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With a series of bespoke training websites already developed for clients including Visit Flanders, Tourism Thailand, Tokyo Tourism, Discover Okinawa, the Austrian National Tourist Office, Macao Tourism, Tourism Malaysia and Italian Tourism, the new "hub" option (see the **cover page**) allows suppliers to have their content housed and promoted under the central **TD Training Academy** banner at training.traveldaily.com.au.

MEANWHILE Viking Cruises is the launch customer for the new offering, with a new "Warriors of Wisdom" module going live today.

Registration is free, with Viking's training including a friendly welcome from National Sales Manager Keira Smith and the opportunity to learn about the cruise line's full range of river, ocean and expedition product and "be inducted into the elite clan of Mimir, the Norse God of knowledge".

Rewards by Viking points are also up for grabs and participants are able to automatically share their achievements on social media - to take part **CLICK HERE**.

Webjet ads a "mild retort"

EXCLUSIVE

WEBJET CEO John Guscic has made it clear he has no intention of apologising for the company's controversial anti travel-agent ads from four years ago, describing them as a "mild retort" to AFTA's advertising from 2014 which ridiculed bookings through online travel agents.

However he admitted he did not expect the massive reaction from the industry to Webjet's ads, saying he was surprised at the vitriol directed towards him over the issue at the time, and since.

The AFTA TVC, shown for the first time at the 2014 National Travel Industry Awards, was funded with some of the proceeds from a grant used to establish the AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme (**TD** 18 Jul 2014), with Guscic telling **Travel Daily** he initially thought it was a spoof.

He particularly took issue with implications in the AFTA ad that DIY online bookings meant you would get food poisoning and end up in a "flea-pit" hotel (**TD** yesterday), and described it as "pretty inflammatory".

In a wide-ranging interview conducted by **TD** publisher Bruce Piper in partnership with The Travel Industry Hub, Guscic said that previously Webjet had been happy to coexist in a "collective travel ecosphere," offering a technology-based alternative to traditional travel agents.

However "every time I went to the ATAS website the AFTA ad was plastered all over it, book through a bricks and mortar travel agent.

"I have no problem with the message, it's just that it needs to be balanced and realistic," he said.

Admitting that Webjet's 2016 responses were "a little bit tongue-in-cheek and self-indulgent," Guscic said he initially thought the furore would die down quickly, rather than continuing to be an issue.

"I felt it was an appropriate response at the time," he said, insisting it was conceived as a counter to AFTA's anti-OTA ad - which he noted was quickly taken off the ATAS website within 12 hours after Guscic pointed it out, when former CEO Jayson Westbury made a formal complaint about Webjet's TVC.

"We haven't run the ad since 2017, the way we think about it was it was a diversion and probably with the benefit of hindsight it has been better to return to our historical focus on ourselves, do our own brand ads and give consumers a reason to include Webjet in their consideration set," Guscic said.

MEANWHILE despite running its own race over the last couple of decades, the Webjet CEO said 2020 was the right time to join AFTA as the industry battles collectively for survival.

Although the company's own finances are in a good position after two successful capital raisings, Guscic noted the tremendous pressure the whole travel sector is facing through no fault of its own.

"Having a unified voice to contribute to that conversation to ensure that we as a travel industry survive, we as a travel industry thrive, to enable us to do that it made sense at this point in time to contribute to that by being part of AFTA," he said.

The interview can now be seen at thetravelindustryhub.com.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has seven pages of news including our **PUZZLE** page and a front full page from the **Travel Daily Training Academy**.

Tramada execs out

THE acquisition of Tramada by Corporate Travel Management (**TD** yesterday) has marked the end of an era for several of the company's senior staff, including CEO Jo O'Brien, who has led the business for almost 15 years.

Yesterday was her final day, with her departure coming alongside that of Country Manager Australia and NZ Susan Enners, Head of Operations Brenton Fear and CFO Christian Stevens.

Hilton extension

HILTON has announced several adjustments to its Hilton Honors loyalty program, extending points expiration through until 31 Dec 2021 and reducing status qualification requirements by 50% across all tiers.

Existing status levels are also being extended to 31 Mar 2022 for Silver, Gold and Diamond members who were set to downgrade in 2020 or 2021, while the hotelier is currently offering double event planner points and the opportunity to redeem points on activities via the Hilton Honors Experiences platform - **CLICK HERE**.

