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## Intrepid, Geckos merger

INTREPID Travel is merging Geckos Adventures into its Intrepid brand and launching a new range of small group trips for 18- to 29-year-old travellers.

Intrepid Group CEO James Thornton said the decision "made sense", explaining Intrepid had four times the number of 18 to 29 travellers as Geckos.

"It's a global brand, whereas Geckos is almost entirely sold in Australia," he explained.

"Intrepid has a much bigger audience and this decision means we can have better conversations with 18 to 29s about the things that matter."

All Geckos Adventures will move into Intrepid's 18-29 range from 01 Oct, which Thornton said provided "a socially conscious generation with a stress-free

alternative to backpacking and big bus tours".

Geckos Adventures was originally a competitor to Intrepid's Basix range but has been managed by Intrepid since 2013.

In 2014, Geckos Adventures repositioned to exclusively target travellers aged 18-39 (TD 05 Jun) and in 2017 cut its maximum age limit to 29 (TD 22 Sep).

The new Intrepid 18 to 29s brochure will be released Mon and the company will be offering \$99 deposits on its trips.

Intrepid has partnered with Friends-International, and has pledged to make a donation to the social enterprise for every 18 to 29s trip booked.

**CLICK HERE** for more details.

## Tourism NZ quiz

TOURISM New Zealand is tempting Australian travel agents to test their knowledge of the country's North Island, with \$250 up for grabs.

The organisation is today highlighting the view from Mount Maunganui in the Bay of Plenty. See the **cover page** for more.

## Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news and photos, a front cover page for **Tourism New Zealand**, plus full pages from:

- Albatross Tours
- Travel Trade Recruitment



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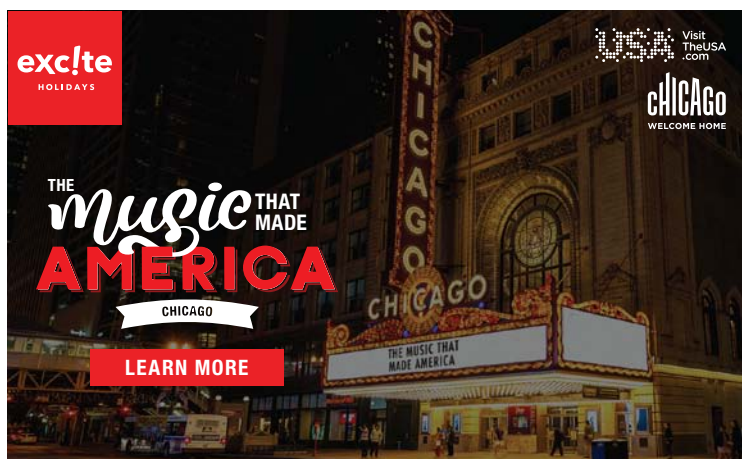


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## Origin tips due now

**WITH** just hours to go before tonight's big NRL State of Origin game between the NSW Blues and Queensland Maroons, if you haven't submitted your tips, now is the time!

**Travel Daily** readers taking part in our annual State of Origin tipping competition have until 6:30pm (AEST) today to be in the running to win a great prize by submitting their answers to these three questions:

- 1) Who do you think will score the first try in Game 3?
- 2) How many field goals will be kicked during Game 3?
- 3) What will the final score be at the end of Game 3?

Courtesy of TMS Talent, the winner with the closest tips after the three games will win an NRL football jersey of their choice.

Tips need to be submitted to [socomp@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:socomp@traveldaily.com.au).

The lucky winner's name will be published in **Travel Daily** later this week.

## Harding to lead Club Med

**CLUB** Med will aim to continue its double-digit growth in the Australian market under new regional head Rachael Harding, who joins the group after 15 years at The Travel Corporation.

Harding was last night confirmed to take up the role of general manager for Club Med Australia and New Zealand (**TD** breaking news), replacing previous head Madeleine Clow who has been appointed vice president of product and services, based in Lyon.

"We're pleased to welcome such a well-recognised travel professional to lead the growth of Club Med in the Pacific as the company expands its portfolio across the region and globally," said Xavier Desaulles, Club Med ceo East & South Asia and Pacific.

