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FULLY refundable deposits are now being accepted for a stay in the first ever "Space Hotel" which was announced overnight.

Named 'Aurora Station,' the fully modular space station will host six people at a time, including two crew members.

"Space travellers will enjoy a completely authentic, once-in-a-lifetime astronaut experience," the promotional blurb enthuses.

A 12-day journey starts at (just!) US\$9.5 million per person, with Aurora Station set to launch in late 2021 before hosting its first guests the following year.

It's being created by a company called Orion Span, with the price of a visit including three months of intensive training.

"Our goal is to make space accessible to all by continuing to drive greater value at lower cost," said Orion Span ceo Frank Bunger.

Reservations can be made now by depositing US\$80,000 at www.orionspan.com.

Agents key for international

MOST Australians continue to use a travel agent for booking overseas trips, according to a study released overnight by Roy Morgan Research.

The 'Travel Agent Monitor Market Indicator Report' says that while online is increasing as the main information source when planning both overseas and domestic trips, more than 42% of Australians used a travel agent to book their last overseas trip in the year to 31 Dec.

Roy Morgan noted this was significantly more than online-only travel booking websites, which were used by just 15.5% of travellers on their last trip abroad.

The research found 32.4% of overseas travellers from Australia booked their flights directly with the airline, while 26.9% booked their international accommodation directly.

In terms of researching their trip, Tripadvisor was the most

commonly cited travel website, visited by 15.7% of travellers when planning their holiday.

Booking.com was in second place with 13.6% of travellers using the site in the last four weeks, just ahead of Qantas.com (13.5%) followed by Jetstar (9%) and Virgin Australia (8.1%).

About 6-7% of online researchers had looked at Expedia, Airbnb, Webjet or Wotif.

Roy Morgan ceo Michele Levine said the figures showed many Australians "turn to their travel agent to organise their trip in a concise way to keep their itinerary in check, and even pay for multiple accommodation bookings in a single purchase".

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news and photos, plus a full page from:

- Travel Trade Recruitment

Jetstar domestic goes cashless

JETSTAR has announced that from 01 May 2018 it will no longer accept cash for inflight purchases on domestic flights within Australia, with credit cards or Visa/Mastercard Debit the only payment options.

The move expands the existing policy on Jetstar international services, which have been cashless for some time.

Passengers without a debit or credit card can pre-purchase meals or inflight vouchers, which are available for agents when booking on the Jetstar Agent hub.

MEANWHILE Jetstar has confirmed that its content is once again available on Sabre Online, after a recent system upgrade saw it temporarily removed.

The LCC also noted the recent launch of numeric availability in Sabre as well as Amadeus, showing the number of remaining seats on offer in each class.

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Travel Daily on location on the Danube River

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you from Budapest, Hungary, courtesy of Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection.

GUESTS attending the launch sailing of *Super Ship Beatrice* had their last opportunity overnight to explore Budapest by foot, bicycle or aboard a coach tour.

Others also took the chance to wander around the city of their own accord, such is the flexibility of a Uniworld river cruise.

TD jumped on the city tour to learn more about the history of Buda and Pest - the two cities positioned opposite each other on the Danube - and visited the iconic Matthias Church.

We also took one of Uniworld's bicycles on a self-guided ride, traversing either side of the river with ease due to the flat terrain.

Uniworld plots waitlisting

CUSTOMERS who miss out on booking their preferred date of travel or stateroom preference with Uniworld will have the ability to waitlist their favoured option, thanks to new technology that's being developed by The Travel Corporation's cruise brand.

Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection ceo Ellen Bettridge revealed the strategy to *Travel Daily* while aboard *SS Beatrice* in Europe, saying the system was "fairly close" to being activated.

Bettridge said around 16% of customers who paid a deposit for a Uniworld cruise defaulted on the final payment - due 90-days prior to sailing - and at the moment the company had no automatic process in place to offer their cancelled suite or stateroom to another guest.

