

Travel Daily

First with the news

Tuesday 26th June 2018

HILTON
MOOREA LAGOON
RESORT & SPA

\$2,000
BONUS
VALUE!

✈️ 🚗 🏠 - BONUS

PACKAGE FROM

\$3,599
per person



tahiti
travel connection

ENQUIRE NOW >

www.tahititravel.com.au

PONANT
YACHT CRUISES & EXPEDITIONS

Celebrating
30 Years

**\$500* FOR
YOU**
on every
Kimberley pax
+
**a bonus 5%
Commission!**



▶ DISCOVER HOW!

Oman to close Aus base

THE Sultanate of Oman has confirmed plans to close its tourism office in Australia after 16 years of local operations.

Its Ministry of Tourism today issued a statement saying it will no longer offer a local tourist office in Australasia "due to a reprioritisation of global marketing efforts", with operations to cease 30 Jun.

The Walshe Group was appointed to represent the Middle East destination's tourism efforts in the Australian market in 2009 and took over from Air Marketing, who had the account from 2002.

Walshe Group md Jacqui Walshe said it had been "a pleasure representing Oman".

"Despite the closure of the tourist board office we are very pleased that we will be able to stay connected to this inspiring

destination through our ongoing representation of Oman Air and are encouraged by the recent growth in sales for the airline from Australia," Walshe said.

Travel agents will still be able to access the Oman training modules to qualify as Oman Preferred Travel Agents - for details [CLICK HERE](#).

Consumer information will be available at the destination website experienceoman.om.

USA, NZ roadshow

AGENTS are invited to attend a series of Brand USA and Air New Zealand roadshows taking place around the country in Jun and Jul ahead of the organisation's MegaFam incentive trip to the USA in Aug.

Attendees at the roadshows will learn about the diverse itineraries featured on the MegaFam, as well as have the chance to win multiple prizes on the night.

To register your attendance, select your city from the following: **PERTH, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, SYDNEY** or **BRISBANE**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news including a photo page for **Travellers Choice**, plus a full page from:
• TMS Talent/inPlace

PONANT
YACHT CRUISES & EXPEDITIONS

Celebrating
30 Years

**\$500* FOR
YOU**
on every
Antarctica pax
+
**a bonus 5%
Commission!**



▶ DISCOVER HOW!

Afford the holiday you deserve

Enjoy more as a personal travel manager
Earn. Travel. Live. More.

Find out more 1800 019 599



Travel
Managers
As individual
as you are

Experience
Hong Kong

Supported By



HOLIDAYS

FREQUENT
FLYER

EARN **DOUBLE QANTAS POINTS***
on these great Hong Kong land deals
when combined with a Qantas airfare
*Conditions apply

4 nights at Harbour Plaza
Metropolis + return flights from
\$1,095*
per person
twin share
*Conditions apply

ON SALE UNTIL 29 JUNE 2018

EARN A \$50 VOUCHER

For every ski booking you make through
Skimax Holidays to Banff National Park
in the Canadian Rockies.

*Book before 31 July. T&Cs apply.

BANFF
& CAPE
TOULIFE

**SKI
MAX
HOLIDAYS**

Meet Central Asia's '5 Stars'
 KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, UZBEKISTAN & TURKMENISTAN
 MAY & SEPTEMBER DEPARTURES

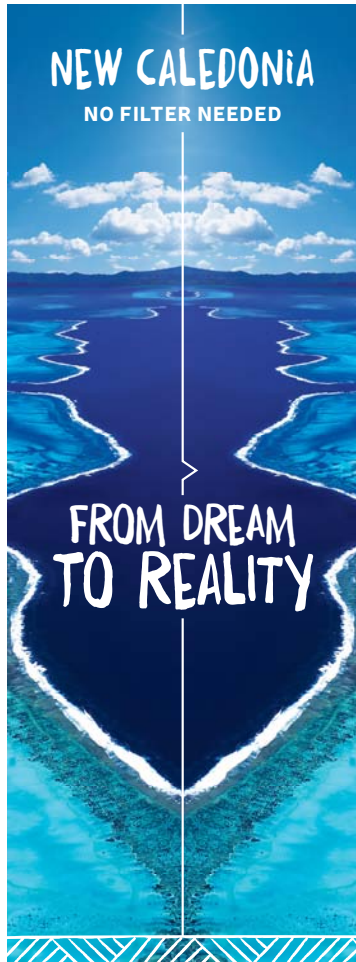
traveldirectors.com.au

travel directors
 WORLDWIDE ESCORTED TOURS
 AFRICA | ASIA | CENTRAL ASIA
 EUROPE | LATIN AMERICA
 MIDDLE EAST | RAIL JOURNEYS

1300 856 661
MORE INFO

LA tourism mgr

THE Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board has welcomed Kathleen Finneran to the role of tourism manager - Australia & NZ. She was previously trade development executive at Tourism New Zealand.



