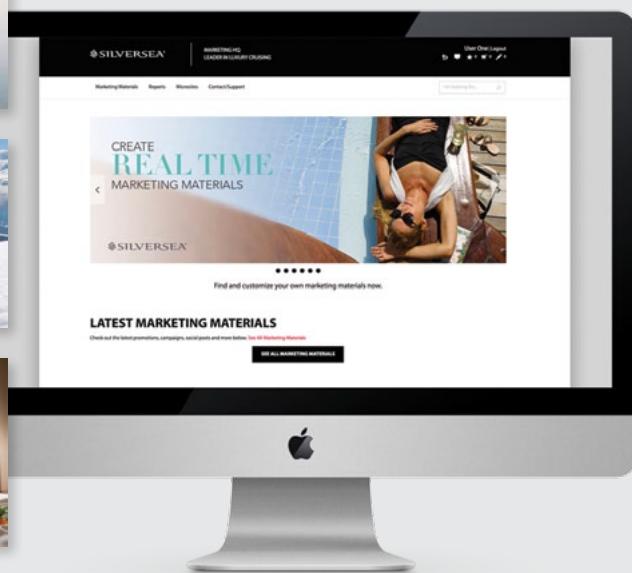


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Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news, including a front full page for **Silversea Cruises**, a photo page for **Excite Holidays** plus full pages:

- inPlace Recruitment
- Air Tickets/SQ promo

2017 Avis award winner

THE 2017 Avis Travel Agent Scholarship has seen TravelManager's Nakita Byrne emerge as the winner of this year's prestigious prize.

In accepting the scholarship, Byrne from Mount Arthur in NSW said she felt "really honoured and really blessed to win this award," before thanking AVIS and her fellow nominees.

As part of the prize package, Byrne will receive a trip to a Phocuswright conference overseas flying Qantas, a 12-month membership of Cruise Lines International Association Australasia, free registration to attend Cruise360 in 2018, two tickets to the 2018 AFTA National Travel Industry Awards plus a host of valuable training and mentor opportunities.

This year's event was focused on innovation with judges seeking travel agents who had cultivated new strategies for delivering

exceptional customer service.

"We added innovation because many industries, including ours, are being disrupted in some way, shape or form and disruption doesn't mean technology all the time, it means how are we engaging with our customers," said Kaye Ceille, senior vice president of global travel and partnership sales for the Avis Budget Group.

The other 2017 finalists included Amber Halleday, MTA Travel, Brigitte Kempf, New Zealand Travel Brokers and Kim Mason, TravelManagers Australia. See more on [page six](#).

Emirates 777 suites

EMIRATES has unveiled completely remodelled interiors for its Boeing 777 aircraft, including the carrier's new First class private suites.

See [FACEBOOK](#) for photos.

Win a trip to the US

UNITED Airlines is celebrating next Jan's launch of non-stop 787 flights between Sydney and Houston by giving **Travel Daily** readers the opportunity to win flights on the new route.

To be in the running send us a photo, meme or similar combining United Airlines and Houston - details on [page nine](#).

Rottnest incentive

ROTTNEST Express is offering travel agents the opportunity to win a fabulous trip to Rottnest Island off the coast of Perth, including return flights from any major Australian capital city.

The prize also includes two nights' accom at Fremantle by Rydges plus the ultimate Rottnest experience with a Rottnest Express return trip, bike hire, adventure tour and two nights at Karma Rottnest.

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Wendy Wu Asia

WENDY Wu is offering two new earlybird deals to Asia.

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WA signs Chinese giant

THE West Australian Government has signed a deal with China's dominant online travel company Ctrip, paving the way for joint campaigns to promote the state.

Through Tourism Western Australia, the Government has agreed to co-operative marketing efforts targeting Ctrip's 300 million registered users.

An initial \$700,000 campaign will kick-off in late Dec, building on a precursor effort mounted in Jun which resulted in 440 Chinese visitors to WA, more than 1,900 hotel room nights and a \$2.2 million visitor spend.

"To gain traction in this competitive market, we need to form strong partnerships with leading travel companies," said WA Premier Mark McGowan.