Balance from ACA!

CHANNEL 9's A Current Affair program last night featured a segment highlighting the plight of travel agents during the pandemic.

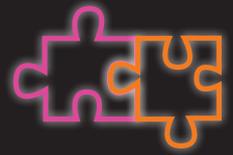
Victorian agent Josh Zuker from Josh Zuker Travel and Liz Ellis of Cherrybrook Travel in Sydney were featured, and were given the opportunity to explain that suppliers, not agents, were holding onto funds.

The segment can be viewed online at nine.com.au.

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Whitsundays report

TOURISM Whitsundays managed to more than double its \$1.5 million in 2019/20 base funding into an annual budget of \$3.3 million through a range of initiatives such as grants and partnerships, according to the organisation's annual report released yesterday.

The report highlights key achievements over the year, with CEO Tash Wheeler saying prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the Whitsunday region was in an excellent position.

"Because of Tourism Whitsundays' dedication to restarting our vital tourism industry, the organisation has been leading the pack since restrictions have begun easing," Wheeler said.

Five campaigns launched in Jun targeting various domestic markets, "delivering a 20:1 return on investment at a critical time for the industry," she said.

To view the report **CLICK HERE**.

IATA TIDS free for agents

THE International Air Transport Association (IATA) has announced that it will no longer charge travel agencies to use its Travel Industry Designator Service (TIDS).

Previously costing \$165 per year, the TIDS program provides a unique identification code for agents and other intermediaries such as event planners and meeting organisers who are not IATA-accredited.

"As new booking sources and platforms emerge in the distribution space, industry suppliers face a growing challenge in identifying booking and sales intermediaries," IATA said in an update overnight.

"In response, IATA with the support of its airline members, has revamped the TIDS program to better address the needs of the industry and make TIDS the standard of identification for non-IATA accredited agencies."

IATA Head of Travel and Tourism

Harsha Krishnan said amid the unprecedented COVID-19 situation "we hope this action helps our TIDS partners to immediately benefit".

The fee cut comes alongside a platform revamp which now allows agencies to self-manage their profile online, simplifying processes both for themselves and travel suppliers.

Travel intermediaries who have been accepted into the TIDS program have been "properly vetted by IATA, meet all industry requirements and can access a broad supplier network to book travel and receive commissions," according to the new website.

To sign up for the program, applicants must provide a range of documentation including details of their business entity's ownership, registration, a bank letter or statement of account in the name of the business and a letter of recommendation from an IATA airline member, GDS or a major industry supplier.

More info at iata.org/tids.

Skye's the limit

SKYE Suites, the hospitality division of property developer Crown Group, has appointed David Bowen as its new Director of Hotels, with responsibility for taking the brand interstate and eventually international.

He will oversee the existing Skye Suites portfolio in Sydney, including in the CBD, Parramatta and Green Square, and joins the group alongside new Revenue Manager May Toh and Sales Director Ari Foo who was appointed earlier this year.

SIN welcomes Vics

SINGAPORE has announced the lifting of border restrictions for visitors from Vic, bringing it into line with other Australian states.

From 30 Oct Victorians can apply for an Air Travel Pass for entry into Singapore after 06 Nov.



Window Seat

HOW would the queen of Instagram, Kim Kardashian West, celebrate 40 happy returns on planet Earth?

I think we all know the answer isn't to have a few quiet beers in front of the box, no she's chartered a private Boeing 777-200LR for 88 VIPs to an undisclosed paradise - natch!

The wife of US Presidential hopeful Kanye West spent the special day with 100 of her closest pals to enjoy the tropical rays of a private oasis somewhere in French Polynesia.

"Before COVID, I don't think any of us truly appreciated what a simple luxury it was to be able to travel and be together with family and friends in a safe environment," the star recently tweeted to her fan base.

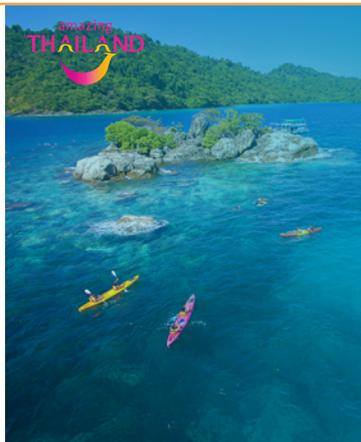
We appreciate the sentiments Kim, but this birthday bash looks far from "simple" to us - many happy returns though.