"Rachael's passion for the brand and her industry experience made her the perfect candidate for this role," he said.

Club Med says it has seen 50% growth in Australia and New Zealand over the past three years, which it is aiming to continue over coming seasons.

The group has seen record growth and profits since its takeover by Chinese company Fosun in 2015 and has plans to open three to five new resorts globally each year until 2020.

Harding has spent the past eight years as the high-profile director of sales for Trafalgar and confirmed her departure from The Travel Corporation this week (**TD** Mon).

She will take up her position with Club Med on 20 Aug.

## Albatross xmas kit

**ALBATROSS** Tours is offering a 2018 European Christmas Agent Toolkit to support sellers of its seasonal tours.

See **page 10** for details.

## Amadeus NDC tick

**AMADEUS** has been given level three New Distribution Capability (NDC) certification as an aggregator, in addition to its existing NDC accreditation as an IT provider.

The approval has been granted by IATA and makes Amadeus one of the first providers to have dual level 3 certifications.

Amadeus is linking airlines and retailers through its NDC-X program, which it says is in "full execution mode".

"We're making great progress on our mission to enable our airline customers to make their new NDC content available to our global travel sellers network - at scale," said Amadeus NDC-X vice president Gianni Pisanello.

The latest certification has been achieved through work with online travel agency Travix, which joined the program this year.

IATA NDC program director Yanik Hoyles said Amadeus was driving the "industrialisation" of NDC.



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## \$1,000 from APT

**AGENTS** who secure bookings on APT's Antarctica cruises before 31 Jul will automatically receive a bonus \$1,000.

APT's 15-day Classic Antarctica itinerary starts from \$16,490 per person twin share, and includes Fly Free Economy flights or Business class flights for \$2,995.

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## Fly Corporate expands

**REGIONAL** carrier Fly Corporate will introduce services from Melbourne and Brisbane to the inland city of Dubbo, increasing direct links to the NSW Central West after the collapse of JetGo.

The airline has announced six weekly services from Brisbane to Dubbo starting 07 Aug, and twice weekly flights from Melbourne's Essendon Airport from 28 Sep.

The flights will be operated by Fly Corporate's 34-seat Saab 340B Plus aircraft, and join other services in the airline's network to points including Armidale, Coffs Harbour, Inverell, Moree, Orange, Narrabri and Tamworth.

## Air Malta ceo

**AIR** Malta has announced the appointment of Captain Clifford Chetcuti as its ceo with effect from 1 Sep.

Previously, Chetcuti was the director of the deployed response group responsible for the incident management centre for Qatar Airways.

## ATE 2018 feedback

**RESEARCH** from the 2018 Australian Tourism Exchange held in Adelaide in Apr has found that 97% of buyers who attended believe they will sell more Australian tourism product as a result of the four-day event.

The exchange also saw 91% of respondents say that attending represented good financial value.

The forecast for future ATE events also looks in good shape, with 96% of attendees indicating they have a "strong intention" to attend ATE moving forward.

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## DFAT Japan update

**SMARTTRAVELLER** has advised Australian travellers to avoid regions of western Japan which have experienced flooding and landslides (**TD** yesterday).

Disruptions to transport services continue and travellers should contact tour operators or airlines for further information.

The level of advice remains at "Exercise normal safety precautions" in Japan overall with higher levels applying in some parts of the country.

Fly Corporate ceo Andrew Major said the flights would provide a convenient and cost-effective alternative to flights via Sydney.

He said Melbourne's Essendon Airport had been chosen for its "close proximity to the Melbourne CBD, lack of airport congestion and economical car parking options".

The new services follow the suspension of flights by regional counterpart JetGo, which went into voluntary administration last month (**TD** 04 Jun).

JetGo had operated Embraer jets on regional routes including Brisbane-Dubbo, and was the subject of legal action by Dubbo Regional Council over unpaid debts of \$270,000.

## India Tourism exits

**INDIA** Tourism has confirmed the closure of its Australian operations as part of a worldwide rationalisation (**TD** 26 Mar).

