



THE ULTIMATE FAMILY GETAWAYS ARE BACK



KIDS UP TO 50% OFF*
SAIL TO

+ UP TO 30% OFF 1ST & 2ND GUESTS*

[LEARN MORE](#)



*T&C's Apply.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features eight pages of news, a cover wrap from **Royal Caribbean International**, a special **China Airlines** feature and full pages:

- Cruise Lines International Association
- Norwegian Cruise Line

QF plots Samoa, Tonga

QANTAS has confirmed plans to commence scheduled services to Samoa and Tonga, after recent updates to Australia's air services arrangements with both of the Pacific Island destinations.

Currently the carrier operates non-scheduled flights to Apia, Samoa and Tonga's Nuku'alofa Fua'amoto Airport, and now plans to introduce regularly scheduled services once all necessary approvals have been received.

QF has lodged an application with the International Air Services Commission (IASC) seeking an allocation of 594 seats per week on the Samoa route, and 348 weekly on the Tonga route, with both allocations requested for a five year period.

Qantas said the proposed

capacity would be fully utilised by 30 Dec this year, with plans to operate twice weekly Airbus A330 flights between Sydney/Brisbane and Apia, and twice weekly Boeing 737 services from Sydney to Tonga.

The IASC is now inviting other applications for capacity on the routes, with a closing date of 14 Nov for any submissions.

AKL departure

AUCKLAND Airport today announced the departure of GM Operations, Anna Cassels-Brown after seven years in the role.

CLIAs to make return

IN ANOTHER sign the travel industry is returning to form, the comeback of the cruise sector's night of nights has been officially confirmed, with CLIA's Cruise Industry Awards to take place in Sydney on Sat 11 Mar.

Qatar Tourism is the headline sponsor of the event which will feature 19 categories, including 11 which are open to self-nomination or peer-nomination.

"This is the perfect time to bring back The CLIAs and celebrate the stars of the Australian & NZ cruise community," MD Joel Katz said.

Nominations open today - for more details, **CLICK HERE**.

Lindblad Expeditions

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

EXPEDITION 360°

INTRODUCING A WORLD-CLASS TRAINING COURSE



STAY CURRENT
INSPIRE CLIENTS
COMPLETE TO WIN*

[LEARN MORE](#)

*Terms and conditions apply.

Family fun is back!

ULTIMATE family getaways are back with Royal Caribbean International, which is offering up to 50% off kids fares along with discounts of 30% for the first and second guest in each booking.

For more, head to the **cover page** of today's *Travel Daily*.

NCL rejigs rewards

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has enhanced its Partners First rewards program, allowing members to earn points on each booking which can be redeemed for gift cards from a huge array of household brands.

Further details on the **last page**.

IF YOU SEEK TO ENGAGE ALL THE SENSES

Are you curious enough to earn your place on the ultimate New Zealand Famil?

Waitomo
Waikato

[SEEK MORE](#)

**100% PURE
NEW ZEALAND**

News TRAVEL NETWORK

Jan to Jun 2023

TREND FORECAST

Discover what the future holds as the industry navigates the path to full recovery.

For category insights for your brand contact your News Corp Australia representative today

[VIEW HIGHLIGHTS](#)

News Corp Australia



agent.raileurope.com
your dedicated Rail Partner

RAILEUROPE

Solomons lowers

THE Federal Government has reviewed its travel advice for the Solomon Islands, lowering the level back to "exercise normal safety precautions".

Australian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands, Lachlan Strahan, said with the destination offering so much untapped tourism potential, he hoped last Fri's restoration of travel normality would help encourage a solid increase in Australian bookings.

evergreen

CANADA & ALASKA 2023

EARLY BEAR OFFERS END 30TH NOVEMBER



*Conditions apply

VIEW 2023 BROCHURE >

OTAs losing momentum

ACCOMMODATION bookings made through Online Travel Agencies (OTAs) for Australian trips has steadily declined between 2020 and 2021, a new report published by Oxford Economics suggests.