"If a guest really wants a suite and it's sold out, they currently tend to book a stateroom on the same sailing as the next best

alternative, or choose another date of travel when a suite is available," Bettridge explained.

"Our new system will enable the guest to waitlist their preferred cabin and departure date and be moved across should there be a cancellation."

Bettridge told *Travel Daily* she expected the waitlist function to be online by mid-summer.

"I'm pulling that concept from my days at Silversea with ocean cruising. If it can be done on ocean cruises, then why couldn't it be offered on river cruising?" she commented.

Similar technology is also under development that will allow pax to pre-book excursions online before they board.

"I want to be able to give more people more of an opportunity to participate and explore in Uniworld's 80-plus exclusive experiences," Bettridge added.

See more on **page five**.

Marriott OTA cuts

MARRIOTT is planning to cut commissions paid to online travel agencies, beginning later this year when it renegotiates contracts with the Expedia Group.

Marriott ceo Arne Sorenson told *Reuters* this week "we would certainly like to pay less" as the group begins its first major contract negotiations since its merger with Starwood in Sep.

Marriott and Hilton have already cut commissions paid for group bookings (*TD* 27 Mar).

Ovolo opens in Bris

OVOLO Hotels has unveiled the group's newest property in Brisbane, having redeveloped the former New Inchcolm Hotel.

The Ovolo Inchcolm Brisbane has been decorated with "an oddball mix of books, objects and artefacts" paying homage to the building's heritage.

It has a signature restaurant/bar, Salon de Co - **CLICK HERE** for pics.

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Boracay closure

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte has announced the shock closure of the country's best-known holiday island for six months, blaming a sewage crisis.

The island of Boracay will be closed to tourists from 26 Apr, throwing travel plans into chaos and threatening the viability of dozens of resorts.

Shangri-La Boracay Resort & Spa said it was working on plans to care for employees and would provide refunds for affected guests while the island was closed for rehabilitation.

Duterte has blamed businesses dumping raw sewage into the sea.

AirAsia has confirmed the suspension of a number of routes in connection with the shutdown, and will add capacity to a range of other leisure ports including Palawan, Bohol, Cebu and Davao.

The carrier is offering refunds, rescheduling or new destinations without penalty for affected pax.

Mantra-Accor deal closer

ACCORHOTELS' takeover of Mantra Hospitality (**TD 12 Oct 2017**) is one step nearer, after the formal "Scheme Booklet" was registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission yesterday.

The deal has already been given the tick by the ACCC (**TD 08 Mar**) and the Foreign Investment Review Board, but still requires approval by shareholders under a Scheme of Arrangement.

A meeting to approve the deal is scheduled for 18 May in Sydney, and if given the go-ahead will become effective on 28 May.

AccorHotels is offering \$3.96 per share for Mantra, a cash premium of 22.6% on the closing price before the offer was announced.

Directors are unanimously recommending the deal which has also been evaluated as "fair and reasonable" by an independent expert's review.

MEANWHILE AccorHotels also today announced a strategic partnership with South Africa's Mantis Group which operates a collection of privately-owned, managed and branded five star properties and lodges across the globe including the Founders Lodge game reserve in the Eastern Cape, Mantis St Helena and London's Draycott Hotel.

Mantis will distribute its offering via AccorHotels channels under the new partnership.

QF/CI Tasman link

QANTAS has lodged an application with the International Air Services Commission seeking to allow China Airlines to codeshare on QF Tasman flights.

The proposed variation to the NZ route determination would become effective from 01 Jun.

The IASC is seeking submissions, with a closing date of 19 Apr.



Window Seat

A BRATWURST enthusiast who was banned from the Fairmont Empress hotel in Victoria, Canada, 17 years ago has finally had his sanction lifted.