The organisation's Singapore office took over responsibility for the Australian market at the end of Jun, though the Sydney office will be retained for several weeks as it winds up various administrative functions.

Seven India Tourism offices worldwide are being closed as part of the rationalisation, with representation consolidated in remaining offices in Singapore, New York, Dubai, Frankfurt, Beijing, Tokyo and London.

The Singapore office can be contacted on +65 6235 3800 or [info@indiatourism.com.sg](mailto:info@indiatourism.com.sg).

The Indian Consulate General in Sydney will be able to provide brochures and other materials.

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## CTM trading halt

### CORPORATE Travel

Management shares were placed in a trading halt earlier today, ahead of an announcement.

The ASX says securities will remain in a trading halt until the announcement is released to the market or until the beginning of trade on Fri.

## Vale Andy Meikle

**SEALINK** has announced the death of its national business development manager Andy Meikle after a battle with cancer.

He had served at SeaLink since 2012, having previously held roles with Great Southern Rail, Consolidated Travel, API Travel, Australian Holiday Centre and Kelly Travel.

"He truly has been an absolute inspiration for all his team and one of the gentlemen of the industry and will be missed very much," said SeaLink Travel Group chief exec and md Jeff Ellison.

## HotelsCombined sold

**GLOBAL** online giant Booking Holdings has struck an agreement to purchase Australian hotel metasearch site HotelsCombined.

The parent of Booking.com and other digital retailers including Agoda and Priceline has announced the Sydney-based site will join the group and report to its KAYAK brand in a deal to be settled later this year.

"HotelsCombined has built a strong brand with loyal consumers across APAC, and we believe the team will be a great addition to KAYAK to further expand our worldwide metasearch strategy," said Glenn Fogel, ceo of Booking Holdings.

Details of the sale have not been revealed, though the deal has been approved by shareholders and directors, subject to regulatory approvals.

HotelsCombined ceo Hichame Assi said his company had always been inspired by the culture of

Booking Holdings brands and was "excited to be joining the family".

"Operating under the KAYAK umbrella will strengthen our proposition to both customers and partners with greater scale, product breadth and innovation," Assi said.

## NaturallyGC push

**THE** Gold Coast has launched more than 800 nature-based experiences in 2018/19 as part of its NaturallyGC initiative.

The program will mean the creation of a new cross-country mountain bike nature trail, new environmental signage at key parks, and the enhancement of land to preserve koala habitat.

Highlights of the NaturallyGC push include bush walks, kids' natural adventures, indigenous culture experiences, wildlife shows, tree planting, and koala conservation areas.



## Window Seat

**LUXURY** Gold has launched its 2019 Worldwide Magazine featuring more than 50 luxury guided journeys with an emphasis placed on personalisation and exclusivity.

The trips are personally curated by The Travel Corporation's chairman Stanley Tollman and include the opportunity to jam with Nashville musician and harmonicist Charlie McCoy.

Some edible gold (pictured) was delivered to **Travel Daily** to mark the moment too!



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## The Clan Hotel

**SINGAPORE** hotel and serviced apartment operator Far East Hospitality has announced it has added a new brand to its portfolio targeting "affluent & tech savvy business travellers in their late 20s to mid-40s" who are "drawn to hotels with compelling stories".

The 324-room Clan Hotel is slated to open in mid-2020 at Far East Square, with interior designs taking inspiration from historical clan associations in the area and echoing the traditional hospitality the city has been known for.

## Emirates changes

**PLANNED** runway closures at Dubai International Airport in the second quarter of 2019 will affect Emirates services into Adelaide between 16 Apr-20 May 2019.

Flights on the Dubai to Adelaide route will reduce from seven to four weekly, with the airline commenting additional changes "remain highly possible."

## Bid for Cuba route

**AMERICAN** Airlines, JetBlue, and Southwest Airlines have entered a bidding war to take over a route to Cuba that will be terminated by Delta Airlines on 01 Sep.

The US Department of Transportation has said it will award the route to the airline most likely to maintain the best service, while also considering its effect on market structure.

## MGallery addition

**THE** Mitchelton Hotel & Spa in Victoria's Goulburn Valley has joined AccorHotels' boutique MGallery by Sofitel network, making it the 10th MGallery hotel in Australia.