The share of the Australian market for OTAs versus bookings made through other sources dwindled from 12.28% in 2020 to just 8.8% in 2021, with the pandemic also eroding the segment's total number of booking nights, which slid from 40 million nights in 2019 to 14 million in 2020.

A further decline was noted in 2021, with 8 million nights booked through OTAs out of a total market of 90 million, a far cry from the pre-pandemic weight OTAs enjoyed, when the sector held approximately 15.5% of the total number of accommodations bookings made.

However, on a positive note the report also found that OTAs generated additional travel demand for the accommodation sector as a whole in Australia, in the process boosting both GDP and job creation.

In 2020 and 2021, OTAs were responsible for generating just under 5,000 jobs, while OTAs also contributed \$600 million to the country's GDP in 2020 and around \$500 million in 2021.

The industry is also responsible for driving down hotel prices and making trips more affordable, the report argues, with OTAs generating an average reduction in rates of \$13.60 per room night (7% reduction) across Australia between 2014 and 2019.

Further benefits of the OTA

Down Under include providing businesses with an online platform to advertise their accommodation offers and expand their consumer base, as well as heightening trust in providers with consumers.

Oxford Economics also contends that OTAs provide a positive impact for the travel economy overall, injecting an extra 800,000 room nights in 2021 than otherwise would not have been made, and an additional 1.7 million extra nights in 2020.

Alloggio distribution

ALLOGGIO has extended its global reach through a new distribution partnership with Homes & Villas by Marriott International.

A collection of 1,300 Alloggio holiday rental properties, comprising 70% of its inventory, will be available on Marriott's Homes & Villas platform.

Alloggio CEO Will Creedon said the announcement marked a significant milestone in the company's planned growth strategy, and one that would improve its service offering.

Club Med

Club Med operates 70+ Premium to Luxury all-Inclusive beach and snow resorts worldwide.

Trade & MICE Marketing Manager

"The purpose of life is to be happy..the time to be happy is now and the place to be happy is here"

Club Med Founder Gerard Blitz 1950

The Club Med Pacific team are looking for their next superstar to join their dynamic team as **Trade & MICE Marketing Manager** based in the Sydney corporate office.

- This role will report directly to Head of Marketing with a functional reporting line to the Head of Sales
- The successful applicant will be responsible for defining, coordinating and implementing the Trade and MICE marketing strategies
- We are looking for an experienced marketer that can drive effective and sales driven marketing, advertising and promotional activity for our Trade and MICE sales team
- If you are an exemplarity team leader, have a rich understanding of the market and industry and a huge passion for travel, we want to hear from you!

All potential applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia.

Sound like you? Email hr.australia@clubmed.com

[Click here for a full description >](#)

Applications close 11 November 2022

THE PLACE TO BE

Special Wholesale Offer

Get up to 30% off contracted rates in Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and the Middle East - 2 kids stay & play free!



CENTARA
HOTELS & RESORTS



LEARN MORE ABOUT
TOKYO WITH TRAVEL
DAILY TRAINING
ACADEMY

[Click here to discover](#)

Travel Daily



Window Seat

SOME might think that being the tallest building on the planet would be enough of a design feat to allow someone to rest on their laurels, but not so for the UAE's Burj Khalifa.

Architectural firm ZNera Space has recently proposed the idea of building a massive ring walkway around the skyscraper, with the aim of creating a "major conversation starter" and something that could trigger people to rethink urban development.

While not confirmed, the idea does raise some serious obstructed view concerns.



UK tech biz eyes Aussies

EXCLUSIVE

UK-BASED travel tech company Vibe has set its eyes on acquiring more Australian clients, appointing a new BDM to oversee the brand's growth strategy in the local market.

Graham Whyte, who is based in the Gold Coast, has recently come on board as the operation's Business Development Manager for Australia and New Zealand, bringing with him a wealth of sales experience with blue chip brands such as Sabre, Virtuoso and Travelport.

