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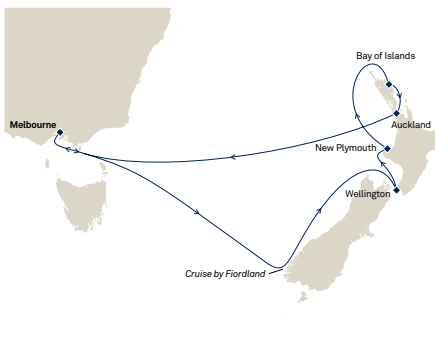


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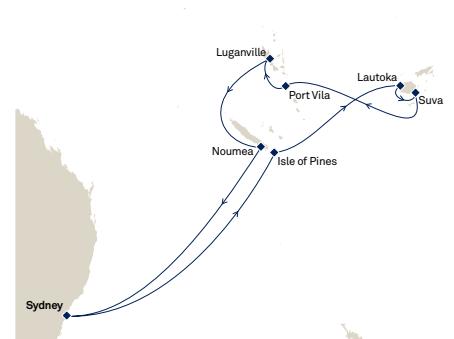


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Cunard bookings

RESERVATIONS are now open for the 2023/24 Australian season of Cunard, which became available to loyalty club members from 10am today.

Tomorrow at 10am Cunard's local itineraries go on sale to the general public - more details on the **cover page** of today's **TD**.

Rex axes SYD-CBR

REX Airlines has been forced to cut another service from its network, announcing this morning that its Sydney to Canberra route will be wound up from 29 May.

The carrier blamed "very high charges" imposed by Sydney Airport from 01 Jun and increased competition as the reason for the move, which follows a decision to remove its Melbourne to Albury route late last week (**TD** 19 May).

Impacted passengers will be offered free of charge rerouting or a refund, the carrier said.

QF takes TripADeal stake

QANTAS expects its new partnership with TripADeal (**TD** breaking news) to significantly grow the tour operator's revenue, with CEO Alan Joyce this morning saying he believes the travel business will treble in size over the coming years.

The agreement sees Qantas acquire a 51% stake in the business, along with a mechanism to acquire the remaining 49% in four years at a multiple of TripADeal's bookings at the time.

Existing TripADeal shareholders, founders Norm Black and Richard Johnston along with private equity firm BGH Capital (**TD** 21 Sep 2020) remain "heavily invested" in the business, with Black telling **TD** he believes the additional exposure to the 14 million-strong Qantas Frequent Flyer database will "take this thing to the moon".

It's the biggest acquisition ever undertaken by Qantas Loyalty, with the deal seeing

QFF members able to earn and redeem points on bookings.

Pre-COVID, TripADeal was growing at more than 40% annually, with 2019 bookings worth over \$200 million.

And recovery appears to be well under way, with the business having just surpassed its previous biggest ever booking record.

Joyce said the deal would allow Qantas to participate in the post-pandemic travel booking boom, with an increasing shift to online bookings and strong demand for affordable, curated packages.

TripADeal is "an Aussie success story built on delivering ready-made holidays at very sharp prices, and their level of repeat customers show how well they do it," Joyce said.

The company will remain headquartered in Byron Bay.

More from the TripADeal announcement at Qantas HQ in Sydney today on pages **5** and **6**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features seven pages of news and a cover page from **Cunard**.

Planetdwellers expo

PLANETDWELLERS is hosting a special Travel Expo in Parramatta this Wed in the lead up to Sydney World Pride next year, and is inviting other travel agents to come along and get ideas for any LGBT+ clients they have.

The Sydney-based agency is also planning to launch a new LGBT+ travel wholesalers club shortly, with participants in this week's event including Aurora Expeditions, Finnair, United Airlines, Visit West Hollywood, Viva Holidays, Journey Beyond, Ace Hotel Sydney, nib, Star Clippers, Lindblad, Arcadia Expeditions and Hawaii Tourism.

The Queer Travel & Lifestyle Expo is at Club Parramatta on Thu 26 May 2022 from 4-8pm - more info and to register **CLICK HERE**.



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Fairmont to Japan

ACCOR has announced the upcoming debut of its Fairmont Hotels & Resorts brand in Japan, with Fairmont Tokyo expected to open in 2025.

Fairmont Tokyo will be located on the upper floors of the South Tower of the Shibaura Project, offering views of Tokyo Bay and conveniently positioned near Hamamatsucho Railway Station and Haneda International Airport.

Garth Simmons, Chief Executive Officer, Accor Southeast Asia, Japan & South Korea, said "We are excited to welcome Fairmont Tokyo into our portfolio of grand hotels, providing a stunning backdrop where glamour meets culture, and where guests and locals will come together to make memories".