QF plans future of flight

QANTAS is moving into the next stage of its "Project Sunrise" quest for ultra-longhaul flight, seeking input from frequent flyers on the design of future aircraft.

New features such as exercise zones, on-board child care centres and in-flight bars will be floated among regular customers in a survey being sent this week to more than 12,000 Qantas Frequent Flyer members.

The airline has already engaged with global aircraft seat manufacturers, inviting them to come up with concepts for next-generation Economy and Premium Economy seats for ultra-long flights, while Qantas ceo Alan Joyce has spoken about the possibility of converting cargo holds into additional space for passengers, including bunks.

The carrier's latest research is part of its challenge to aircraft manufacturers Boeing and Airbus to create planes capable of flying nonstop from the east coast of Australia direct to London and New York by 2022.

It will ask customers for their thoughts on "sky's the limit" concepts including stretch/

exercise zones, communal bars or self-serve cafes, creches, work stations and enlarged bathrooms.

"The launch of direct flights from the east coast of Australia to Europe, UK and the US is going to completely revolutionise air travel and we are keen to do the same thing with the inflight offering for passengers on board these flights," said Qantas head of customer strategy and product development Phil Capps.

"It's still early days and the final cabins may feature some or none of the ideas we're asking for feedback on, but we want to have the conversation with our customers to help inform our planning. We wanted to put all options on the table," he said.

Domestic traffic up

AUSTRALIA'S domestic airlines have increased their load factors as passenger levels continue to rise on major routes.

Figures released by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) show there were 5.29 million passengers carried on Australian domestic airlines in Apr, an increase of 3.2% over the same month last year.

Capacity increased at a slightly lower rate of 2.5%, leading to a boost in average load factors from 79.5% in Apr 2017 to 79.6% in Apr this year.

QantasLink refresh

QANTASLINK'S first upgraded turboprop has taken off from Tamworth Airport today, boasting a refreshed cabin that provides extra comfort for passengers.

The full Bombardier upgrade will be complete by the end of 2019.

NATURAL FOCUS SAFARIS

OUR 2018/19 INDIA BROCHURE IS OUT NOW!

Incredible India

We are the experts in tailor made safaris and tours.

Contact
 Natural Focus Safaris
 on 1300 363 302
 email info@awsnf.com
 www.naturalfocussafaris.com.au

Order brochures:
 www.tifs.com.au

exc!te HOLIDAYS

amazing THAILAND

Open to The New Shades

FIND OUT MORE

More flights, more often.

Daily to Port Vila ex Sydney.
 4 days a week to Port Vila ex Brisbane.
 2 days a week to Santo ex Brisbane.

Air Vanuatu
 airvanuatu.com/agents

Heathrow takes off

LONDON'S Heathrow Airport has welcomed a parliamentary vote in favour of its planned third runway development, saying the green light will unlock billions of pounds worth of growth.

Construction work on the £14 billion project (**TD** 06 Jun) is now expected to begin in 2021, with the new runway scheduled to open in 2026.

"Parliament has ended 50 years of debate by deciding that Heathrow expansion will go ahead," said Heathrow ceo John Holland-Kaye.

"We are grateful that MPs have made the right choice for Britain and today we start work to create the best connected hub airport in the world."

New era for BridgeClimb

HAMMONS Holdings, the new operator of activities on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, has announced a new range of tour packages replacing existing offerings will be available to book from 01 Oct.

There are currently eight experiences available for guests, all of which will be re-branded.

The BridgeClimb Sampler will be known as the 1.5hr Lower Arch Tour, the BridgeClimb Day tour will become 3.5hr Daytime Summit Tour, the BridgeClimb Night will be renamed as the 3.5hr Night Summit Tour, and the BridgeClimb Twilight will become 3.5hr Twilight Summit Tour.

BridgeClimb Dawn will be

known as the 3.5hr Dawn Summit Tour, while the BridgeClimb Express will be named 2 1/4 hour Fast Summit Tour.

The two current Mandarin offerings will be renamed as 3.5hr [Mandarin] Summit Tour and 2 1/4 Hour [Mandarin] Fast Summit Tour respectively.

Reservations made prior to 01 Oct will still be accepted, with ceo David Hammon stating the company guarantees "all bookings...made at the presently agreed price, date and time with BridgeClimb will be honoured".

"Over time, innovative and extended experiences...will also be made available to tour groups, improving on those offered today", Hammon added.