"The agreement with Tourism WA and Ctrip is good news for the WA tourism industry as it has

New Mantra Melb

MANTRA Group will operate a hotel called Mantra on City Road in Melbourne's Southbank when the development opens in late Mar 2018.

The group has secured the management agreement for the new-build 46-storey hotel, which will offer one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments.

It will also feature an indoor winter garden with private dining spaces and a guest lounge.

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Contiki's 20th Rock Around the World

CONTIKI is running a sales incentive that will see 32 agents win a place on its 10-day Rock Around the World tour, including a seven-day Contiki trip in Europe with three days of festival access on a Tomorrowland Full Madness Comfort Pass and access to VIP zones at the Belgium event.

When an agent books a min of 10 Contiki trips of any length and location for the 2018 period, they will go into the draw to secure a place on the global tour.

The 20th Rock Around the World incentive competition will run until 31 May next year.

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Crowne Plaza Fiji plans

THE InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) has revealed plans to launch its Crowne Plaza brand in Fiji, having signed a management deal to operate a 453-room resort near Nadi.

Opening in 2020, the property is being developed in partnership with Quantum Hi-Tech Group and will be the largest hotel in Fiji.

To be called Crowne Plaza Fiji Wailoaloa Beach, the resort will boast ocean views and direct beach access in a location about 10 minutes' drive from Nadi International Airport.

"As the most popular travel

destination in the South Pacific, the islands of Fiji accounts for close to 40% of travel to the South Pacific," said IHG chief development officer, Asia, Middle East & Africa, Rajit Sukumaran.

"Fiji recorded an increase of 7.8% in the number of international travellers visiting the country," he said.

"This strong growth potential represents a key opportunity for us to introduce the Crowne Plaza brand to Fiji."

The resort will also feature five restaurants, two pools, a kids' club and a conference centre.



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Meriton responds

MERITON has defended its handling of the TripAdvisor review controversy after last week's ruling by the Federal Court (**TD Fri**).

In action brought by the ACCC, the court found Meriton engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct, and had implemented a strategy to minimise bad TripAdvisor reviews.

In a statement, Meriton said it did not agree that its conduct had had the effect on the consumer alleged by the ACCC.

"It is very important to be clear that Meriton did not 'block' or 'prevent' anybody's access to TripAdvisor," the hotelier said.

"Nor did Meriton post 'fake' reviews or remove reviews from TripAdvisor," it said.

"As soon as Meriton's managing director was made aware of the conduct, it was stopped."

The court has yet to decide on a penalty for Meriton.

Window seat

IT'S something usually found in somewhat implausible action movies - but tourists visiting a museum in Speyer, Germany can actually have the opportunity to walk on the wing of a Boeing 747 jet.

The Speyer Technical Museum was one of the shore excursions today for guests aboard *Crystal Bach* (see **page four**), with a huge array of aircraft on display including a jumbo formerly operated by Lufthansa (**below**).

Visitors can climb into the plane and out onto the wing, with a caged walkway to make the trip outside relatively safe - albeit somewhat scary.

A tour guide today quipped that it had been particularly difficult to land the LH 747 on the three-legged display platform, which sees the jet impressively suspended as though it is in flight high above the rest of the museum.

"We got that guy who landed his plane in the Hudson, Sully Sullenberg, to do it," he said.



New Viking options

VIKING Cruises will offer two new extended Mediterranean itineraries for 2018, billed as "collectors cruises".

Both are one-off combinations of two existing itineraries.

The 15-day Mediterranean & Italian Sojourn departs Barcelona on 29 Jul heading to Venice.

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Travel Daily on location aboard *Crystal Bach*

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you from Speyer, Germany courtesy of Crystal River Cruises as we experience the line's recently launched *Crystal Bach*.

THE *Crystal Bach* docked in Speyer today, with the town on the Rhine River replete with history, hosting one of the most impressive cathedrals in Europe.

Passengers were offered the opportunity to visit nearby Heidelberg, enjoy a guided tour of Speyer or visit the impressive "Technical Museum" which houses an intriguing display of technology from locomotives through to submarines, aircraft, vintage cars and motorcycles.