Fairmont Tokyo will feature 219 guest rooms, a range of suites, three restaurants and bars, a spa, fitness centre, swimming pool, meeting rooms, banquet facilities and a chapel.

Agents do Doha on Qatar famil



QATAR Tourism recently hosted its first travel trade famil for the year, alongside Discover Qatar and Qatar Airways.

Led by Qatar Tourism's Rich Styles and QR's Barry Laaksonen, attendees visited some of the country's most famous sights, including the Inland Sea, and the famous National Museum of Qatar (pictured).

Guests won their way onto the famil earlier in the year (*TD* 04 Mar), and one lucky *Travel Daily* reader, TravelManagers' Jo Patton, scored herself a spot on the trip as part of our competition in Mar (*TD* 18 Mar).

Skip-gen travel trend

SKIP-GEN travel, or 'grampin', is emerging as a new post-COVID travel trend, according to Oaks Hotels, Resorts & Suites.

Multi-generational travel allows grandparents and grandchildren to reconnect and make up for time lost during the COVID lockdowns, and has consistently ranked as a top travel trend for travel agency network Virtuoso.

Pre-pandemic US research showed that 61% of grandparents liked the idea of a skip-gen trip, and 60% of grandkids said they felt closer to their grandparents after travelling together.

Dao in Singapore

DAO by Dorsett has announced it will open the doors to its first property in Asia, Dao by Dorsett AMTD IDEA Singapore, on 01 Jul.

The property, which is owned by DHI Downtown Pte Ltd, will be rebranded from Oakwood Premier AMTD Singapore.

The upcoming hotel will feature 268 fully serviced apartment units, two dining options, and a pool deck that overlooks downtown Singapore and the Greater Southern Waterfront.

Roy Liang has been appointed as the property's General Manager, and will oversee a number of new initiatives, including wellness-focused offers, art and community events, and chef pop-ups at the pool deck.

Oceania signs on for MCA partnership

SYDNEY'S Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) is partnering with Oceania Cruises, as part of the line's "dedication to supporting the arts sector and curating unique opportunities and offers for its valued guests and trade partners".

Oceania will be a supporting partner of an upcoming MCA exhibition by South Korean artist Do Ho Suh, opening on 28 Oct.

Oceania APAC SVP and MD Steve Odell said "many of our guests are art aficionados who like to immerse themselves in contemporary art and culture, so we see a genuine synergy between the two brands".

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Belgium imposes monkeypox rules

BELGIUM has become the first country to mandate a 21-day quarantine for monkeypox, following three recorded cases, believed to be linked to Darklands, a gay pride festival that took place in Antwerp.

Belgian health officials have confirmed that close contacts would not be required to isolate, but must track their symptoms and remain vigilant.

QF PER-LHR back

QANTAS last night resumed non-stop flights from Perth to London for the first time in more than two years.

The ultra long-haul route has operated via Darwin since last Nov due to the extended closure of the West Australian border. Most services in the coming weeks are completely full, with QF's PER transit lounge now returning to its full offering.

MH offers Bonus Side Trip

MALAYSIA Airlines has launched its Bonus Side Trip campaign, allowing passengers to add an extra leg to their journey from Australia on flights to a number of destinations.

The offer is valid from now until the end of the year for travel up to the end of Mar 2023, and allows passengers to explore one of the seven domestic gateways Malaysia flies from, including Alor Setar, Kota Bharu, Kuala Terengganu, Kuantan, Johor Bahru, Langkawi, and Penang.

The Bonus Side Trip program is available on flights departing Australia to Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, Nepal, Qatar, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

MH's Regional Manager Giles Gilbert said Malaysia is looking forward to welcoming Australian

travellers on board to experience the country's hospitality and showcasing what it can offer as a stopover destination.

"With the reopening of international borders and easing of entry restrictions for travellers, Malaysia Airlines' Bonus Side Trip offers a superb opportunity for holidaygoers to stopover and rediscover the beauty of Malaysia before continuing the journey to their holiday destination," he said.

"Through Malaysia Airlines' Bonus Side Trip deal, passengers can experience its local culture, explore hidden gems, and Fly Malaysia to one of the seven destinations on offer, where Malaysia Airlines will pick up the bill for the domestic airfare."