The 58-room hotel offers views over the Goulburn River and local vineyard, a four-treatment room day spa, restaurant, 20m lap pool, plus extensive banquet and meeting facilities.

## AirAsia X Avalon on sale



**THE** first international flights from Melbourne's Avalon Airport have opened for sale, with AirAsia X services to Kuala Lumpur set to take to the skies from 05 Dec (TD 31 May).

To celebrate the milestone, AirAsia has launched sale fares priced from \$99 to Kuala Lumpur, \$147 to Phuket, \$154 to Bangkok, \$157 to Ho Chi Minh City, \$153 to Siem Reap and \$229 to Delhi.

The celebratory fares will offer customers "affordable and hassle-free international travel".

Construction of the new terminal is well underway, with more than 9,000m<sup>2</sup> of space set

to offer the latest in customs equipment and processes, as well as Duty Free shopping and food and beverage options.

AirAsia X's KUL-AAV service will replace its existing flights from Tullamarine airport.

**Pictured** with the AirAsia X cabin crew are: Barry Klipp, AirAsia X group head of commercial; Benyamin Ismail, AirAsia X Malaysia ceo; Councillor Bruce Harwood, Mayor for the City of Greater Geelong; Andrew Golezdzinowski, Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia and Justin Giddings, Avalon Airport chief executive officer.



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## TEQ China research

**TOURISM** and Events Queensland (TEQ) has released a report outlining Chinese visitation to the state, with figures showing visitors from the country have grown 14.2% in the three years up to Dec 2017.

The *Unpacking the Chinese Traveller 2018* report also showed that nine out of 10 Chinese visitors to Queensland did so for leisure, spending more than \$1 billion in 2017.

The biggest drawcards were noted as being "natural landscapes, beaches and the Great Barrier Reef", closely followed by "marine life experiences, meeting local characters & food and beverage".

Online travel agents were named in the report as their preferred way to book.

## Abu Dhabi pass

**ETIHAD** Airways has added to its Extraordinary Abu Dhabi Pass, offering users 20% off various dining outlets in Yas Mall, as well as 20% off Leisure Train Tourism tours in Al Ain.

The pass also offers 50% off Hala Abu Dhabi Tours, including a Desert Sunset Drive and BBQs.

To qualify, visitors need to present their Etihad boarding pass at participating retailers.

## Darwin audio tour

**THE** NT Government has launched "Darwin: A Tale of Four Cities", a one-hour walking audio tour that takes visitors to various historic locations around the city while offering a narrative-driven story of its past.

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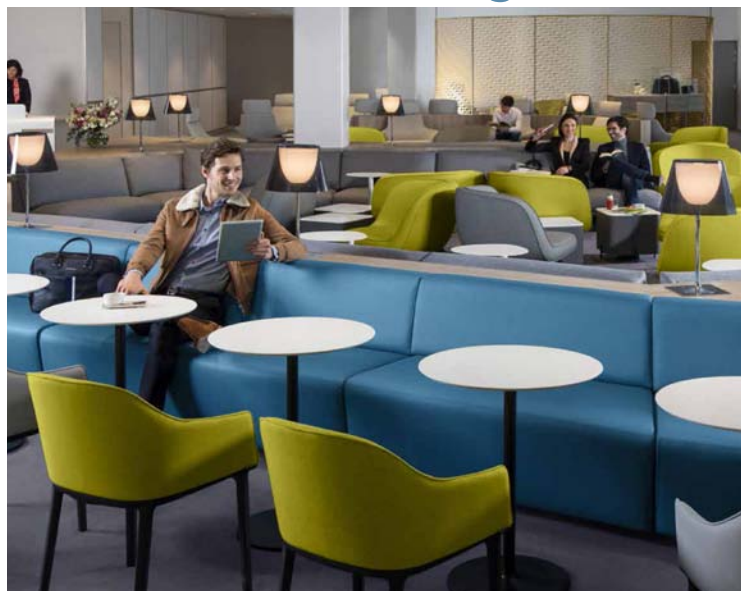
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## Air France biz lounge refresh



**THE** new redesigned Air France Business Lounge has been unveiled in Terminal 2E at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport, offering guests more than 3,200m<sup>2</sup> of space including 540 seats in its refreshed lounge area (**pictured**).