Bach will voyage overnight to the next stop, Kehl, from whence guests will explore the French city of Strasbourg.

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ABOVE: *Travel Daily* spotted this trio of Australian travel agents aboard Crystal Cruises' *Crystal Bach* on the Rhine River in Europe today.

Pictured from left are: Justine Sealey, Ramsgate Travel; Ian Mollison, Helloworld Travel Balwyn North; and Anne Rogers of Wings Away Travel and Cruise.

Cordis Auckland

The Langham Auckland has been rebranded as a Cordis hotel, making it the first in the Pacific region to carry the brand.

It joins other Cordis hotels in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing, with plans for more including in Bali and Phuket.

Avis SIN boost

AVIS has expanded its presence at Singapore's Changi Airport, with the car rental operator having kicked off operations at the brand new Terminal 4.

A T4 rental counter offers both Avis and Budget vehicles, making the company the only car rental operator to have a presence at all four of Changi's terminals.

UNSW Dubai link

THE University of NSW has announced an agreement with Fujairah Aviation Academy, which will see the organisations jointly offer a new route to combined engineering degrees and industry accreditation in aircraft maintenance.

The deal has been signed at the 2017 Dubai Airshow, and will see students from the Academy able to enhance their studies at a new UNSW presence at Dubai South.

The first courses will commence in Sep 2018.

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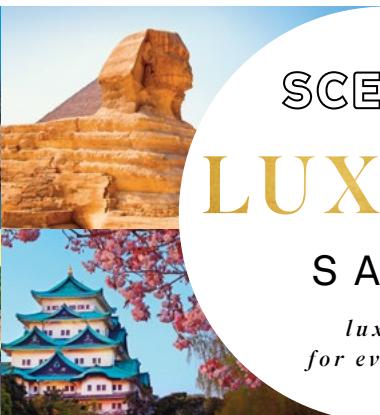
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Thai drone warning

THE National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) announced that all drones in Thailand need to be registered.

If not done, a drone's owner could face a five-year jail term or a fine of up to 100,000 Baht.

Tourists can bring drones into Thailand but they can not fly their device until they have registered with the Thai authorities.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the form.

TA/Garuda new deal

TOURISM Australia and Garuda Indonesia have extended their partnership to continue promoting travel to Australia in 2017-2018.

The extended deal will focus on showcasing Australian holiday experiences to Indonesian travellers via the airline's gateways of PER, MEL and SYD.

It will offer discount points redemption at selected times of the year for the first time.

Felix airport hotel

FELIX Hotel by 8Hotels will open a new airport hotel in Sydney, located two minutes from SYD's domestic terminal.

Launching in early 2018, the property will have 150 hotel rooms and is aimed at reliving the golden era of air travel.

The property will have three classes of bedrooms from First class to Economy class.

A cocktail bar will have views of the runway.

Bentours coach sale

BENTOURS has extended its sale on the operators popular 2018 coach tours.

Until 30 Nov, 14 of Bentours' guaranteed coach tours remain on sale, ahead of its 40th anniversary in 2018, which it promises to have a stack of deals.

The deal includes a Scenes of the North tour, ranging from six to 22-days in length.

Call 1800 221 712 for more info.

ATAC raises a glass



A CONVIVIAL night was had by members and suppliers at the 2017 ATAC conference held at Hobart's historic Cascade Brewery on Fri.

Following a tour with an opportunity to sample the goods, Tasmania's freshest produce was dished up for dinner as guests were entertained with a beer pulling contest, a magician and a band adding to the festive mood.

Sponsored by Royal Caribbean International and Tourism Tasmania, the event was an opportunity for Tourism Tasmania head of channels Nikki Brew to highlight the importance of the

trade to the island state.

"The theme for this year's ATAC conference is future focus and Tourism Tasmania has the same approach," Brew said.

"We have strategies in full swing to make sure we hit our target of 1.5 million travellers by 2020 with strong government and industry partnerships," she said.

"We can't over emphasise the importance of our success and how it rests with you, the travel sellers," Brew added.