Whyte's arrival follows Vibe snagging the contract to revamp the tech behind South Australian agency group RAA Travel's new online presence, with the company spruiking its ability to offer Australia-based retail travel agents, airlines, resellers, TMCs and OTAs with an improved digital interface to increase sales.

"Vibe's products are Australia

and New Zealand-ready with one-way faring, Tasman fares, NDC connectivity, access to low-cost-carriers and much more," Whyte said, adding the initial reaction from the Aussie market had already been positive.

Vibe's co-founder Martin Eade said Whyte joining the business in the region would unlock a range of expansion opportunities.

"As we've taken clients on in the region, it seemed only natural to have someone on the ground locally and Graham's vast array of experience in some of travel's leading companies over the last 30 years...makes him uniquely qualified to lead our expansion in Australia and NZ," he said.

"Watch this space for further news soon as we grow the team and our client base there."

Services offered include NDC connectivity, payment management, booking platform enhancement & email marketing.

Airport celebrations

PLAZA Premium Group has launched its Your Holiday Celebration Begins at the Airport campaign, offering travellers a series of savings on its services.

Discounts of up to 20% for Plaza Premium Lounge access when purchased online is on offer, and Smart Traveller members will be able to earn two Arrtute points.

Travellers will also be able to enjoy 10% off when they book their stay at any Aerotel property (except Jeddah), while additional discounts will be given to advance bookings made as early as 45 days at 20% off the best available rate.

Exclusively for Smart Traveller members, additional 10% off will be given to members on top of their total advance booking.

Meanwhile Plaza's Airport Concierge brand ALWAYS is also offering travellers up to 15% off on Meet and Assist service available at all locations, for more details, **CLICK HERE**.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA WALKING ON A DREAM

STEP INTO A DREAM

♀ PERTH CITY | BOORLOO



QF Bangkok Airways pact

QANTAS today announced a new partnership with Bangkok Airways, with the Thailand-based carrier becoming a new partner carrier with the Qantas Frequent Flyer program.

Under the agreement members of the QF loyalty program can now book Classic Flight Reward seats to more than 20 destinations across Thailand and Southeast Asia from bases in Bangkok, Phuket and Singapore.

The partnership is an extension of the longstanding codeshare pact between the carriers (*TD* 12 Mar 2014) which also allows QF customers to book commercial seats on Bangkok Airways flights. "We want our members to be able to use their Qantas Points on reward seats to as many destinations as possible and our portfolio of partner airlines means they can choose from hundreds of locations across the globe," said Qantas Loyalty CEO,

Olivia Wirth.

"Thailand is one of the most popular destinations for our frequent flyers and this partnership will make it easier for them to explore more of the region using their points."

Wirth said the expanded PG agreement opened up thousands of new redemption opportunities, noting that Qantas Frequent Flyers can also use their points on hotel stays across Thailand through Qantas Hotels.

QR adds Dusseldorf

QATAR Airways will launch daily flights from Doha to Dusseldorf on 15 Nov, as part of a wider network expansion which is also seeing frequencies increase on Singapore (triple daily), Bali (double daily), Abu Dhabi (four daily), Amsterdam (10 weekly), Dublin (12 weekly), Cape Town (double daily) and more.

TNZ bolsters exec

TOURISM New Zealand (TNZ) has made a double change to its executive ranks, appointing Karl Burrows as General Manager Pou Arahi Maori and Duane Trembath as Chief Financial Officer.

Both recruits will formally start on 09 Jan next year, with Burrows' role to see him charged with leading Tourism New Zealand's rautaki Maori and sustainability approach.

"I'm thrilled to have both Karl and Duane join the team over the next few months," TNZ CEO Rene de Monchy said.

"They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and international expertise," he added.

Burrows founded Haka Works, an international business sharing Maori knowledge on team culture and leadership and Manaia, and prior to that worked as a lawyer in New Zealand and London.