The long-standing penalty was implemented after the man left his suitcase full of sausages open in his room, only to have a flock of euphoric seagulls vandalise the suite in their collective haste to steal the loot through an open window.

"I remember walking down the long hall and opening the door to my room to find an entire flock of seagulls in my room," Nick Burchill recalls.

"The room was covered in seagull crap...what I did not realise until then was that seagulls also drool, especially when they eat pepperoni."

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Rocky adds car hire and choppers

ROCKY Mountaineer has released four new vacation packages for 2019, allowing clients to explore more of the Canadian Rockies by helicopter, on foot or via rental car.

The additions include seven-day self-drive packages from First Passage to Canmore, the West Kananaskis or West Sunshine Village, each including accommodation, car hire and two days aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train.

The 10-day Journey through the Clouds Mountain Adventures package features three nights at the CMH Cariboos lodge, with guests arriving and departing via helicopter, along with two and a half days of guided heli-hiking and two days on the train.

Early booking bonuses are available on qualifying 2019 packages of eight days or more booked before 31 Aug 2018.

Palmer charged

CLIVE Palmer has been charged over breaches of takeover law involving his company Palmer Leisure Cooloom, the operator of his Sunshine Coast resort.

The Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) said today he had been charged under the criminal code with "aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring" in relation to a proposed takeover of The President's Club.

The charges carry a max penalty of two years' jail and he is listed for pre-trial in the Brisbane Magistrates' Court on 13 Jun.

MU-CSA codeshare

CHINA Eastern Airlines has this week expanded its European network via an extended partnership with CS Czech Airlines covering routes from Prague to Birmingham, Bologna, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Gothenburg, Stockholm & Venice.



AVIATION technology provider SITA yesterday detailed its vision to smooth the air travel journey, with Australia in the forefront of the company's innovations.

Brisbane Airport is currently trialling SITA's SMARTPATH system which aims to make queuing at various customer touchpoints a thing of the past.

SITA president Asia-Pacific Sumesh Patel, who's pictured with regional director Jay Youtlen, said SMARTPATH created a biometric credential when the customer checked in at a kiosk, which could potentially then be used to identify them at bag drop, immigration, the boarding gate, for lounge access and even duty

free purchases, eliminating the need for passports or boarding passes to be checked again.

That's just one of SITA's many areas of operations which also cover visa processing, in-flight connectivity, airport management and border operations.

A key area of focus recently has been IATA's Resolution 753 which becomes effective on 01 Jun 2018 and mandates the sharing of baggage tracking information among all stakeholders including airports and airlines.

Patel said this was likely to lead to lower rates of lost luggage for passengers and a significant reduction in the \$2.1 billion annual cost of bag repatriation.



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Carnival faces court

CARNIVAL Corporation is the subject of a statement of claim in the NSW District Court, where a passenger claims he was beaten up after being wrongly accused of sexual assault on a 2016 cruise from Sydney to New Caledonia.

Over \$100,000 in damages is being sought by John Sun who says he was attacked by the father of one of the alleged assault victims.

He says Carnival security staff detained him and denied medical attention during an investigation, despite CCTV footage showing that unlike Sun, the alleged perpetrator had no tattoos on his arms or legs.

Carnival Australia told *Travel Daily* in a statement it could not comment on legal proceedings, but advised its legal documents “neither acknowledge nor admit that a guest was ‘beaten’ or ‘bashed’ by another guest”.

New Cairns eatery

HOLIDAY Inn Cairns Harbourside will today open a new ‘Harbourside Bar & Kitchen’ featuring ingredients sourced from North Queensland.

The new eatery, formerly operating as Teshi’s Restaurant and Blue Mango Cafe Wine Bar, focuses on a “paddock to plate” and “vineyard to glass” ethos - see holidayinn.com/Cairns.

Schwartz goes solar

THE rooftop of Mercure Sydney has been transformed into a major solar energy receptor.

A total of 357 panels have been installed on the top of the property and will produce renewable energy for the hotel’s operation and significantly reduce its carbon emissions.