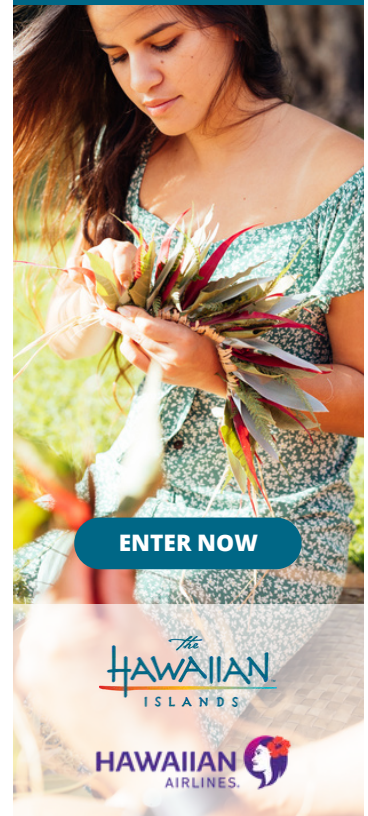
One free domestic return ticket is provided, with taxes and surcharges to be paid by the passenger - see www.malaysiaairlines.com for further details.

New BESydney role

SARAH Stevenson has taken a new role as Head of Content at Business Events Sydney.

She was most recently PR & Communications Director at Julie King & Associates, and prior to that spent about six years with The Walshe Group.

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Bathe in Bundy

A NEW immersive cultural tour will shine a light on Bundaberg's rich indigenous history.

The new tour has been unveiled by the Taribelang people's Taribelang Bunda Cultural tours, and will launch on Sat.

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Wyndham recruits

WYNDHAM has announced a “job bonanza”, with more than 100 positions on offer.

There are roles available at Club Wyndham, Ramada and Wyndham resorts across the country, as well as corporate and sales positions with Wyndham Destinations Asia Pacific.

Both casual jobs and permanent roles are available in the Gold Coast, Sydney and Melbourne, with many more at rural resorts across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and Western Australia.

Jobs include bartenders, chefs, resort staff, customer service staff, maintenance crew, room attendants, sales & marketing, and more.

Among others, benefits available to successful candidates include subsidised private health cover for full-time employees.

WA offers WHMs \$2.1k

WESTERN Australia is offering eligible working holidaymakers an incentive of \$2,100 per visitor in a bid to shore up its tourism sector.

Part of the broader “Stay and Play” initiative, the offer has been extended to travellers from key international markets such as the United Kingdom, Japan, Europe and South Korea, as well as from interstate, and arrives on the back of an extra \$70 million in tourism funding announced in the latest State Budget (*TD* 13 May).

The incentive offers overseas arrivals an accommodation allowance of \$40 per night up to a maximum of six weeks (12 weeks for Australians), as well as a one-off allowance up to \$500 to assist with travel costs, when they agree to work in select locations under WA’s Regional Agriculture, Tourism and Hospitality Workers

Travel and Accommodation Support Scheme.

Jobs are currently sought in Albany, Bunbury and the South-West, Broome, Esperance, Exmouth, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Karratha, Kununurra, Mandurah and Peel, and the Margaret River, to name just a few listed on The Paid Escape website.

“The full reopening of the WA border in early Mar has helped resolve some of these short-term labour shortages in the hospitality and tourism sectors, but we know there are still many businesses struggling to fill vacancies and we need to recruit further afield to restore a full workforce,” WA Tourism Minister Roger Cook said.

“Seasonal employees play a vital role in delivering a high-quality tourism to the state,” he added.

TAA NSW appoints Lyon to its board

TOURISM Accommodation Australia (TAA) NSW has appointed Jane Lyons to its board.

The Hyatt Regency Sydney GM has spent more than 25 years navigating various roles across all hotel departments internationally and in Australia, including front office, finance, rooms, operations and management.

Lyons has worked for various hotel management companies including Starwood, The Langham, Hilton, and now Hyatt, where she took her current position in May 2020.



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AND who can blame them?

TripADeal co-founders Richard Johnston and Norm Black were in fine form this morning during a special event announcing QF's acquisition of a 51% stake in the tour packaging business (see p1).

Speaking after Qantas CEO Alan Joyce, Johnston said "today's an exciting new chapter in the story of TripADeal, a humble little startup from Byron Bay that in 2016-17 became Australia's fastest growing business - and then in 2020/21 became Australia's slowest growing business!" due to the onset of the pandemic.

Then in his speech Black also referred to the TripADeal logo which features a palm tree.

"Just wondering when we can get that kangaroo on the palm tree - a tree kangaroo I believe does exist, Alan - we'll work on that one, as the relationship grows I'm sure he'll end up in the tree," Black said.