Window Seat

THOSE sneakily pocketing loyalty rewards on behalf of friends and family now have a new name, thanks to Qantas and its Frequent Flyer program.

The airline has identified a growing trend of "points hogging", where savvy members of its Frequent Flyer program are making bookings on behalf of other people in order to maximise their Qantas points.

Now, while we don't condone the behaviour, we *can* share the top five tactics have been named, which include members cleverly offering to put a group bill on their points-earning credit card, booking a restaurant on behalf of a friend to earn points, paying for birthday gifts on behalf of a group, and paying for utilities for a flatmate.

Guilty as, er - charged?

MARKETING SERVICES EXECUTIVE, TRADE

The Hong Kong Tourism Board is a dynamic, global marketing organisation whose mission is to promote Hong Kong as a unique, world-class destination. The Board requires a Trade Marketing Services Executive for its Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific operations based in Sydney.



HONG KONG
TOURISM BOARD

The Trade Marketing Services Executive is responsible for assisting the Manager, Trade Marketing & Business Tourism coordinating and implementing Trade & MICE projects. An understanding of current trade distribution channels is essential. The position is also responsible for trade enquiries, database management, brochure stock control, and some basic administrative duties.

Ideally, candidates will have tertiary qualifications, marketing experience in a tourism-related field, extensive computer skills, good presentation and communication skills, together with a working knowledge of Hong Kong. Remuneration package will be negotiable but will include medical benefits and superannuation.

Applications should be sent by 5 July 2018 to
E-mail: anna.chui@hktb.com

Nat Geo inaugural

LINDBLAD Expeditions has announced inaugural voyages on board its newest addition, the *National Geographic Venture*.

The sister ship of *National Geographic Quest*, the new 50-cabin vessel is scheduled for delivery in Oct and will depart on two new itineraries exploring the Pacific Coast of California.

The first voyage, Coastal California by Sea, will depart San Francisco on 02 Dec on a five-night cruise between North and South California.


The second voyage will set sail on 07 Dec and will explore the Pacific Coast.

CLICK HERE for more.

Virgin Hainan live


THE codeshare partnership between Hainan Airlines & Virgin Australia (**TD** 05 Jun) has officially launched, with flights between Australia and China now active.

The new codeshare agreement is now effective on all flights between Brisbane and Shenzhen, Cairns and Shenzhen, Melbourne and Changsha, Melbourne and Xi'an, Sydney and Changsha, Sydney and Haikou, and Sydney and Xi'an.






A VERY MERRY
TOY STORY
LAND
CHRISTMAS
MEGA-FAM

©Disney/Pixar



WANT TO WIN A SPOT ON A
VERY MERRY TOY STORY LAND
CHRISTMAS MEGA-FAM TO
WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT
IN FLORIDA?

Visit wheredreamscometrue.com.au
to register and for more info

TAUCK

FREE INFORMATION EVENTS

Special offers available on the night.
Limited Space available

REGISTER NOW
to avoid disappointment

Uniworld appoints

UNIWORLD Boutique River Cruise Collection and U by Uniworld have announced two senior sales appointments.

Bradley Pallant has been appointed as Uniworld and U by Uniworld's head of sales, bringing with him more than 20 years of experience in the travel industry, in both Australia and the US.

Alice Ager has taken on the senior sales manager role for the Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection brand, joining from Regent Seven Seas.

PR ups MEL-MNL

PHILIPPINE Airlines is set to increase its frequency on the Manila to Melbourne route from 28 Oct, bumping the service from five times weekly at both ends to a daily schedule, according to GDS displays.

The additional flights will be operated by an Airbus A330-300.

Topdeck Europe '19

TOPDECK Travel has announced the introduction of its Europe Summer 2019/20 pre-release brochure, marking the launch with earlybird discounts of 10% for bookings made before 31 Aug.

Over 30 European trips are featured in the release, with highlights including a 27-day Summer Fun & Sailing Tour visiting France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Greece.

Other trips in the brochure include a 10-day Spanish Fiesta from \$2,142pp and a 12-day Turkey Explored journey from \$1,458 per person.

For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

Intrepid save \$970

INTREPID Travel is offering savings of up to \$970 on select trips departing in Jul and Aug.

The sale includes the 04 Aug departure of the 28-day Highlights of Ecuador & Peru.

Serko lists on the ASX

NEW Zealand-based Serko today made its debut on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), paving the way for future expansion under a dual listing.

The online travel and expense technology provider is now trading in Australia under the code SKO, in addition to its existing listing on the New Zealand exchange (**TD 02** May).

It was trading at \$2.79 per share early this afternoon.

"Listing on the ASX has been a longtime ambition of ours, and is a significant growth milestone," said Serko ceo Darrin Grafton.