Fake QR job scam

SCAMMERS are targeting prospective Qatar Airways employees, with the carrier this week warning that "unauthorised employment agencies and unknown domains" purporting to be the carrier are asking for personal details and payments in exchange for job offers.

An update on the QR Facebook page noted that any emails relating to jobs with the airline would only come from a verified @qatarairways.com email address, and job postings are only available on the Qatar Airways official website and social media channels.



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CORPORATE UPDATE

TTA "leaner but stronger"



THE Travel Authority CEO Peter Hosper last night took the opportunity to look forward to the future, addressing a group of clients of accounting firm Helm Advisory to assure them that the travel sector is alive and well despite the pandemic.

Guests were invited to dress up in anticipation of their next trip, with Hosper noting the massive pent-up demand as evidenced by the rapid sell-out of Qantas' "flight to nowhere" and the 2022 Regent Seven Seas Cruises world cruise, which saw all suites sold in just 48 hours with the cheapest one priced at \$200,000.

"For the travel industry, the future will mean we have to reinvent ourselves again.

"And we will. We will continue to love our clients, all our clients, and we will emerge from this nightmare maybe a bit leaner, but also stronger," Hosper said.

He also gave the audience a

background to the current issues facing the industry, with refunds and cancellations.

Over the recent months, "travel agents have never worked harder for their clients, at best changing bookings to next year or the year after, or at worst processing cancellations, fighting with multiple suppliers to get refunds and processing them back to the clients," he said.

Hosper said TTA along with other industry colleagues was "in the process of dusting ourselves off and looking towards a very bright future".

He's pictured in his lederhosen, along with flight attendant and The Travel Authority co-founder Sarah Bush, Stephen Hathaway from Helm Advisory, Sharon Levingston of The Events Authority, Felix Sudarto from Helm Advisory ready for sleep in his QF Business class PJs, and special guest Penny Tration.

With many bricks and mortar travel agencies closing their doors, Adam Bishop investigates if the future of the industry is home-based in the October issue of *travelBulletin*.

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TAG cargo pact

TAG Global Travel and Event Management has announced a new partnership with freight company Cargolive, with the combined offering providing a "streamlined and comprehensive travel and logistics package for our diverse range of clients".

Initially launching in Australia, TAG aims to roll the pact out globally next year.

Cargolive Australia is part of the Rock It Cargo Group, the world's largest touring freight company.

TAG MD for APAC Shane Barr said "we have worked with some of the largest names in entertainment over the years, moving hundreds of thousands of people around the globe.

"This joint venture with Cargolive will now give us the opportunity to be able to consolidate the work of already overstretched tour managers and promoters, allowing them to come to one place for all travel and freight needs," he said.

As well as freight services for global scale events, Cargolive can service any need, with divisions also offering transport of fine arts and artefacts and even vehicles.

Amex GBT adds new "green badge"

AMERICAN Express Global Business Travel (GBT) has added a new "green hotel badge" to its Neo travel and expense software platform.

Neo can now be configured to display the badge next to hotel options that meet a company's environmental standards, as the latest addition to other sustainability features such as listing carbon emission details for flights and trains.

Further planned enhancements include highlighting electric and hybrid vehicles in the Neo display.

HLO corp at 40%

HELLOWORLD Travel Limited (HLO) yesterday confirmed that its Australian corporate TTV was currently tracking at about 40% of the levels for the previous corresponding period, while in NZ business travel is still down 80%.

A comprehensive quarterly ASX update from HLO detailed the figures for its QBT, TravelEdge, Show Travel and APX offshoots, with the group's revenue decline tracking at similar levels to TTV.

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With five more ships leaving Carnival Corporation's fleet, read more about how the company is coping with COVID-19 in the October issue of *travelBulletin*.



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The time has come to be an agent of change

OPINION

Kim Sparrow works for Jenman African Safaris.

Got an opinion to share? Let us know in up to 400 words via email to feedback@traveldaily.com.au.



BEING part of an industry that focuses on what to pack for cross-continental journeys, we are now faced with the challenge of 'unpacking' the impact that travel has on the world as well as ourselves.

As travel agents, safari experts and connoisseurs of adventure, our place in the travel chain has been compromised and our clients reticent to book their next holiday.