Several new features have been added, including "Le Balcon", a curved space created by designer Matthieu Lahanneur that overlooks the runways and features a glass ceiling.

In the middle of Le Balcon, guests can order cocktails designed by the Hotel Lancaster in Paris, with a menu featuring a list of drinks inspired by various Air France destinations.

A new 500m<sup>2</sup> wellness area (**right**) is the largest of all Air France lounges and offers a

dedicated "relaxation area" where guests can rest in mini-suites, enjoy a Clarins beauty spa, unwind in saunas and enjoy a larger shower space.

A dedicated kids area for children aged four to 12 also offers Sony PS4 consoles and sensory table play options, while the "Gourmet Table" sees chefs prepare the dish of the day, along with a hot and cold self-service food and beverage area.



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## Seabourn says thanks



**KAREN** Strybis from Helloworld Gosford was the lucky winner of the Seabourn Travel Appreciation Month incentive which ran earlier this year.

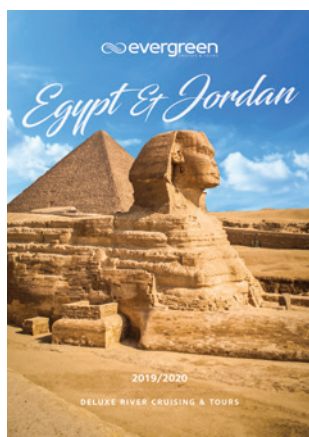
All Cruiseco member agents who successfully completed the Seabourn Academy training program during the Travel Appreciation Month received a gift card and were placed in the draw to win the prize package.

Strybis won a bottle of Moët Champagne, a Seabourn Molton Brown toiletries pack, Seabourn water bottle and pen & a gift card.

**Pictured** above are: Karen Strybis, from Helloworld Gosford with Seabourn national accounts manager, Anthony Cooper.

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## ANA inspections

**ANA** Holdings has cancelled a series of domestic flights in Japan between 13 Jul through 22 Jul to inspect its Rolls-Royce engines for compressor issues that have led to service interruptions for airlines globally.

The company is also reviewing schedules through to Aug.

For updates, **CLICK HERE**.

## Hermitage deal

**THE** owners of the Hermitage Hotel in Mt Cook, New Zealand have teamed up with Rydges and QT Hotels to distribute the property on the Rydges website.

The hotel will maintain its brand and continue to run its operations, including sales and marketing, but its management will be able to tap into the resources and knowledge of the Rydges brand.

The Hermitage Hotel is nestled in the Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park and the partnership began on Mon.

## Code for QLD

**THE** fourth industry reference round table on short-term letting was chaired in Queensland last week, with Tourism Development Minister Kate Jones stating the group plans to present documents to the Government outlining a "code of conduct" for short-term letting hosts & guests.

The Code will include a number of "strikes and you're out" policies in order to create a "clear set of guidelines to promote respect among hosts and guests".

**MEANWHILE**, Greg Greeley will step into the role of president of Airbnb China in Sep.

## Contiki ROCK comp

**CONTIKI'S** ROCK Around the World 2019 agent sales incentive is underway, running through to 31 Mar 2019.

The top selling agents will score a spot on The ROCK 2019, with the destination of the faml yet to be disclosed.

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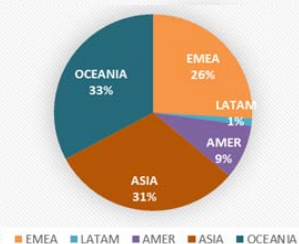




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Expedia TAAP reported steady growth for June. Expedia TAAP agents AU booked 1,111 different destinations, across 135 Countries. The use of Package Rates continues to grow as proportion of bookings and agents are finding huge savings for their clients.

The top ten destinations booked through May were Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, London, Singapore, Perth, Bali, Gold Coast, Cairns and Hong Kong. Adelaide, Tokyo, Auckland and Paris were just outside the top 10.