Meanwhile Trembath arrives after stints with Estee Lauder Companies and L'Oreal.

Here comes the Sun

PRINCESS Cruises has announced the spring and summer 2024 European season for its next-generation ship *Sun Princess* (*TD* 16 Sep).

Debuting in Feb 2024, guests will sail on a 10-day Grand Mediterranean inaugural voyage, departing from either Barcelona, Rome, or Athens.

The full European season aboard *Sun* includes 10-day itineraries visiting stops throughout the Western and Eastern Mediterranean, as well as Princess' popular series of seven-day voyages departing from one of the ship's three homeports.

These cruises can also be combined for a 14-day or 21-day exploration.

Currently under construction at the Fincantieri shipyard in Italy, *Sun* will be the largest Princess ship ever constructed, and will embrace her Italian heritage by featuring a newly-designed, brand-iconic Piazza.



JAPAN, KOREA & TAIWAN TRIPLE INDULGENCE

21 DAY COMBINATION TOUR FROM \$7,999 PP LAND ONLY

2023 WEEKLY DEPARTURES

THE BEST OF NORTHEAST ASIA



CHERRY BLOSSOM & GARDEN TOUR

15 DAY SMALL GROUP DEPARTURE FROM \$9,199 PP AIR & LAND

2023 20TH MARCH - 3RD APRIL 2024 23RD MARCH - 5TH APRIL
1ST APRIL - 15TH APRIL 29TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL

TOKYO TO OSAKA INCLUDING HIROSHIMA



KOREA SPARKLING TOUR

12 DAY SMALL GROUP DEPARTURE FROM \$5,699 PP LAND ONLY

2023 WEEKLY DEPARTURES

ROUND ISLAND TOUR FROM SEOUL INCLUDING JEJU



AROUND FORMOSA TAIWAN

10 DAY SMALL GROUP DEPARTURE FROM \$2,649 PP LAND ONLY

2023 WEEKLY DEPARTURES

COMPLETE ISLAND TOUR FROM TAIPEI





Biden slams resort "junk fees"

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden has taken aim at so-called "junk fees" which artificially inflate the cost of holidays, including the detested daily "resort fee" add-ons which are often only notified to guests when they check in.

The move is part of a wider crackdown on hidden charges, with Biden also citing banks for unfairly targeting the most marginalised parts of society.

Mandatory resort fees charged by US hotels can amount to US\$30 per night or more, with the White House saying it's targeting "fees designed either to confuse or deceive consumers, or to take advantage of lock-in or other forms of...market power".

Biden flagged a Federal Trade Commission rulemaking process which will aim to "broadly reduce" junk fee practices across a range of markets including the airline and hospitality industries.

Vanuatu dive deal

SAVINGS of 10% are available on a special *SS President Coolidge* 80th anniversary package allowing travellers to experience some of Vanuatu's World War II history.

The US troop carrier sank off the shores of Espiritu Santo in 1942 and is now one of the world's most iconic shipwreck dive sites.

As well as discounted accom, the package includes one free shore dive and one free WWII history tour - for more details see vanuatu.travel/au/deals.

TNQ tourism stars shine



THE Tropical North Queensland (TNQ) Tourism Industry Awards held last Fri night in Cairns provided an opportunity for the 170 attendees to celebrate and commiserate after the challenging pandemic period.

A record number of submissions were received from operators, with Tourism Tropical North Queensland Chair Ken Chapman saying "the positive atmosphere at the awards ceremony comes after solid wins for the tourism industry in 2022 when we achieved record domestic expenditure for the fourth consecutive quarter".

Key winners included Reef Hotel Casino CEO Allan Tan who was named a TTNQ Life Member, while Cairns Mayor Bob Canning was recognised with the Outstanding Contribution by an Individual award.

Experience Co received the Chair's Award for Excellence, while other winners included Cairns Airport Marketing Manager, Tayla Ahrens, who took home the Young Achiever Excellence Award.