"Nearly 10% of Serko's shareholder base is in Australia and being dual-listed will give us access to a larger pool of investors," he said.

The dual listing would provide closer alignment between Serko's capital markets profile and its principal partner and customer base, with more than 90% of its

revenue coming from Australia.

"We are confident of continued growth in this market and are also undertaking global expansion initiatives, starting with the US and UK, both huge addressable markets," Grafton said.

He also said the company was committed to its New Zealand investor base, with its primary listing and headquarters to remain in Auckland.

Serko has been listed in NZ since 2014 and was the fastest growing stock there last year.

MEANWHILE, Serko has launched the Zeno Experience Centre in its Sydney office, providing an "innovation and brand hub" where corporate travel managers can immerse themselves in new technology.

The centre is a physical space in which to understand innovations like artificial intelligence, chatbots and the New Distribution Capability (NDC).



Experience London from our second gateway, Gatwick

Head to one of the world's most cosmopolitan capitals and experience the economic and cultural influence of London. A world-class city brimming with historic landmarks, architecture and a never ending collection of galleries make every visit to the iconic capital of the UK an unforgettable experience.

Book by 2 July 2018 for travel until 31 March 2019*.

Fares per person from*		Economy	Business
London (Gatwick)	from AUD	1,135	6,390
London (Heathrow)	from AUD	1,190	6,445
Birmingham	from AUD	1,240	6,400
Cardiff	from AUD	1,145	6,400
Edinburgh	from AUD	1,245	6,400
Manchester	from AUD	1,240	6,400



* Offer valid until 2 July 2018, unless sold out prior. Fares quoted above are for departures from Perth and are the lowest adult return prices per person including taxes, fees, and airport charges. Economy Class fares are valid for travel between 27 September - 30 November 2018, and 13 January - 31 March 2019. Business Class fares are valid for travel between 26 June 2018 - 31 March 2019. Other sale dates may be available. Other sale fares are available from Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, and Adelaide. Fares may vary due to currency or tax fluctuations. Seasonal surcharges and weekend surcharges may apply. For all other terms and conditions please review at time of booking.

itravel wraps up for winter



ITRAVEL'S Winter Coat Appeal to help Sydney's homeless population combat the winter chill has witnessed the donation of hundreds of jumpers, jackets and coats for the cause.

The charity initiative kicked off in May (**TD** 23 May), and has since seen agents, clients, friends and family come to the fore and generously provide itravel with many articles of warm clothing.

The donations will be given to specialist clothing company Care Essentials to hand out next week

at the Sydney Homeless Connect on 03 Jul.

"itravel have been incredible... and thanks to all who donated such good quality coats and jumpers - all perfect for Sydney Homeless Connect," Care Essentials said in a statement.

Pictured welcoming the donations are itravel's Rebecca McHenry, Sue Milosova, Tina Fitzroy, Tiano Sakaria-Cecil, Kim Wudko accompanied by Australia's most philanthropic therapy dog, Maxie.

Name one Back-Roads Touring itinerary that visits Ninh Binh.

Back-Roads TOURING CO.

- Daily prize \$100 voucher of your choice
- Must email answer to agent.discounts@backroadstouring.com.au

NSW backs nature

THE NSW Government has announced plans to finalise a \$28 million nature tourism strategy by Dec this year.

Funds will be allocated from the Government's Regional Growth Environment Tourism Fund to nurture new nature-based infrastructure projects.

"From scuba diving to bushwalking, nature-based tourism is exploding in popularity all over the world, but there's much untapped potential with our high-yield int'l tourists," said Minister for Tourism and Major Events Adam Marshall.

"What better place to find that than our State's world class natural icons – from the Back O' Bourke to the beaches of Byron Bay," he added.

The nature strategy will form a key part of the NSW Government's ambition to attract more visitors and encourage greater dispersal in regional and rural areas.

Carnival Q2 record

CARNIVAL Corporation has posted a record revenue result for Q2 2018, generating income of US\$4.4 billion for the quarter, a 12.8% increase on the previous corresponding period.

The strong result was driven by the "strength of our core strategy to create demand," said Carnival ceo and president Arnold Donald.

Rex discount fares

REGIONAL carrier Rex has announced it will introduce discount air fares for its Perth-Monkey Mia-Carnarvon services from 02 Jul.

The Rex Community Fare Scheme was negotiated in consultation with Shark Bay Airport, the Shire of Carnarvon, and the Perth Airport.

Final discount prices, still subject to final approval, will start from \$157 and \$199 one way from Perth to Monkey Mia and Carnarvon respectively.

American Airlines

Get your claws into the 4th July with American Airlines and Sean Connolly.