The green power will help the hotel’s electric car charging station, which is available free of charge to guests in the Mercure’s car park.

The installation is part of a program of environmental initiatives by the hotel owner, Schwartz Family Company (SFC).

Boeing tariff fears

BOEING has expressed fears over the looming trade war between the US and China, after authorities in Beijing signalled the new B737NG aircraft could be subject to a 25% tariff.

The narrowbody aircraft impost was among a series of US exports China has marked for new tariffs, in retaliation against measures announced by President Trump.

In a statement, Boeing said yesterday the positions taken by both countries could “do harm to the global aerospace industry” and that it would continue its efforts to engage with governments to ensure productive talks over the issue.

Uniworld beefs up dining



UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruise Collection christened its newest eatery last night aboard the *Super Ship Beatrice* while sailing the Highlights of Eastern Europe itinerary from Budapest.

Max’s (pictured below) is a steak-house that is located at the stern of the ship, providing Uniworld with a new dining option to offer guests on a pay-per-use basis.

According to *SS Beatrice’s* captain Jord Zwaal, Max’s is the first steakhouse of its kind on European rivers.

The venue will also be utilised by Uniworld to host cooking classes with chefs.

Max’s has replaced the Captain’s Lounge and Library that

was offered on *River Beatrice*.

A progressive dining option will also be made available on *SS Beatrice*, with a handful of guests able to dine in locations like the wheel house, laundry and engine rooms and hear directly from staff about their responsibilities.

Pictured with Uniworld ceo Ellen Bettridge are *Super Ship Beatrice’s* captain Jord Zwaal and senior executive chef Manuel Marquez (left), with culinary director Bernhard Zorn.

CLICK HERE for more pics.



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A Sales Executive position has recently become available in the Brisbane Singapore Airlines City Office. This is a permanent fulltime day worker position of 38 hours per week.

The successful applicant will be responsible for developing and implementing sales strategies to achieve revenue targets by sourcing new business opportunities, converting leads into sales and managing relationships with key trade partners. The role will also involve the completion of reports on market activities and representing the company at seminars, conferences, product launches and expos. All applicants should have current sales experience, be results driven and possess a strong commercial acumen. Excellent communication, time management and PC skills will also be required along with a current driver’s license and access to own vehicle.

The salary range for this position is from AW \$62,203 to \$76,153 pa.

Please forward written applications, including copy of CV, to Area Manager Queensland & Northern Territory, Jacki D’Antonio, via email to marnie_scrogings@singaporeair.com.sg. Applications should be received by COB 16 April 2018. Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Curio Paris debut

THE Niepce Paris Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton opened its doors to the public yesterday.

The 52-room hotel, named after the influential French photographer Janine Niepce, is located only a few metres from Montparnasse train station and is close by to many prominent museums and eateries.

Attractions include high-speed net & La Verriere Paris restaurant.

HAL honours Tutu

CRUISE company Holland America Line has awarded the former Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu with its inaugural Shared Humanity Award.

The honour was given to Tutu in recognition of his efforts to further equality and peace.

Scandi-mania sale

BENTOURS is offering 15% off Hurtigruten Norway coastal voyages taking place between 01 May and 30 Jun.

Four trips are available with prices starting from \$4,470pp. Bookings to be made by 30 Jun.

Saudi theme park

THEME park giant Six Flags Entertainment Corporation has announced plans to construct a Six Flags-branded theme park in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The attraction is expected to open in 2022 and will be developed in collaboration with the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia and form part of the Qiddiya project, the country's biggest cultural, sports and entertainment city.

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If you are interested in any of these roles, please send your email with cover letter and resume to employment@scenic.com.au stating which area you are applying for.



Travel Specials

WELCOME to Travel Specials, *Travel Daily's* Friday feature. If your firm has released a travel special you'd like to make the industry aware of, send the details to specials@traveldaily.com.au.