To save everyone the trouble, **Travel Daily** is proud to present the new TripADeal logo (pictured) complete with a Grizzled Tree Kangaroo nestling in the palm tree's foliage.



New Aurora cruises

AURORA Expeditions this morning unveiled the inaugural season itineraries of its second ship, the *Sylvia Earle*.

The ship's maiden voyage will be a Subantarctic Safari taking place 04-20 Nov this year, following a formal christening by its namesake, renowned marine biologist, oceanographer and explorer Dr Sylvia Earle.

Aurora's Chief Marketing Officer, Hayley Peacock-Gower, said "this highly anticipated vessel is intended to be a floating ambassador for the conservation of the planet, with a large focus on marine education and conservation in line with Dr Earle's own longstanding efforts".

More details in today's issue of **Cruise Weekly**.

Putting on the Ritz in Saudia Arabia

MARRIOTT International has announced plans to bring its most luxurious brand, Ritz-Carlton Reserve, to the Middle East.

A new agreement with the Red Sea Development Company will see a new property called Nujuma debut off the west coast of Saudi Arabia in 2023.

The project will be situated on a set of private islands, part of the Blue Hole cluster, with Nujuma to feature 63 one- to four-bedroom water and beach villas.

It will be the sixth Ritz-Carlton Reserve hotel globally, with the brand promising a "complete escape to the unexpected...for the most discerning travellers".

Currently Ritz-Carlton Reserve properties are located in Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

AFTA UPDATE

from Dean Long, CEO



WITH some seats still to be determined, the 2022 Federal election will be one that won't be forgotten by many.

With both parties' primary votes falling, we now have over 30% of Australians voting for someone other than the candidates the two major parties put forward.

There will be time for politicians and political parties to review what is occurring, but in this column, I want to focus on what we all should be proud of.

The transition of power formally occurred on Mon with the signing of papers at Yarralumla in Canberra.

There was a particular moment of pride when I saw a beaming son who couldn't have looked any prouder if he wanted to of his father being sworn in as the 31st Prime Minister.

I saw Penny Wong, one of Australia's fieriest politicians, stop and take a deep breath to compose herself after being sworn in as Foreign Minister, a

moment she will not forget.

As someone who has worked in and around politics for close to 15 years, these moments still make me feel proud to be Australian and the personal sacrifice everyone makes who runs for office.

For the outgoing Government, there was no fuss or aggravement.

While disappointment from members and their staff is expected, on Mon, they cleared out their offices so the new administration can commence the work they have been elected to complete.

For many, you may not be aware that our first federal politicians were elected under each state law and then we empowered them to establish the commonwealth electoral system which they did in 1902.

While many of our founding parliaments' decisions would not suit a modern Australia, they certainly did an outstanding job in establishing our electoral system which continues to provide the framework for a smooth transition of power, 121 years later.



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Doing the (TripA) deal



QANTAS CEO Alan Joyce was excited to announce the carrier's acquisition of TripADeal this morning at QF's Sydney headquarters, alongside co-founders Norm Black and Richard Johnston (pictured).

The deal will give Black, Johnston and BGH Capital's Ben Hall "the opportunity to participate in a supercharged business," Joyce said, with Black and Johnston telling **TD** they were looking forward to partnering with the Qantas team.

"Qantas understands why TripADeal is different and what

makes it a success, which is why we chose to do this deal with them," Black said.

The pair noted that they had taken the opportunity during the pandemic to double down on technology, hiring scores more developers to enhance the TripADeal platform.

In addition, they've worked hard to maintain relationships with overseas suppliers despite the industry crisis, meaning the business is strongly positioned to service the huge demand it's now experiencing as confidence in travel resumes.



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Loyalty key for Qantas

THE diversified earnings provided by the Qantas Loyalty division during the pandemic made a significant contribution to how the airline navigated COVID-19, with the company today confirming forecasts of a return to double digit growth in 2022.

Qantas Loyalty expects to contribute as much as \$600 million to the overall Qantas bottom line by FY2024, with earnings from the TripADeal acquisition (see p1) expected to boost this even further.

"The Group has continued to invest in building Qantas Loyalty's ecosystem across multiple sectors, particularly travel, as well as building a coalition of partners which is driving growth in membership and earnings," according to Qantas Loyalty CEO Olivia Wirth.

Alan Joyce, Qantas CEO, said the purchase of 51% of TripADeal was an important strategic investment for Qantas Loyalty, which

performed well during COVID.

"Members earned and used large volumes of points on the ground, and customer satisfaction levels were at record highs.

"It's easy to get customer satisfaction to record levels when you're not flying...people seem to be a lot happier engaging with the program on the ground surprisingly," he quipped.