The new Sustainable Tourism Excellence Award went to Passions of Paradise; Wil Kemp from The Savannahlander took home the Customer Service Excellence award; and ABC Snorkel Charters won the Best of the Queensland Experiences Excellence Award.

The event was sponsored by Simon George & Sons, Cairns Regional Council and Bang Media.

Pictured are some of the TNQ Tourism Industry Excellence Awards recipients (from left) Alan Wallish, Bob Manning, Allan Tan, Tayla Ahrens, Adam Jones, Wil Kemp and Jay Wink.

Fernandes exits AAX

AIRASIA founder Tony Fernandes has resigned from his position as Group CEO of low-cost long-haul carrier AirAsia X Berhad (AAX), with his departure coming after taking on the role in Jul this year as the carrier rebooted.

Fernandes said he wants to concentrate on delivering value to shareholders of Capital A, his business which includes the AirAsia Aviation Group as well as an aviation services, logistics, travel, financial and ecommerce lifestyle platform.

"I went in with a clear mandate to restart AirAsia X and bring it back to life from hibernation," Fernandes said, with current AAX CEO Benjamin Ismail remaining in place while Executive Chairman Tunku Dantuk Mahmood Fawzy becomes an independent Non-Executive Director of Thai AirAsia X effective immediately.

Shanghai shutdown

GUESTS at Shanghai Disneyland are stranded within the gates of the park after the discovery of about 10 cases of COVID-19 community transmission.

China's continued zero-COVID stance is requiring negative test results for anyone wanting to leave, with social media videos showing guests rushing to depart as the lockdown was implemented but finding the gates shut in a snap closure.

The park remains closed - but reports note some of the rides are still running for those trapped.

CROATIA & SLOVENIA

Signature Journeys

2023 Cruise-Tours

by **BEYOND TRAVEL**



SAVE
up to
\$300
per cabin



Content produced
in collaboration with
China Airlines

CHINA Airlines' flights between Auckland, Brisbane and Taipei have resumed, with three flights a week during Oct to Dec, ramping up to five flights weekly from Jan to Mar next year.

The Taipei-Brisbane-Auckland and vv route has been operated by the carrier for more than 10 years (**TD** 03 Nov 2010) and offers travellers flights on Tue, Fri and Sun until Dec this year, before adding Thu and Sat to the mix from Jan 2023.

Passengers travelling from Taipei transit in Brisbane, boarding with local passengers before flying on to Auckland, and the same is true of the reverse flights, with travellers disembarking in Brisbane and those travelling onto Taiwan rejoining the plane with Queensland passengers heading to the island state.

Modern A350-900 fleet

ALL of China Airlines Brisbane to Auckland flights are operated by the airline's A350-900 fleet, which provides Economy, Premium Economy and Business class cabins for travellers to choose from.

The Taiwanese carrier provides a Premium Economy Class product, and these seats have a fixed back, meaning customers can enjoy a more comfortable space without their neighbours reclining their seat into their area.

When it comes to the Business

China Airlines offers three classes, including Business, Premium Economy and Economy, on their flights, giving customers heading to New Zealand an excellent choice of carrier.

Class cabin, these are set up in a 1-2-1 arrangement giving all passengers direct aisle access, and the seats feature a fully-flat 180° recline.

For travellers in Economy Class, the slimline design of the seat backs ensures increased legroom.

All passengers, regardless of their seat, can enjoy CI's in-flight entertainment system which includes movies, TV shows, games, e-books, news and wi-fi (access is an additional cost).



CI offers the full service

CHINA Airlines' services offer three cabins, Business, Premium and Economy, with passengers' tickets giving them seat, check-in luggage, meals and personal in-flight entertainment.

Travellers can pre-select their seat, with Business Class customers able to select a seat

free of charge, while some Premium and Economy seat selections incur a small charge, depending on their fare type.