To celebrate 10 years of operation **Extreme Bike Tours** is offering a 10% discount on all 2019 tours booked before 30 Apr. Seven rides are available including Madagascar and Cuba. To view deal [CLICK HERE](#).

DriveAway Holidays has announced details of its European Summer Mid-Year Sale which includes seven free days on select Peugeot models and 50% off delivery & return fees. The deal is available before 31 May. For further info call 1300 363 500.

Savings of up to \$275 on **Trafalgar's** eight-day Treasures of France including Normandy package is now available for bookings made prior to 21 Apr. Deal equates to a 10% discount. To view this offer and others available, visit <https://www.trafalgar.com/aus/worldsale>.

Insight Vacations is celebrating its 40th Anniversary with a 10% reduction on more than 40 trips through Europe and North America. Deals valid for bookings made before 30 Apr. Call 1300 727 767 for more.

Adventure World is running a "big adventure sale" offering up to 20% off Grand American Adventures. Book by 16 Apr for travel until 31 Dec. Call 1300 295 049 for more info.

Contours Travel is currently offering a free night's accommodation when two nights are booked at a new luxury retreat at Iguazu Falls in Argentina. Savings represent \$1,200 per person with no deadline in place for the offer. To book the deal at the Awasi Iguazu, call 1300 135 391.

SQ adds HighFlyers

BUSINESS members of the Singapore Airlines HighFlyer program are now able to earn points when flying with Lufthansa and SWISS flights ticketed by Singapore Airlines.

The rewards program targets the SME sector and allows for the accrual of five HighFlyer points per S\$1 spent on bookings via SIA's booking platform.

Murray Xmas in July

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises is bringing Xmas tidings forward by offering three-, four- and seven-night Murray River cruises between 06 Jul and 23 Jul.

Cruises include Xmas-themed food, games, music, & obligatory visit from jolly old Saint Nick.

Radisson kids charity

RADISSON Hotel Group has partnered with SOS Children's Villages to have all of its 1,100 hotels sponsor at least one child per location.

The hotel chain will also allow Radisson Rewards members to redeem points for donations.

Aus battlefield tour

MAT McLachlan Battlefield Tours has launched a World War II in Australia Tour featuring a four-day itinerary detailing Aussie war history on home soil.

The package includes trips to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, the Temora Aviation Museum, the site of the Cowra Breakout, and the Lithgow Small Arms Museum.

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DMS Connects with Vanuatu



DESTINATION Marketing Services (DMS) has introduced its latest portfolio addition DMC Vanuatu at its most recent series of DMS Connect events.

Now in its 18th year, DMS Connect was held recently in Auckland, Melbourne and Sydney, bringing together specialists in meetings, incentives, conferences and events as well as high-end leisure companies, allowing them to meet with the DMS network of international destination

CWT events head

SAM Lay has been appointed as senior director for Asia Pacific of CWT Meetings & Events, Carlson Wagonlit Travel's meeting and events division.

Lay is based in Singapore and will be responsible for expanding CWT Meetings & Events' business across the region.

He will report to Cindy Fisher, senior vice president and global head of the division.

Lay brings more than 17 years of experience in the M&E industry to the role, having worked at organisations including the Singapore Tourism Board, MSD and Suntec International.

"Asia Pacific is the fastest growing region globally for CWT Meetings & Events, and I'm excited to have Sam join our team," Fisher said.

management companies.

"As the market matures it is evident that we need to continue to expand and progress to cater to the ever-changing incentive palate," said DMS managing director Marissa Fernandez.

"We were thrilled to be able to educate the market on emerging destinations this year at Connect, having our partners from Pacific World extend their presentation to include Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Taiwan; Spectra on Scotland and Tekser Tourism Travel Inc on Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia," she said.

Pictured at DMS Connect are DMC Vanuatu's events director Romina Mulham and managing director Bill Mulham.