Joyce and Wirth confirmed that the investment in TripADeal was seen as complementary to the existing Qantas Hotels and Qantas Holidays businesses, allowing points redemptions on more complex, curated itineraries in destinations across the world.

They confirmed that TripADeal would continue to work with a range of airlines, including Qantas and Jetstar, on the holiday packages it offers.

As well as allowing points redemptions on TripADeal packages, Frequent Flyers will earn three points per dollar spent on all TripADeal purchases.

The alignment between the brands kicked off quickly this morning, with the companies confirming bookings under the deal within minutes of its announcement at 8.30am today.

GTM wraps up

THE 48th Germany Travel Mart has concluded in Oberammergau, with organisers confirming that next year's event will take place in Essen from 16-18 Apr 2023.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic there was a significant Australian presence at the event, but the German National Tourist Board has now ceased its local representation due to the impacts of the virus.

SIA plots CHC-SIN

SINGAPORE Airlines has confirmed it will return services between Singapore and Christchurch, NZ to pre-pandemic levels next month.

From 27 Jun daily flights will operate between the cities, using Airbus A350-900 aircraft, with SQ GM NZ, George Robinson saying the ramp-up was due to strong demand in both directions.

Crystal on the block

CRYSTAL Cruises' *Crystal Symphony* and *Crystal Serenity* are being auctioned off in a "sealed tender process" announced in the Bahamas.

The ships have been under arrest in Freeport since 05 Feb due to the collapse of Genting Hong Kong, the parent company of Crystal as well as Dream and Star Cruises.

Under a notice of sale published by the Bahamas Supreme Court, bidders must post a 10% deposit along with their offer, which is to be lodged by 07 Jun.

The successful tenderers will be informed by 14 Jun, with another seven days to finalise payment.

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Changi resumes

CHANGI Airport's Terminal 2 (T2) will begin its progressive reopening on 29 May ahead of an expected increase in passenger traffic over the next few months.

The expanded T2 will feature a larger Arrival Immigration Hall, and will host mainly peak-hour arrival flights of airlines operating in Terminal 3 during its first phase of reopening.

Changi's T2 has been closed since May 2020 to undergo an upgrade to broaden the terminal's capacity from five million to 28 million passenger movements annually.

Brisbane expo success



TRAVEL Partners member Sarah Webster hosted her second luxury travel expo in the Brisbane suburb of Newstead earlier this month, under her Wayfinder Travel & Cruise brand.

The expo welcomed 20 key suppliers (**pictured**) including Abercombie & Kent, Ponant, Silversea, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Rangelands Outback Camp, Albatross Tours, Quark Expeditions, Luxury Gold, Insight Vacations and more.

Webster has been looking after the residents of the Aveo Newstead retirement village since it opened in 2018, and holds weekly drop-in travel sessions on site as well as monthly supplier events - and has seen enormous business success as a result.

She held her first expo at the location late last year (**TD** 22 Nov 2021) which has resulted in many new bookings, with the most recent gathering generating significant numbers of requests for quotes and meetings.

"It looks like confidence to travel has finally returned," Webster said, who's **pictured inset** with colleague Lesley Royle.

She's plotting another expo for



later in the year, while Regent Seven Seas and Ponant are also working with Wayfinder to exclusively host their own special events for the residents.

Sabre Virgin deal

VIRGIN Australia has today announced an expansion of its relationship with Sabre, implementing the tech firm's Dynamic Availability solution to "identify ways to unlock greater value as it continues to scale up its operations".

VA Group Chief Commercial Officer, Dave Emerson, said the innovation would allow his team to actively sense and respond to market conditions with optimised pricing, with the new deal following the recent announcement of Virgin's migration to Sabre's Revenue Optimiser tool (**TD** 26 Apr).

Cebu takes off

INTERNATIONAL flights from Cebu in the Philippines are set to resume for Cebu Pacific from 03 Jul, starting with twice weekly services to South Korea (Incheon), on Thu and Sun.

Now that the airline has returned to its pre-COVID domestic capacity, it intends to expand its international network in the coming months.

MONEY

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

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THE Australian and New Zealand dollars climbed to their highest levels in several weeks following Labor's election victory, however this isn't expected to shift the overall economic outlook, with both currencies remaining among the worst performers.

Additionally, the AUD/USD has bounced back from a recent two-year low, but remains on a downward trend.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.710
UK	£0.654
NZ	\$1.085
Euro	€0.665
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Thailand	฿24.66
China	¥4.720
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Canada	\$0.907
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