Growth was steady across the board but stand out markets included, London, Paris, Bali, Singapore and Hong Kong all showing bigger than average growth. From a Country viewpoint France, Indonesia and Malaysia in particular showed terrific Year on Year growth.

Regionally, destinations were steady with EMEA at 26%, OCEANIA up 1 to 33%, Asia up to 31% and North America 9% of the transaction mix.

Some of the out of the way destinations included Tallinn Estonia, Wairarapa NZ, Yala Sri Lanka and Lake Baikal (the world's deepest Lake) Russia.

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## Twilight GC tours

**VISITORS** to the Gold Coast's David Fleay Wildlife Park can experience the culture of the Yugambeh Aboriginal people these school holidays with Twilight Tours available this week.

Queensland Environment Minister Leeanne Enoch said that along with "storytelling, song and dance, locals and visitors can explore the wildlife park and find out what our Australian wildlife get up to at night".

To book tickets, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Hawaiian record

**HAWAIIAN** Airlines welcomed more than 1.04 million guests in Jun 2018, a record for the month and an increase of 2.9% over the same period last year.

Total traffic (revenue passenger miles) was up 4.6% on an increase of 4.3% in capacity (available seat miles).

For the second quarter (30 Jun), the carrier welcomed a record over 3.01m guests, which was an increase of 4.6% from 2017.

Total traffic increased 5.7% on an increase of 6% in capacity.

## Hilton Wellington

**WELLINGTON'S** first DoubleTree by Hilton hotel has opened in the T&G building on Lambton Quay, in the city's shopping and business district.

The hotel contains 106 guest rooms including 14 suites, all accessible with digital key through the Hilton Honors app, along with a restaurant, bar, gym, boardroom and parking.

## La Reserve sales

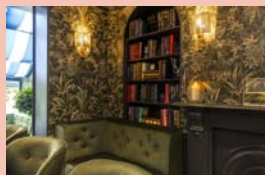
**LEA** Seguer has been appointed as the sales ambassador to the Asia Pacific for the La Reserve hotels and Myconian Hotel Collection, where she will be responsible for all facets of the brands and be based in Sydney.

Previously, Seguer was the communications & sales director at La Reserve hotel in Paris.



## 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](mailto:accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au).



Situated close to London's west end, **The Academy Hotel** has re-opened as a 50-bedroom boutique hotel made up of five Georgian houses; and a new library and bar, which is the focus of the hotel's tribute to The Bloomsbury set.



**Renaissance Philadelphia Downtown Hotel** has opened following renovations, now offering a more theatrical design. The new design of the 152-room pet friendly hotel pays homage to the cultural history of the city with portraits of Benjamin Franklin's five mistresses, and pop-art inspired images of famous Philadelphians in the guestrooms. Guests can also enjoy two restaurants and four meeting rooms which amount to 4,354m<sup>2</sup> of meeting and social space.



**The Royal Hawaiian**, a Luxury Collection Resort in Honolulu has opened its newly renovated The Bar at Azure, a beachfront landmark with an expanded seating area and a new craft cocktail menu, using private-label spirits and local fruits.

## Peregrine's new ship



**PEREGRINE** Adventures has officially launched its first custom-built expedition vessel, *Grand Queen Beatriz*.

The nine-cabin vessel is now cruising the Galapagos, offering a combination of six-, 10-, 13- and 17-day itineraries from Quito.

All of its cabins have outward-facing windows, ensuite bathrooms and are spread over three decks.

The boat also features a dining room, two bars, lounge and TV area, and a sun deck with a jacuzzi, while the upper deck boasts private balcony rooms.

"While we have been cruising the Galapagos for more than 20 years, now that we have our own boat, we can offer an even more



authentic Peregrine experience at sea; a small group of no more than 16 guests, an immersive experience focusing on discovery and education, comfort and space, insightful and attentive guides and the newest and most sustainable cruise experience available in the region," said Peregrine's Adventure Cruising gm Filippou Venetopoulos.

The ship's interiors are **pictured** top and the ship is **inset**.