For luggage, all fares apart from Basic Economy which is allowed one, can check in two bags, with weight limits more generous for Premium and Business customers.



Enjoy your premium flight
experience to Auckland with us.



 CHINA AIRLINES 

Outrigger's purple patch



OUTRIGGER Hospitality continues to be on the lookout for expansion opportunities, with a 21-strong delegation (pictured) showcasing its properties in Fiji, Hawaii, Thailand, Mauritius and the Maldives in a series of industry events in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane last month.

President and CEO Jeff Wagoner was joined by senior colleagues including Sean Dee, Mike Shaff, Angela Murphy and Andrew Gee, APAC VP Sales and Marketing, for the gatherings, with the events highlighting Outrigger's ambition to be the "premier beach resort company in the world".

Australia is firmly in focus for

growth, with Outrigger telling wholesalers, product managers, travel agents, airlines and other industry partners that it hopes to return to local shores with a new beach property.

Outrigger has opened three Thai properties in the last year in Khao Lak, Surin Beach Phuket and Koh Samui, while Maldives expansion includes the new Outrigger Maldives Maafushivaru Resort.

Hawaii is also a key destination, where the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort recently underwent a US\$80m upgrade, while the newly acquired Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa will emerge from a US\$50m refurbishment in 2023.

AFTA UPDATE

from Nina Hedges, Compliance Manager



INTRODUCING Nina Hedges, who just last month took on the role of Compliance Manager at the Australian

Federation of Travel Agents.

AFTER 17 years in the travel industry, it was the longing to step into a role that aligned with my core values, kept me in the industry that I love and allowed me to be a part of an organisation that elevates and facilitates progression in our industry, that drew me towards AFTA.

Throughout the last few long years in particular, I have watched AFTA advocate and have incredible success in obtaining much needed financial support and understanding from the Government for our sector.

The longevity of the association coupled with the dedication the association has towards its members was something that I admired and wished to align myself with.

First and foremost, I am a traveller and love exploring our world. After eight years of working and travelling around the globe I returned to Australia and felt the natural progression was to join the travel industry.

I began my career at Trailfinders Travel Agency in Brisbane and after a few years shifted to Flight Centre. In my 12-year Flight Centre career, I progressed from Consultant to Management very quickly and then stepped into a number of support roles, with my most recent position being part of the Risk Management Team.

This Risk Management role has set me up for success for my new role as Compliance Manager with AFTA. I am dedicated to ensuring the quality of service in our industry remains high and is unwavering despite the challenges we may face.

At this time, more than ever, our industry must embrace the self-regulated opportunity we have and in my role as Compliance Manager I will continue to make certain that the benchmark of quality in our industry is high, ensuring this self-regulation opportunity remains secure.

I look forward to fostering strong and productive relationships with all of our members and growing the membership numbers for AFTA.

Without the support of our members, AFTA would not be able to continue to advocate and ensure our industry is understood and considered in Government and for that we are very grateful.

I look forward to meeting you.

Mercure Cambodia

ACCOR Hotels has signed its first Mercure property in Cambodia, with the 200-room Mercure Phnom Penh Beung Keng Kong 1 set to open in 2027.

When it debuts the new hotel will join a worldwide network of more than 800 Mercure properties, and it also joins Accor's four-strong hotel pipeline within Cambodia.

Avalon Outlander

AVALON Waterways will bring back author of the bestselling *Outlander* series, Diana Gabaldon, to personally host a Storyteller Cruise on the Danube River in 2024.

Outlander, which is also a popular streaming TV show, will be the inspiration for shore visits during the seven night voyage, with the trip also including an onboard book signing.

Thredbo is heading downhill fast

THREDBO Resort is forecasting a "massive 2022-23 summer season" with the launch of a new integrated campaign inviting the mountain bike community to access the Thredbo Mountain Bike Park - offering Australia's only riding trails which can be accessed via ski lifts.