Fares set to rise

THE price of air travel is slowly climbing in markets with the strongest demand, according to BCD Travel's midyear update to the 2018 Industry Forecast.

The group is predicting a 1% rise in airfares this year as strong global air travel demand and rising oil prices push up fares.

MEANWHILE, global hotel rates in 2018 remain unchanged since the 2018 Industry Forecast was originally issued in Sep 2017 and are expected by BCD Travel to experience a 2-4% increase over last year.

CORPORATE UPDATE

Premium growth inhibited

THE "sporadic" availability of Premium Economy class seating is adversely affecting its growth prospects with corporate clients, according to a recent report by 4th Dimension, Flight Centre's business travel consulting arm.

The report believes the patchy supply of Premium Economy options from airlines is out of step with a rising demand from businesses, with one third of corporate flyers now saying they would consider purchasing.

The most popular routes for the seating have been on services between Europe and North America, within North Asia and

between Australia and Singapore.

The rising demand for Premium Economy from the corporate market is believed to be attributable to a desire for improved comfort at an affordable price.

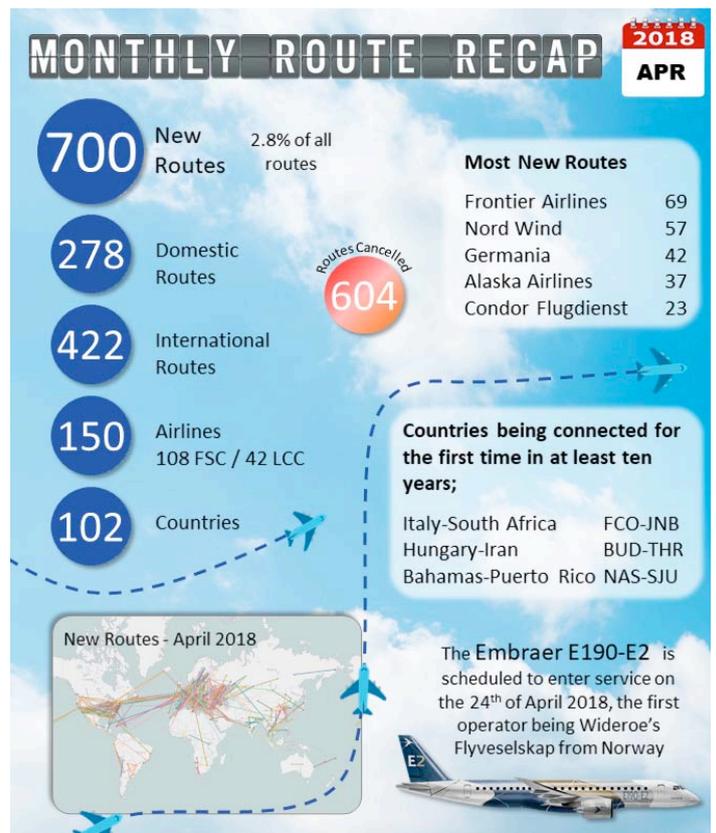
"Whilst containing travel program costs is important for many, an increasing number of corporate clients are becoming travel-centric in placing greater emphasis on traveller comfort for long-haul travel," said FCM Travel Solutions' general manager Australia Melissa Elf.

"It is a viable option...for those going straight into a meeting."

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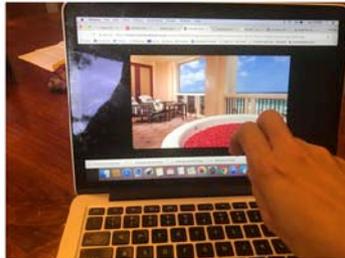
IN THIS week's CAPA Insights, we once again delve into the growing aviation market around the world. In Apr 2018, 700 new routes will be launched, equating to an increase of 2.8% of all routes. A total of 102 countries across all regions will see new routes added.