Share your ideal American fare via Social Media using the **#americanairlines4julyfeast** to be in with the chance to win some fabulous prizes.

American Airlines, Flagship and the Flight Symbol logo are marks of American Airlines, Inc. oneworld is a mark of the oneworld Alliance, LLC. © 2018 American Airlines, Inc. All rights reserved.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Venue: The Morrison, Sydney
Time: 6pm until 10pm

Date: 4th July
RSVP: Syd.Sales@aa.com



Hawaiian on sale

HAWAIIAN Airlines has released a series of limited edition fares on departures from Sydney and Brisbane to Honolulu, on sale until 12 Jul.

Fares from Sydney and Brisbane are priced from \$690 return for select dates Aug 2018-Mar 2019.

Additional dates from Brisbane are available from \$687 during the low seasons, from Jul 2018 and Jun 2019 - more [HERE](#).

Qatar kids' club

CHILDREN travelling on select long-haul Qatar Airways flights from 01 Jul will have access to the carrier's new Oryx Kids' Club on-board children's program.

As part of the program, kids will be presented with specially designed plush toys, activity packs (**pictured**) and meal boxes.

The program will be extended to short- and medium-haul flights from 01 Sep.



Guests name price

THE Retreat Port Stephens is inviting guests to name their own price on stays during Aug 2018.

The resort has set a benchmark on the lowest rate possible and if guests name a price that is above the benchmark, they can book at that price.

If the price falls below, they can take another punt.

The "Name your Price" sale can be booked from 01 Jul and is valid for two-night stays only during the month of Aug.

Prices are based on two guests per cabin, or four per bungalow, [CLICK HERE](#) for info.

Legian Hosp debut

FOUNDERS of the Legian Seminyak in Bali have officially launched a new luxury and lifestyle group.

Legian Hospitality Management (LHM) is headed up by the Indonesian business figures the Djohan family, and aims to focus on the development of "local culture, genuine destination experiences and highly personalised service".

The group's second property, the Legian Sire Lombok, will launch in Q1 2019.

Bling and bubbles



QANTAS Holidays recently treated a group of 30 agents from the ACT to a dazzling display of diamonds at an exclusive showing of Cartier: The Exhibition at the National Art Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

The agents enjoyed bubbles and canapes while mingling among the bling, feasting their eyes on more than 300 shiny items including the tiara worn by Kate Middleton at her royal wedding, Princess Grace of Monaco's 10.48

carat diamond engagement ring and a selection of the Ballet Russes' incredible costumes.

The group was also treated to a presentation by Bianca Winataputri, assistant curator at the National Gallery of Australia.

Pictured are Marie McKenzie, Chloe Hoitink and Allira Middlebrook from Weston Cruise and Travel with Narelle Duddy and Julie Berzins from Helloworld Travel Canberra Centre City Travel and Cruise.

Spirit back to Syd

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's *Carnival Spirit* has returned to Sydney following a 14-day dry dock in Singapore which saw the ship undergo a range of updates and additions (**TD** 03 May).

Guests on the 19-day cruise were among the first to enjoy the enhancements, which include the new creative studio SoulPlay where families can participate in a range of craft activities, new video arcade The Warehouse, a re-design of the ship's retail area and an updated fitness centre.

Special prices are available for Oct departures, call 13 31 94.

Taronga upgrade

SYDNEY'S tallest residents will be temporarily moved out of their harbour-view home at Taronga Zoo ahead of a \$50 million makeover of the iconic 90-year-old giraffe enclosure.

Two new precincts will be created in the space, including a new-look African Savannah featuring a lion-breeding facility, plus an expanded area for giraffes, zebras and fennec foxes and specialised meerkat encounter space.

The new Congo Forest space for gorillas will include lush greenery, streams and waterfalls.



New Caledonia

Reservations, Ticketing, Administration Assistant | Sydney

Aircalin, the international airline of New Caledonia, is seeking a dynamic individual with a passion for customer service for the position of Reservations and Ticketing based in Sydney.

Responsibilities will include (but are not limited to):

- Reservations, ticketing for all customers (trade and consumer)
- Group quoting, reservations, ticketing for all group bookings
- Daily and monthly reporting processes
- Office administration duties as required

Applicants must possess the following attributes:

- Excellent customer service and communication skills
- Experience in Altea Reservation system
- Good knowledge of fares and ticketing processes
- Fluent French speaker an advantage
- Ability to work efficiently at all times

Interested in applying? - Send your CV and covering letter to chris.thistlethwaite@aircalin.com.au

CAPA
CENTRE FOR AVIATION

Perth Aviation & Corporate Travel Summit

4 July, Perth Western Australia

Can industry collaboration improve funding to stimulate Perth's inbound markets?