In 2019, it was recorded that

tourism accounted for 330 million jobs worldwide, equivalent to 10.3% of global employment.

The importance of this sector for job creation and local economic development, directly and indirectly, has been reflected in its disappearance due to COVID, with livelihoods falling beneath the poverty line as a result.

In terms of assistance, government help is often out of sight and how can we, as the 'community of the world', ensure that the less fortunate not become even more disadvantaged during such times.

It is our responsibility, as agents and partners which create

revenue streams for tourism operations, communities and conservation initiatives, to forge a way forward.

Educate, engage, enrich. The world has been forced to pause and as a result, adapt and redefine our values.

In the echoes of our minds we hear the impalpable call for meaningful experiences, to move with awareness and purpose.

This is the undeniable value of our knowledge as travel experts – an indisputable responsibility for us to impart information about sustainable travel choices for the community of the world.

Purposeful travel is a

reciprocal exchange – clients absorbing experience, gaining understanding and gathering perspective while imparting the gift of opportunity.

This gift emerges in the form of education in rural schools, employment for local communities and funding for conservation projects.

This greater responsibility forces us to rethink not only how we travel, but how our journeys resonate on the ground.

Once our footprints have faded – what positive steps were taken to ensure change?

Providing customers with sustainable travel choices imposes an accountability for our actions towards our environment and taking ownership of these is in turn protecting our wild spaces.

“
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Byron appointment

CRYSTALBROOK Collection has appointed experienced hospitality manager Jordan Rodgers to head up its Byron at Byron, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort.

He arrives at the hotel with 20 years of senior resort experience, most recently as the General Manager for Thredbo Ski Resort.

In Rodgers' new role of General Manager, he will be charged with leading operations across the recently refurbished property, which enjoyed a \$6 million renovation to upgrade amenities and make it more sustainable.

Dine under the sea

IN ANOTHER sign that Melbourne is slowly returning to normal life, Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium has revealed its underwater dining experience will reopen to the public on 06 Nov.

The major tourist drawcard has reintroduced private dining packages which include a self-guided tour of the entire aquarium, a three-course dinner and a two-hour beverage package for 10 people from \$2,000.

There is also an option to dine outdoors overlooking the Yarra River and the Southbank skyline.

Grab that Marriott

MARRIOTT International has partnered with consumer services app Grab, allowing its guests to access a range of new services.

New options for clients will include food service delivery, cashless payments and enhanced loyalty scheme benefits.

The partnership will also allow Marriott to improve its marketing strategy and personalise its messages to customers.

Launching in Singapore next month, the app services will be rolled out to other Asian nations over the next couple of months.

Kangaroo Is tour

BOTANICA World Discoveries has launched a spring Kangaroo Island adventure as part of its lineup of 2021 itineraries.

The four-day small group tour is scheduled to depart from Adelaide on 15 Oct 2021 and boasts three nights at the Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge, seven included meals, airport transfers and daily sightseeing activities.

Celebrity green thumb Sophie Thomson will host the experience, with prices leading in at \$2,995ppst - more info **HERE**.

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WA blasted for borders

THE Western Australian Government should prioritise family reunions and show more transparency with its border policies, advocacy group Human Rights Watch (HRW) believes.

The non-profit organisation's Australian researcher Sophie McNeill has lambasted the state's government for maintaining hard borders without detailing clearly what the exception to travel restrictions should be.

"Governments can restrict people's movement for compelling public health purposes, but any restrictions on these rights should be strictly necessary and proportionate," McNeill said.

"The process in Western Australia is opaque, confusing, and arbitrary," she added. After interviewing 17 applicants who were denied access to WA on compassionate grounds, the group believes the state is creating unnecessary confusion around what information is required to enter, which exemption category to apply for, and who the applicants should

turn to for advice.

For example, suffering from mental health hardship as a result of being separated from family is not on the list of accepted exemption criteria, HRW says, adding that a father in Queensland who has been separated from his three young children for more than 10 months has been refused entry to the state twice.

"My little three-year-old cries sometimes and the other two [children] are always asking me when I will go back, being able to talk to someone or get help is near impossible," the unnamed man informed HRW.

When comparing the WA's policies with other states which have implemented hard borders throughout the health crisis, HRW said the state stood out as having the least flexible approach based on active case numbers.

Earlier this month, Western Australia's Chief Medical Officer Andy Robertson revealed the state was considering forming travel bubbles with select Australian states (**TD 07 Oct**).