Pictured are Nikki Brew, Tourism Tasmania; Michelle Emerton general manager ATAC and Ken Morgan, chairman ATAC.



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Avis rewards innovation



NAKITA Byrne from TravelManagers Australia has taken out the Avis Travel Scholarship for 2017, proving to the judges that she has the innovative qualities needed to take the industry into the future.

The judging panel was particularly impressed by Byrne's ability to utilise social media to better engage with clients and increase endorsements, brand awareness and capture some new business in the process.

Instagram was the primary tool used, with tags deployed to encourage customers to submit images during their trips.

Pictured are Kaye Ceille, managing director Pacific region, Avis Budget Group, and the 2017 Avis Travel Agent Scholarship winner Nakita Byrne.

Panic at Orlando

SECURITY procedures will be reviewed at Orlando International Airport in Florida, USA after the discovery of a smoking lithium ion battery in the terminal caused mass hysteria.

Airport Authority ceo Phil Brown confirmed that while the incident was initially under control, it quickly descended into chaos which resulted in the cancellation of about 24 flights.

Brown posted a message online saying the smoking bag was moved away from passengers, but some "panicked and self-evacuated the area, dropping their carry-on luggage and knocking over stanchions".

That in turn led to more hysteria as some other travellers mistook the commotion for gunfire.

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Boeing ME forecast

BOEING is predicting a rosy future for demand of its aircraft in the Middle East, with the company's 2017 Current Market Outlook report suggesting 3,350 new planes will be ordered over the next 20 years.

The primary driver of this demand, according to the report, will be growing airport hubs and continued infrastructure investment in the region.

The future sales forecast over the next 20-year period will total an estimated \$730b, with twin-aisle planes expected to make up 50% of new orders.



WIN TICKETS TO THE AACTA AWARDS

Join the biggest names of the Australian film and television industry on the red carpet at the 7th Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards,



held on Wed 06 Dec, supported by Virgin Australia and Delta Air Lines.



Virgin Australia and Delta Air Lines are giving 4 lucky agents the opportunity to each win a double pass to the Ultimate Fan Experience which gives access to the red carpet grandstand, plus ticket access to the stylish and entertaining Awards Ceremony, including a goody bag full of memories of an extraordinary day!

To be in the running, showcase your best Hollywood moment ensuring you feature a DL and VA logo or imagery to

aactaawards@traveldaily.com.au

Accor Mardi Gras

ACCORHOTELS has announced it will be the official accommodation partner for the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Season for 2018.

Festival talent and organisers will be staying at AccorHotels around Sydney during the event, with the hotel chain set to install colourful lobby activations to celebrate the partnership.

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras will run from 16 Feb through to 04 Mar 2018.

Hilton to innovate

HILTON has opened its first Innovation Gallery, a unique experiential showcase for cutting-edge product development initiatives the company hopes will positively shape the future of its hotel business.

Located near Hilton's global HQ in Tysons, Virginia, the gallery showcases new dining concepts, noise-cancellation devices for rooms, among many other ideas.

ibis in Nha Trang

ACCORHOTELS' economy hotel brand, ibis Styles, has opened its first property in Vietnam, setting up a location in the popular tourist city of Nha Trang.

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Renaissance Dubai

MARRIOTT International has opened its newest hotel in Downtown Dubai.

The Renaissance Downtown Hotel, Dubai, will have 298 rooms, including 65 suites and will offer Burj Khalifa or Water Canal views.

Marriott also announced its latest global partnership with Universal Music Group will see Gwen Stefani perform at the property to celebrate the grand opening of Renaissance Downtown Hotel, Dubai.

MSC Caribbean relief

MSC Cruises donated a 371m² pre-fabricated building that will serve as a school on the island of Virgin Gorda as part of its relief efforts in the British Virgin Islands following two Hurricanes in Sep.

With all 15 schools destroyed in the British Virgin Islands, MSC said the new school would allow the children of the island to focus on the future & their education.

MSC Cruises also provided shipping services specifically to bring emergency lighting to the people who needed it most in Puerto Rico.