[LEARN MORE](#)

Find out how to increase visibility | 4 July, Perth

TravelManagers ride California



SIX personal travel managers (PTM) spent six days on a TravelManagers famil exploring northern California which

included San Francisco, Sonoma County & Yosemite National Park.

"I loved Sonoma County - it has so much to offer in terms of food, wine, atmosphere and friendly people," said Chantel Scott, a rep for Oak Park in Victoria.

Pictured gathered for a bike ride in San Francisco are: Ally Casey, PTM; Alexandra Sparr, Gate 7; Ozlem Tuncay, National Partnerships Office; Lyndal Burstn, PTM; Merran Anderson, PTM; Chantel Scott, PTM; Kerry Reading, PTM; and Debra Mclean, PTM.

WA China ready tips

A REPORT by the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre suggests WA can make itself more appealing to Chinese tourists.

The biggest improvements suggested in the survey included faster internet access, lengthened retail trading hours, & more proficient Asian language skills from tourism operators.

Radisson Blu Bruges

RADISSON Hospitality has announced the signing of the Radisson Blu Hotel, Bruges in Belgium, taking its number of Belgian hotels in operation or under development to 15.

The 109-room property is located close to the International Airport in Brussels and features a restaurant and two floors of meeting room spaces.



A 2018 budget measure that may have gone unchecked by many in the travel industry will mean that from 01 Jul 2019, consumers will not be allowed to make cash purchases worth over \$10,000.

This measure is in part to try and stop money laundering via the Australian economy, but with all measures like this one, which go across the economy, the honest people get caught in something that otherwise would simply be an expectation.

AFTA is working with the Australian Government and The Treasury to work out the potential impact on the travel industry and just how many times this sort of transaction occurs.

From the data that AFTA has, this happens more than many might think and so education for the consumer and front-line travel consultants will be key. In one way I can see that this measure may push away the cash economy in some areas within Australia.

Perhaps the purchase of a car, the renovation of a house, the installation of a swimming pool that is done "for cash" and as such the consumer pays less or even diverts the GST. But when it relates to a travel purchase, I'm not sure this is a good thing for the industry.

The Government is now in consultation mode and AFTA will be making a submission to the process to highlight the possible issues that we may face. And this should not be disregarded as an idea that will go away. It was announced in the 2018 budget, and the penalty is likely to be one of a criminal nature. As such, this will all get very serious with nasty consequences should acceptance be made for the transaction of over \$10,000 in cash.

It is a complex topic and AFTA will continue the engagement process with Treasury and as detailed information and timelines become available we will be sure to keep the industry informed as the arrangements become clearer and a better understanding of what travel consultants will need to do if they are confronted with this issue in the future.

Importantly, this is not law yet and at this stage the earliest it will become law will be 01 Jul next year, or a date after that, but it is a subject that the industry needs to be aware of.

Sealink packages

SEALINK has launched new self-drive holiday packages for South Australia's wine regions and Kangaroo Island.

There are three six-day packages to choose from including the South Australia Food and Wine Getaway, the Barossa and Kangaroo Island package and the Hahndorf, McLaren Vale and Kangaroo Island package.

The packages also include a 30-day Entertainment Digital Membership, with savings of up to 25% and 2-for-1 deals.

For info and bookings visit: www.sealink.com.au.

Mammoth zipline

CALIFORNIA'S Mammoth Mountain has launched a new zip-lining experience with speeds of up to 97km/h and a fall of 640m down Mammoth Mountain on two separate spans.

It will be available in the northern autumn this year.

Evening shore tours

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises has announced new evening shore excursions for the line's first overnight call in Noumea.

Ovation of the Seas arrives in Noumea at 8am on 17 Nov and departs at 5pm on 18 Nov, giving guests a chance to explore New Caledonia's capital after sunset.

Options include An Evening in Lemon Bay with dinner and a show, a Discover the South of Noumea tour, and an All-Inclusive Sunset Cruise.

New look Westin

WESTIN Hotels & Resorts has announced the re-opening of The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort in Hawaii this week after a multi-million dollar renovation.

The upgrade has involved the resort's 17 suites and 232 guestrooms, with four new culinary concepts added and the resort's public spaces and swimming pool area transformed.

Money

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

\$1AUD = US0.741

TRADE tensions in the last week will mean less value for outbound Australian travellers in the short-term as the Aussie dollar continues to struggle against most of the major currencies.

After showing a brief rally late last week, news of the US downgrading Chinese investment in US tech firms resulted in more falls for the AUD, slipping 0.36% on the USD and 0.72% on the Euro.