AFTA UPDATE

from the Australian Federation of Travel Agents

WE WOULD like to commence this week's column by acknowledging the tremendous and collaborative efforts of AFTA members over the last few months. Everyone,

in a uniform and constructive way, has demonstrated great commitment, passion and shared responsibility as we fight for the survival of our sector.

In recent weeks we have seen Parliamentarians (Federal and State), Government agencies, travel trade and mainstream media champion the cause in partnership with the travel sector in a never before seen effort of collaboration.

Negotiations between AFTA and the Federal Government around sector specific support continue and we are in very detailed, data-driven discussions, which is part of standard government process (irrespective of what sector it is earmarked for) when evaluating such a substantial request for funding.

AFTA CEO Darren Rudd has been in Canberra several times since the Federal Budget was announced and AFTA assures you that dialogue with representatives of the finance and tourism ministers, the Treasurer, as well as the Prime Minister's Office, are still very much alive.

So, to every single one of you who has participated in a meeting with your local federal MP, the fact that we have got this far is largely a result of your efforts – thank you. These meetings, will be an ongoing vehicle, that will be used for separate policy initiatives as we rebuild this sector to its former health, wealth and prosperity.



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Your personal stories, energy and passion are the reasons that the Federal Government is aware that travel agents were one of the first businesses to be affected by the coronavirus pandemic

and will be the last to recover.

It is also the reason they understand comprehensively how you have gone over and above, working tirelessly with Australian customers, to refund \$6 billion back to the Australian economy to date, with \$4 billion more to go.

On Mon of this week, Darren had the pleasure of briefing the Deputy Prime Minister along with Pat Conaghan MP, Federal Member for Cowper and great advocate of travel agents. He was completely engaged and across the detail, thanks to the hard work of Mr Conaghan MP and other Parliamentarians.

Following that and other meetings, the Federal National Parliamentary Party announced its unified support for a travel industry support package to their senior coalition partner (the federal parliamentary liberal party). Please read it **HERE**.

Additionally, to everyone who participated in the recent strategic partnership with News Corporation – thank you.

The efforts resulted in more than 120 local newspaper mastheads talking about the plight of travel agents, tour operators and wholesalers.

If you'd like to review the 141-page report on media coverage you can do so **HERE**.

The AFTA Team and I remain committed to driving as hard as possible for a positive outcome with respect to this rescue package. Stay tuned.

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Where in the world?



THIS shopping mall forms part of a 2.5km-long road which is a famous tourist attraction in this city.

The precinct is filled with internationally-renowned

department stores, restaurants and coffeehouses, along with more budget-friendly discount outlets.

Do you know the name of this street and what city it is in?

Funnies Flashback



WE'VE trawled through the **TD** Window Seat archives to give you a blast from the past. Here's some gems from 08 Jan 2014:

"DON'T mention the war."

UK promotional organisation VisitBritain has found itself in a bit of hot water thanks to a do's and don't's list created to assist hoteliers welcoming guests from a range of nationalities.

Described by a UK newspaper as a "*Fawlty Towers* guide to foreigners," the list has been criticised for being too general with mannerisms & expectations sought by travellers.

The list advises hotel operators that Indians can tend to change their mind frequently and that Germans and Austrians can be somewhat "demanding".

Russians apparently should not be given a room with a low ceiling as they are a "tall nation" while Hong Kong visitors should not be given four-poster beds as they associate them with ghosts.

ANSWERS 29 OCT

Know your brands: 1 Rolex, 2 YouTube, 3 Shell, 4 Taronga Zoo

Whose flag is this: Slovenia

Whose animal is this: Andean condor - Bolivia, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador

Pub quiz

1. Which strait separates mainland South Australia from Kangaroo Island?
2. Which city calls itself the "Diamond Capital of North America"?
3. The 2020 season of the Indian Premier League will now take place in which country?
4. Is the population of New South Wales Central Coast over or under 300,000?
5. Australian regional airline Airnorth is based at which airport?
6. In addition to his former role as Tourism Australia Managing Director, Prime Minister Scott Morrison has also worked in which other country's tourism office?
7. Costa Cruises ships are famous for sporting what coloured funnels, with a blue "C" on them?
8. What US park is supposedly the most photographed spot in the world?
9. Los Angeles will host the Summer Olympics for a third time in 2028, how many years after it last hosted?
10. What country is known as Cymru in the local dialect?
11. What South Australian town is this collection of pictures spelling out?