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(We regret that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview)



AFTA update

From AFTA's chief executive, Jayson Westbury



CANBERRA – our nation's capital, the place where our leaders come together to manage the things that matter and ensure the ongoing prosperity of Australia, creating jobs and looking after our safety, economy and much more. But, I am not sure how that is going to actually happen over the course of the next few sitting weeks and perhaps even the next few months. The dual citizenship debacle has now cascaded into full blown chaos.

Over the weekend the Member for Bennelong (the seat of the former Prime Minister John Howard) resigned as he could not confidently confirm that he is not a dual citizen. While this is honourable action by the member, who by the way is John Alexander, what this has done is put the Turnbull Government into a very difficult space. The Federal Government is now a minority government while all this gets sorted out, which means it is very unlikely that we will see any meaningful legislation put forward as the Government would struggle to get it passed in the House of Representatives.

In Parliamentary terms, the cross benches have indicated that they will provide support for supply – what that means is the function of Government, passing of bills that relate to allocation of money and generally running the machine of Government for the moment is intact, but we're not sure for how long.

Meanwhile the brand spanking new member of the One Nation Party who replaced the outgoing senator due to dual citizenship resigned from the party 30 minutes in the job and will now sit as an independent in the Senate. In amongst all this craziness, this guy, Senator Fraser Anning, is the newest member of the Upper House, but also now the newest independent even though he got the gig off the back of the One Nation Party vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Malcolm Roberts.

Confused? Well you should be. Most avid political watchers are confused, the nation is confused and the Parliament is looking more like a wake after a divorce. As for what this all means – for once in my life I have absolutely no idea as to what this has to do with the travel and tourism industry, and I think most people who work in the environment that I work in also have no idea. So I guess we put the kettle on and make a cup of tea and wait and see what happens next. Crazy times in Australian politics and unfortunately even more crazy times ahead, I would suggest.

Garden Inn expands

HILTON Hotels has debuted several new Garden Inn properties across the US ahead of the busy Thanksgiving/ Christmas travel season.

New locations for Hilton Garden Inn include Phoenix, Austin, Santa Barbara and New York City.

The Hilton Garden Inn Times Square South has 250 rooms and is close to the Rockefeller Centre Christmas Tree.

HX to Maldives

HONG KONG Airlines has announced it will operate a three-time weekly service to the Maldives from 16 Jan 2018.

The Hong Kong-Male route will be operated with an Airbus A330-300 aircraft which has 32 Business class seats and 260 seats in Economy class.

Flights from HKG depart Tue, Thu and Sun.

HXZ flies to CNS, OOL & MEL.

Accor Vacation tie-up

ACCOR Vacation Club has announced the renewal of its master affiliation agreement with Interval International.

The multi-year contract, which was first established in 2000, will see Interval provide a comprehensive package of customised services, including points-based exchange.

Interval operates membership programs for holidaymakers and is based in Miami, Florida.

Sri Lanka surf packs

CANTALOUE Hotels Group has formed a new partnership with The Perfect Wave to offer Sri Lankan surfing packages for experienced surfers and beginners alike at its properties.

The hotelier is in the process of creating a new surf school at 'Lazy Left' in Midigama, the spiritual home of surfing in Sri Lanka, as part of the partnership.

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Excite showcases Santa Monica - L.A.'s beach city!

EXCITE Holidays, in conjunction with Santa Monica Travel & Tourism and Delta Air Lines, recently held two exclusive agent events in both Sydney and Melbourne to celebrate their Santa Monica campaign, which

wrapped up earlier this month. First up was Sydney, where the agents enjoyed a post-work 80's Retroflow Yoga session at Andrew Boy Charlton Pool in the beautiful Botanic Gardens. All dressed up in their 80's workout gear, the agents took part in the unique class set to some of the 80's hit ballads, before enjoying delicious canapés. The agents were also gifted the trendy metallic yoga mats that were used in the workout session, to help keep those Santa Monica vibes flowing. The following week, a group of Melbourne agents descended upon the uber-luxe Botanica Day Spa at InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto. Here they enjoyed an evening of pampering, from massages to pedicures, the agents were primped and preened in a very luxurious setting. Kylie Gill from Santa Monica Travel & Tourism attended both events, whilst Kristen Axougas from Delta Air Lines attended the Sydney event and James Dun from Delta Air Lines attended the Melbourne event. Together, they explained to agents how easy Santa

Monica is to access, and also spoke about all the fantastic travel opportunities on offer in L.A.'s beach city. Excite Holidays is thankful to Santa Monica Travel & Tourism and Delta Air Lines, and all of the agents involved!