The positive news this week is for those heading to China, making minor ground of 0.13% against the yuan.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.741
UK	£0.558
NZ	\$1.075
Euro	€0.633
Japan	¥81.131
Thailand	฿24.40
China	¥4.847
South Africa	R10.043
Canada	\$0.984
Crude oil	US\$68.08

Close encounters of the TC kind

EMERGING technology was high on the agenda at this year's Travellers Choice Member Meetings, but as always it was the human touch that made the gatherings truly memorable.

As well as enjoying the opportunity to connect with colleagues from across their state, member shareholders discussed individual challenges and industry developments with the network's senior management group, including chairman Trish Ridsdale and managing director Christian Hunter.

"No travel group keeps its members more informed or is more attuned to their needs," said Hunter.

"And it's because of events such as our Member Meetings,



MICHELLE Hancock, City Beach Travel & Cruise; Saibra Twigg, Australind Travel & Cruise Centre; Harry Zaharopoulos and Aoife Murphy, Northern Beaches Travel & Cruise; and Kylee Graham, James St Cruise & Travel.

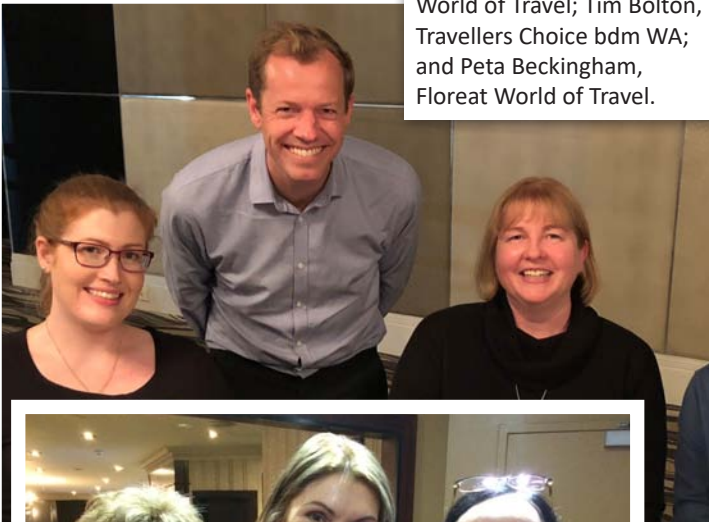
which provide every agent in our network with the opportunity to talk and be heard."

For more information on Travellers Choice please visit www.travelagentschoice.com.au.



SARAH Hay-Hendry, Floreat World of Travel; Tim Bolton, Travellers Choice bdm WA; and Peta Beckingham, Floreat World of Travel.

CLAUS Dirnberger, Civic Travel Service; Paula Moylan, Travellers Choice bdm NSW/ACT; & Pauline Neias, Civic Travel Service.



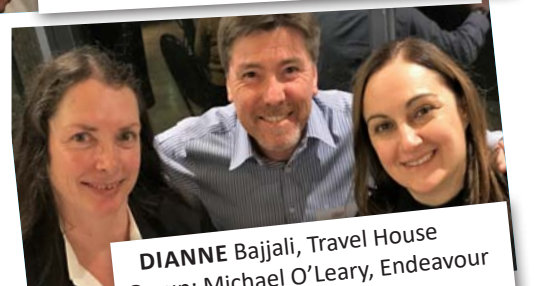
KATHY Granger, Burnie Travelcentre; Justin Michael, Travellers Choice general manager - finance & administration; and Jill Carmody, Leongatha Travel and Cruise.



TRISH Ridsdale, Travellers Choice chairman; Cathy Barnett, Group Travel Now; and Cathy Hewett, Tewantin Travel.



KERRIE Walker, Y Not Travel with Simone Kelly Travel Bound & Cruise.



DIANNE Bajjali, Travel House Group; Michael O'Leary, Endeavour Travel and Cruise; and Nancy Sinopoli, Travel House Group.



SAVENIO'S Andrew Challinor, David Brandon and Jack Brandon with Travellers Choice general manager - sales Nicola Strudwick.



SYDNEY members gather around the Travellers Choice banner, with managing director Christian Hunter and gm - sales Nicola Strudwick.

Minister Ciobo visits Paris



TOURISM Minister Steven Ciobo recently met with industry figures in Paris to discuss the Aussie Specialist Program (ASP), Tourism Australia's online training platform for travel sellers around the globe.

Ciobo said the program helped to equip frontline travel agents in France with "fresh itinerary suggestions, updated destination information and news to keep travellers engaged in Australia and wanting to come back for more". France delivered 131,700 visitor

arrivals during the 12 months ending Mar 2018 (according to ABS statistics), a year-on-year increase of 2.2%.