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Unscramble

HOW many words can you make out of these nine letters? Every word needs to include the centre letter, have four letters or more and not be a proper noun or a plural. You can only use each letter once.

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Good – 21 words
 Very good – 31 words
 Excellent – 41 words

NOTE: We've used Chambers Dictionary to decide what words are acceptable.

Silversea eyes trade-led recovery



NEWLY appointed Silversea Senior Vice President & Managing Director Asia Pacific Adam Radwanski (pictured) has told *Travel Daily* the trade will have an important role to play in the rebuild of cruising demand.

Speaking yesterday, Radwanski said the contemporary fluid travel environment meant the prominence of industry professionals would soon be more important than ever.

"Relationships with travel agents will be really important and they will play an important part of the rebuild of demand in the cruise industry," he said.

"Because of the nature of the changing environment, you won't have the highly liberalised travel environment we've seen for at least a year.

"Some countries will have restrictions, some will require a permit, some borders will be

closed, there will be plenty of exceptions.

"The travel industry will transform themselves into experts in where customers can go, where the opportunities are, and cruise lines will certainly rely on trade distribution."

Despite Silversea yesterday announcing the extension of its global suspension of voyages until at least the end of next month (TD yesterday), Radwanski noted an improvement in demand.

"Oct has been our best-selling month compared to the past months under COVID, which gives you the indication that as we get closer to a vaccine development there is more confidence.

"2021 is likely to be more close-to-home and this is where we see most of our demand...Kimberley is flying off the shelf, it's selling extremely well".

More in Mon's *Cruise Weekly*.

It's Pullman Power

PULLMAN Hotels & Resorts, has unveiled a new social fitness program called Pullman Power Fitness, a move to position the company as a boutique fitness hotel brand.

The hotelier said the new concept would "replace the stale one-size-fits-all hotel gym environment", electing for a bolder and more social approach to modern fitness.

Features of the program include on-demand video classes, in-room experiences and app-based exercise partnerships.

Already available at Pullman Paris Centre Bercy, the program will be rolled out globally over the next couple of years.

Online COVID tests

INDIAN budget carrier SpiceJet has introduced online booking of pre-travel COVID-19 PCR tests prior to flights.

The carrier partnered with tech company VFS Global to launch the service, which at the moment can only be conducted at select UAE medical centres.

The Langham Venice

LANGHAM Hospitality Group has announced it will open The Langham, Venice hotel in the famous Italian city in 2023.

The slated 138-room property will be located on the island of Murano and will feature an outdoor swimming pool, manicured garden areas, outdoor dining spaces, two indoor restaurants and alfresco bars.

"The opening of The Langham, Venice will be an important milestone for the brand as we continue to cultivate our presence in Europe," said Langham Hospitality Group CEO Stefan Leser.

Confident Exodus

EXODUS has released a new video highlighting its newly implemented travel safety protocols including "small group bubbles" (no more than 10 people per trip), 24/7 assistance channels, enhanced cleaning of transport and accommodation and strictly safety approved travel destinations.

View the video [HERE](#).

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

Explore the amazing Mekong River in 2021 or 2022 with **Emerald Waterways** and receive \$1,000 in travel credit per couple. The cruise line is also offering earlybird savings up to \$2,000 per couple when bookings are made by 30 Nov. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information.

The ancient Egyptian culture was lavish but that doesn't mean your budget to see the great pyramids and pharaohs has to be. **Viking** is now offering its trip from Cairo for only \$8,295pp for departures in 2022 and 2023, visiting the Karnak Temple and taking camel rides. Call 138 747.

Airnorth is currently offering some really spook-tacular savings for flights to destinations such as Darwin, Perth the Gold Coast and Toowoomba. Prices for the deal leads in at \$149. The Halloween promotion is valid for travel between 14 Dec and 03 Jan 2021. But hurry, the offer ends 11.59pm tonight (AEDT). Call 08 8920 4000.

Lovers of golf can now jump at the chance to grab a cheap cruise and a round of 18 thanks to a new deal from **Blue Lagoon Cruises**. The line is offering 40% off four- and seven-night cruises in Fiji with four free rounds of golf thrown in. Promotion ends 29 Nov. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

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