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JACQUI Shelly, Excite; Nathan Micallef & Denise Loftus, Helloworld; and Melton James Dun, Delta Air Lines.



EXCITE'S head of marketing, Vanessa Richards & executive director, Nic Stavropoulos getting into the 80's Retro spirit!



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Chicago Midtown

THE Hotel at Midtown has opened its doors in Chicago as Midtown Athletic Clubs' first venture into the hospitality space.

The hotel boasts 55-rooms and is the final element of Midtown Athletic Club in Chicago's US\$85 million renovation.

Midtown Athletic Clubs's hotel is 20mins from ORD and downtown.



Money

WELCOME to Money, TD's Tue feature on what the Australian dollar is doing.

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THE Australian dollar fell again as US interest rates continue to dominate markets, sending it to four-month lows.

A rally in the US dollar has been driven by an expectation America's Federal Reserve will raise rates in Dec.

The dollar was weaker against most major currencies.

AUD/EUR dropped 0.4%, while the AUD/JPY lost 0.5% as it the lowest level since Aug.

On a brighter note, the dollar took an early win ahead of The Ashes as worries continue about the future of British PM Theresa May saw the pound fall.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.762
UK	£0.581
NZ	\$1.104
Euro	€0.653
Japan	¥86.62
Thailand	฿25.20
China	¥5.065
South Africa	R11.041
Canada	\$0.972
Crude oil	US\$56.69

Mildura waterfront

THE \$19 million redevelopment of Mildura's riverfront is set to attract thousands of tourists to the Murray River, Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester says.

Improvements to the popular Water Play Park, a new shared use riverfront promenade, expansion of the Port of Mildura Wharf, and a new cafe are part of the project.

MEANWHILE, Mildura Airport has completed an upgrade to its runway to handle larger planes.

Lengthening and strengthening were done as part of the project.

Hawaiian milestone

HAWAIIAN Airlines has celebrated its 88th anniversary at a dedication ceremony for the new Charles I. Elliott Maintenance and Cargo Facility, named after the man who piloted the company's maiden flight from Honolulu to Hilo in 1929.

The 8.4 hectare site includes a 8,900m² aircraft hangar that can accommodate up to five Boeing 717 aircraft.

Hawaiian has 53 aircraft in its mainline fleet.

Azerbaijan 787s

AZERBAIJAN Airlines has placed an order for five more Boeing 787-8 Dreamliners and a commitment to purchase two large freighters.

The agreement, announced at the 2017 Dubai Air Show, is valued at about US\$1.9 billion at current list prices.

The airline will be the launch customer for the 787 Landing Gear Exchange Program, which will lower costs for carriers.

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View Marilyn's dress

FOR a limited time, you can see the iconic dress Marilyn Monroe wore when she famously sang "Happy Birthday, Mr President" to John F. Kennedy.

The dress will be on display at Ripley's Believe It or Not! in Orlando, Florida, from now until it leaves after the new year.

Other items from the night of the President's birthday gala will be on display along with other Marilyn memorabilia.

Baba Beach debuts

THAI resort, Sri panwa has swung open the doors, launching the Baba Beach Club brand.

The Baba Beach Club concept is designed as a premium destination for music and food lovers alike.

Sri panwa has debuted the brand in Phuket and Hua Hin.

The Baba Beach Club Phuket has a range of suites and beachfront villas, with a number of rooms offering an infinity pool.

The Hua Hin property has 18 suites and 10 villas.

Samoa dengue

DFAT is advising that the Samoan Ministry of Health has confirmed an outbreak of dengue fever in the country.

Tourist are warned to take precautions from being bitten by using insect repellent and wearing loose-fitting clothing.

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