American low cost carrier, Frontier Airlines, leads the way with the most new routes as part of its vast expansion plans.

The Embraer E190-E2 is the only new aircraft to come into operation this month, thanks to Norway's Wideroe.

Its routes include Bergen to Bodo; Kristiansand Kjevik; Tromso; and Oslo Sandefjord.

Rooney is off to Thailand!



DREAM VS REALITY

DENIELLE Rooney gave the **Travel Daily** team a good chuckle with her entry into the Feb monthly competition depicting herself enjoying an "ultimate Centara moment" (pictured).

The personal travel manager from TravelManagers has bagged herself return flights to Bangkok and seven nights' accommodation at Centara Grand in Bangkok and Krabi for two.

Along with her creative entry, Rooney said her three favourite Centara selling points were:

- "1. Centara is for everyone - There is a Centara resort for every person out there; luxury, value, family, couple, single; you name it - Centara has a resort to match it!"
- "2. Location, location, location"

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"3. Facilities are key! From the award winning SPA cenvaree to the extensive range of restaurants and through to the fun filled kids club, Centara knows how to provide a one-stop-shop for holiday goers!"

This month **Travel Daily** has teamed up with Royal Brunei to celebrate four years of the airline flying to Melbourne to London with the 787 Dreamliner by giving away flights for two from Melbourne to anywhere on the carrier's network.

For more details, see this month's competition (top right).

Le Blanc Los Cabos

PALACE Resorts has officially opened Le Blanc Spa Resort Los Cabos in Mexico, the second property for the brand.

The hotel offers 374 guest rooms and suites and offers a personal butler service.

Guests can choose from eight restaurants and six bars.

Alaska JFK flight

ALASKA Airlines is adding a daily nonstop service between San Jose, California and New York's John F Kennedy Airport from 06 Jul.

The carrier has also revealed it is expanding its services between Seattle and JFK with an early-morning, nonstop flight.



Win flights to anywhere on Royal Brunei Airlines' network

Royal Brunei Airlines is celebrating four years of flying from Melbourne to London with the 787 Dreamliner.

Show us in a photograph or meme how you would best celebrate with Royal Brunei Airlines on the 787 Dreamliner to London. Make sure you include the RBA Dreamliner in your entry (you can take a screenshot of the picture from the first day of the comp).

The most creative entry will win two return Economy Class tickets from Melbourne to anywhere on the Royal Brunei network.

Send your entries to rba@traveldaily.com.au by COB 30 April.



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Dusit brand launch

THAI hotel and property development company Dusit International has revealed plans to launch a new brand for millennial-minded travellers called ASAI Hotels.

The first hotel for the brand is set to launch in Q1 2019 at Bangkok's Chatuchak Market.

As well as ASAI Chatuchak, five more properties are confirmed in the pipeline and expected to open throughout 2019.

Each hotel will have self check-in kiosks, and online guides that link guests with local experiences and "lesser-known, but Instagram-worthy, attractions".

Rooms will be compact - approximately 15m² with quality beds and rain showers and properties will offer a large mixed-use space with work and leisure areas and a restaurant.

Aman Mexico debut

AMAN has announced its first destination in Mexico, Amanvari, will open in 2020.

Comprising a hotel and private residences, the property is set within the private beachfront resort community, Costa Palmas.

Amanvari offers 20 bi-level hotel pavilions, three restaurants, a library, pool and four hot tubs.

Groupon Orlando

GROUPON has teamed up with Universal Orlando Resort to offer multi-day ticketing packages for all three of Universal Orlando's theme parks.

The ticketing packages for Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal's Volcano Bay will be available through Groupon, priced from \$45 per day plus tax.