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## LGW management

**GERMAN** regional carrier Luftfahrtgesellschaft Walter (LGW) has appointed two managing directors, Francesco Sciortino and Michael Knoth. The dual leaders will assume the roles from 01 Aug, with Sciortino to take charge of account management while Knoth will lead the administration divisions.

## NZ hotel adds boat

**EICHARDT'S** Private Hotel has announced the acquisition of the luxury vessel *Pacific Jemm*. The hotel, based in the New Zealand city of Queenstown, will use the boat to offer guests sailings from Queenstown Bay with overnight stays starting from \$12,500 per night for up to 10 people, targetting "ultra-high net worth individuals". *Pacific Jemm* is currently undergoing a significant upgrade to bring it up to luxury standard.

## Airnorth birthday

**DARWIN-BASED** regional airline Airnorth is marking its 40th birthday with a nationwide sale, with fares starting from \$99. The specials are only available for 40 hours ending 23:59 on Fri and valid for travel in 2019 between the periods of 29 Jan to 29 Mar and 29 Apr to 09 Jun. For further info [CLICK HERE](#).

## Seabourn line-up

**SEABOURN** has added a range of guest speakers to its upcoming Extended Explorations voyages starting in Oct. The personalities will join the cruises as part of the company's Seabourn Conversations experience, and will include experts in the fields of anthropology, space exploration, culinary and military history. Speakers include NASA engineer Frank Buzzard, music critic Ted Libbey, cooking author Sam Choy, and military historian Colonel Gerald McCormack.



## Win a trip to Walt Disney World

This month, *Walt Disney World* in Florida, Virgin Australia and Delta Air Lines are giving *Travel Daily* readers the chance to win two places on "A Very Merry Toy Story Land Christmas Mega-Fam" flying Virgin Australia and Delta Air Lines to *Walt Disney World* Resort in Florida. In a 1-min video, 250 word blog or insta-worthy photo/meme, tell us why your Christmas in July wish is to travel with Virgin Australia and Delta Air Lines to *Walt Disney World* Resort for the Christmas season?

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## Christchurch Airbnb

**THE** University of Canterbury and ChristchurchNZ are collaborating on a research project to explore the economic, social and environmental impact Airbnb is having in Canterbury.

The data is expected to be collected by Dec this year and will examine Airbnb's financial performance in the region in comparison to the traditional accommodation sector.

Information will also be gathered on how Canterbury's accommodation market compares to other regions in NZ.

The project follows a report released by ChristchurchNZ last year showing the total number of Airbnb accommodation units in the city almost doubled in the 12 months to Sep 2017.

## China Southern ban

**CHINA** Southern Airlines has announced a ban on self-balancing vehicles powered by lithium batteries in carry-on and checked baggage.

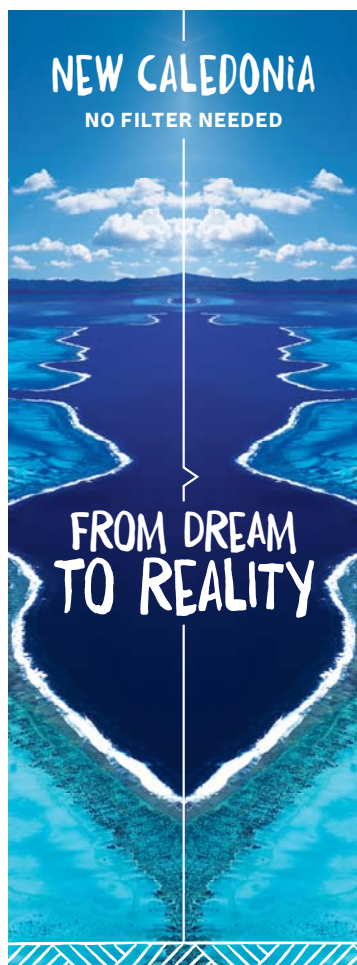
The ban covers lithium-powered devices such as electric unicycles, electric skateboards, hoverboards and Segways.

China Southern says the move was prompted by the risk of fires and explosions.

## NZ o/n stays up

**STATS** NZ's latest figures suggest the number of nights spent in commercial accommodation for May was up by 1.6% on the corresponding period last year.

More than 2.5 million nights were recorded for the month.



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