fjord Expedition in the Arctic departing 06 Sep, now priced from \$8,380 per person. CLICK HERE for more.

Saudia ban reprieve

THE ban on large portable electronic devices in the cabin on Saudi Arabian Airlines' flights to the US is expected to be lifted on or before 19 Jul, the airline has said in a statement.

Saudia said it was talking with the General Authority of Civil Aviation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to implement the new directives from the US Dept of Homeland Security.

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Mantra Epping deal

MANTRA Group will operate a \$70m hotel development in the Melbourne suburb of Epping under a hotel management deal. Construction is set to begin on

the 214-room Mantra Epping Hotel this year and its opening is scheduled for mid-2019.

Mantra Epping Hotel will include hotel rooms and apartments, a cafe/restaurant, brewhouse, conference and meeting facilities, gym and a car park.

The hotel is located at 250 Cooper Street, near Melbourne's new wholesale fruit, vegetable and cut flower market and The Northern Hospital.

Hilton family focus

A NEW Family Fun package is being introduced by Hilton designed to "help parents in relieving pain points of travelling with the family".

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Q3. Name one of Scenic's new 2018 Europe River Cruises.

A&K to Tamil Nadu

A TOUR of entrepreneurial projects in the Southern Indian cities of Mahabalipuram and Pondicherry will be a highlight of Abercrombie & Kent's 12-day Women Hand in Hand itinerary departing in Mar and Oct 2018.

The new small group trip will enable travellers to learn about the many issues facing impoverished communities, and the local women who are leading the charge to tackle them.

Departures are scheduled for 20 Mar and 10 Oct, priced from \$7,435ppt - more details HERE.

Curtiss joins Ascend

THE Curtiss Hotel in Buffalo, New York has joined the Ascend Hotel Collection, part of Choice Hotels International.

The 68-room boutique property is located in downtown Buffalo and offers seven styles of guest rooms with spa-like bathrooms.

Ride Cairns website

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RIDE Cairns' website has been updated to help travellers attending the 2017 UCI World Mountain Bike Championships plan their trip.

The portal sports new images and updated information on trails, destinations, events and riding in the region.

The event will run 05-10 Sep. See www.ridecairns.com.

Victor aquarium

SOUTH Australia's Victor Harbor has a new tourism attraction with the installation of the Oceanic Victor in-sea aquarium.

The new addition, set to open next month, will allow visitors to get in the water with a range of indigenous marine species from the local region, such as tuna.

It's expected more than 10,000 people will visit the new attraction in the first year & the operators said they expected numbers to climb steadily.



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