Spending by French visitors hit \$734 million for the year ended Dec 2017 (IVS), up 11%.

Steven Ciobo is pictured with Asia Voyages sales director Guillaume Linton.

Auckland pax up

AUCKLAND Airport has experienced passenger growth of 4.1% in May 2018, according to ASX.

Growth of international passengers by 2.0% was predominantly due to additional capacity on the Asia routes, with over 16,000 seats.

Domestic passengers growth of 7.1% compared to May last year, was also driven by additional capacity (over 13,000 seats), mainly on the Auckland to Queenstown route.

Celeb \$99 flights

CELEBRITY Cruises is offering travellers a chance to fly trans-Tasman from \$99pp when they book the *Celebrity Solstice's* Fjords Wines and Bays voyage.

Guests will fly with Virgin Australia one-way from Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne to Auckland or vice versa.

Available until 31 Jul, 2018.

Malaysia Airlines Back to Brisbane



WIN TICKETS TO KUALA LUMPUR WITH MALAYSIA AIRLINES

This month, *Travel Daily* together with Malaysia Airlines are giving agents the chance to win two tickets to Kuala Lumpur flying with Malaysia Airlines return from ADL/BNE/MEL/PER/SYD.

In celebration of the resumption of Malaysia Airlines new Brisbane to Kuala Lumpur flights commencing Wed June 6, you and a friend will fly Economy Class to KUL with Malaysia Airlines.

To win, have the most correct answers to the questions throughout the month, and the most creative response to the last question. Send your answers to mhcomp@traveldaily.com.au

Q16: Name MH's frequent flyer program?

(HINT)



Terms and conditions apply

Startup air order

BOEING and Vietnamese startup airline Bamboo Airways have announced a commitment for 20 787-9 *Dreamliners* to link Vietnam to markets within Asia, Europe and North America.

Bamboo Airways will start commercial operations in 2019 within Vietnam before expanding into north-east Asian markets including Japan & Korea.

New hotel in PHL

CAMBRIA Hotels has opened its newest property in Philadelphia - Cambria Hotel Philadelphia Downtown - Centre City.

The 223-room, 15-storey property will soon include a rooftop bar, and restaurant with 279m² of indoor and outdoor space; there is also 232m² of multi-function meeting space and a business centre.

SLS LUX opening

HOSPITALITY company, sbe together with their partners, The Related Group and Allen Morris Company have opened SLS LUX Brickell Hotel & Residences, the third SLS-branded property in Miami and the sixth SLS Hotel.

The 57-story tower features 70 guest rooms and suites, a Katsuya restaurant which seats nearly 180 diners and event facilities.

LHA open API

THE Lufthansa Group is expanding its Lufthansa Open Application Programming Interface (API) to include the direct booking of flights.

External developers can now integrate the sale of airline tickets into their own websites and application, in an effort to help simplify the trip-planning process for customers.

2018 AFTA TRAVEL PAGES, NOW WITH A COMPREHENSIVE SUPPLIER DIRECTORY.

[VIEW HERE](#)

7 Career moves
for a Retail
Travel Consultant



Click to read our
latest **Blog**

Travel & Hospitality | Tailored Recruitment



Recruitment Consultants - New Zealand, Melbourne, Sydney

We are expanding! TMS are looking for hungry sales people who want to develop their skill set. A varied role encompassing account management, networking & targets. Previous recruitment or sales exp. within the travel industry required. **Call Kim or Click [HERE](#)**

Tourism Board Sales Rep - Sydney \$65K + super + car

An opportunity not to be missed! Increase passenger numbers & awareness of this stunning destination. Lead famils & become the face of the brand. An on road sales role ideally suited to an experienced travel sales executive with a proven network. **Call Ed or Click [HERE](#)**

Travel Specialist - Japan - Brisbane OTE \$50K to \$65K + super

A niche role working for a gold standard Japanese tour operator who are branching into other parts of Asia. In this position you will organise 'trips of lifetime' for discerning clients, so high service standards are paramount for this role . **Call Sean or Click [HERE](#)**

Multi-Skilled Corporate Consultant - Melbourne \$55K to \$65K + super

Join this award winning agency with multiple offices throughout Australia & the South Pacific, offering career development & growth potential. Work with an experienced team on multiple portfolios in an ideal CBD location. **Call Adrian or Click [HERE](#)**

Front Office Manager - Sydney Northern Beaches \$65K + super

A rare opportunity to join a high end hotel. Assist the General Mgr in hotel operations ensuring seamless service throughout the property. Make this department your own! Suits a FO Mgr or an Assistant Mgr looking for a step up! **Call Peter or Click [HERE](#)**

www.tmstalent.com

Click **HERE** to register as a Job Seeker