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Online Travel Consultant

Gold Coast, Very Competitive Salary, Ref: 1238CGA1

Do you love sales but want to step away from a retail environment? Here is the perfect opportunity. You will answer all incoming enquiries from customers in an office environment. The company prides themselves in having solid repeat and referral business including VIP clientele. Customer service and sale skills is key to succeed within this position. The ideal candidate will have travel industry experience as a Travel Consultant (minimum 9 months) and have good GDS knowledge.

For more information please call Courtney on (07) 3123 6107 or click [APPLY](#) now.

Cruise Consultant

Sydney, \$45-55k + Uncapped commission, Ref: 1503SJ3

Become a cruise expert and specialise in this niche travel product while retaining your airfare skills working for a leading provider of cruise. I am looking for a travel consultant with three year's experience who wants to jump into this beloved niche. You will be working towards targets and earning an uncapped commission in return within in a sales and service focused environment. Long term career progression, a great salary & a CBD location are perks to this role.

For more information please call Sarah on (02) 9119 8744 or click [APPLY](#) now.

Groups Flight Coordinator

Sydney, \$70-\$75k + Super + Perks, Ref: 7475AJ1

An amazing opportunity has presented itself for someone to join the team at one of Australia's leading Event Management companies. They are currently looking for a Travel Industry professional with outstanding airfare knowledge and experience dealing with large group travel. The successful candidate will be confident working independently to ensure that their delegates enjoy a smooth, trouble free and enjoyable experience with everything flight related. Contact me for more information!

For more information please call Antony on (02) 9119 8744 or click [APPLY](#) now.

Marketing Manager

Melbourne, \$90k-\$120k, Ref: 3108HC1

This is an integral part of the company's future development and also success in the Australian market. We need a leader in marketing and communications for this growing company! You will develop and manage marketing communications channels that grow locally sourced enquiry in the AU market. This is a hands on position - responsible for newsletter production, social media channels, PR and SEO objectives in AUS. Extensive leadership and marketing experience is essential.

For more information please call Hannah on (03) 9988 0616 or click [APPLY](#) now.

Event Business Development Manager

Brisbane, \$100,000 + Super, Ref: 3364SZ1

Due to growth and expansion, our clients are looking for an experienced and versatile MICE / Event Business Development Manager. You would be reporting directly to the General Manager and will be responsible for managing an extended sales cycle and different projects. You will need to be driven, determined to succeed, engaging with strong communication skills and analytical ability. A full communications package would be provided and a 6 figure salary package with uncapped earnings.

For more information please call Serena on (07) 3123 6107 or click [APPLY](#) now.

Experienced Travel Consultant

Sydney, \$50-\$55k + Uncapped Commission, Ref: 8989AJ01

An exciting and lucrative position has just opened up for an experienced consultant looking for a change while being rewarded for their performance. Based in the CBD, you can look forward to servicing high end clientele with high levels of enquiry. An experienced and talented retail consultant hungry for success will flourish in this environment. Ideally searching for a strong and successful consultant that can hit the ground running. Feel free to contact me for a chat for more information!

For more information please call Antony on (02) 9119 8744 or click [APPLY](#) now.

Product Coordinator

Melbourne, \$50k + Super, Ref: 3332HC1

Well-suited position for an experienced Product Coordinator to be a part of a growing company with a fun & fast paced working environment. You will have experience working in product previously but also have a good understanding of land/air components as you will be required to package together FIT travel products. This is a very rewarding position as the end result of your work will be used by the Reservation staff to sell. \$50k + Super on offer as well as on the job training.

For more information please call Hannah on (03) 9988 0616 or click [APPLY](#) now.

Senior Graphic Designer

Melbourne, up to \$70k + Super, Ref: 3356HC1

Are you a Graphic Designer with a passion for travel? Yes, then this could be the dream role you have been waiting for. A successful travel company in Melbourne is looking for an experienced Senior Graphic Designer to join their friendly team. You will take a proactive and hands on approach in creating and designing a diverse range of their promotional material and also assisting with their website maintenance and development. The ideal candidate will have experience in the industry.

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