Themed 'Pure Gravity' the promotion highlights Thredbo's 40km of terrain, with the resort's MTB park set to reopen on 19 Nov for a season running through until 25 Apr 2023.

This summer Thredbo will debut three new gravity trails in the new Cruiser MTB area, as well as installing state-of-the-art bike carriers on the Cruiser Chairlift and the Gunbarrel Chairlift which will boost uplift capacity by more than 40% - see the campaign TVC at traveldaily.com.au/videos.

Travel Daily **BOARDING PASS**

You're Invited!

DESTINATION
A CELEBRATION FOR THE INDUSTRY

DATE
WED 7 DEC 2022, 6PM TIL LATE

SEAT
SYD- FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

WE'RE STILL "STILL STANDING" CELEBRATION

Thanks to our generous sponsors:

Private Jet Sponsor

VIKING

Private Jet Sponsor

VIKING

First Class

NORWEGIAN
CRUISE LINE

RAIL EUROPE

CVFR
CONSOLIDATION SERVICES

Business Class

Regent
SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

HURTIGRUTEN
Norwegian Coastal Express

OCEANIA CRUISES
Your World. Your Way.

SCENIC

WORLD'S LEADING CRUISE LINE

TICKETS ON SALE FROM NOVEMBER

Travel Daily



MONEY

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

AU\$1 = US\$0.637

THE AUDUSD is being pressured as a new lockdown in China has spooked the markets.

The Australian dollar ended lower against the United States dollar yesterday, falling 0.2%, as almost 200 million Chinese face lockdowns.

Meanwhile, the Reserve Bank of Australia's next decision is due at 2:30 today, and according to market pricing, the rate is expected to rise 25 points.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.637
UK	£0.555
NZ	\$1.092
Euro	€0.645
Japan	¥95.00
Thailand	฿24.15
China	¥4.635
South Africa	11.65
Canada	\$0.865
Crude oil	US\$94.83

Pullman NFT show

PULLMAN Hotels & Resorts has announced a "world-first" Australian NFT exhibition, which will support emerging and indigenous female artists.

The Digital E/SCAPES by Pullman exhibition will travel around Australia from 14 Nov to 27 Mar, launching at the Pullman Sydney Hyde Park next month, before it heads to Melbourne (09 Jan), Adelaide (13 Feb), and Brisbane (27 Mar).

Digital E/SCAPES by Pullman comprises 16 NFT artworks, four of which will be revealed at each new location.

South Australia uncorked



THE South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) travelled to Sydney last week with 35 SA tourism businesses meeting with travel advisors (pictured).

The event was held at Social

Dining in the BNP Paribas building, with the meeting described as crucial for the recovery of South Australia's inbound market.

SATC said "it was a great opportunity to catch up on all the new tourism developments occurring in South Australia".

Jetstar incident

A DISABLED Jetstar Airways passenger said she was forced to crawl down the aisle of an aircraft, as she did not have access to a special wheelchair upon arriving in her destination.

The passenger was flying from Singapore to Bangkok with Jetstar last week, but was allegedly told she had to pay for an "aisle chair" to help her disembark the aircraft.

According to the passenger, the airline "refused" to bear the cost of the chair, adding they've never had to do so in the past.

However, Jetstar has blamed the incident on a "miscommunication", and issued a statement that it does not require payment for the use of the special chair.

Etihad SAF flight

THE first Etihad Airways flight using sustainable aviation fuel took off from Tokyo on Fri.

As part of a deal with Itochu and Neste, flight EY871 took off from Narita International.

The service operated on a 40% blend of SAF which represented the first delivery of around 50,000 gallons of the fuel, to be used over a number of flights in coming weeks.

"The aviation industry needs partnerships like the one we have created with Itochu and Neste to bring widespread SAF adoption to the industry," declared Vice President Procurement & Supply Chain Cassie Mackie.

Ponant Arctic 24

PONANT'S *Le Commandant Charcot's* 2024 itineraries are now available, aboard the world's only luxury icebreaker.

The cruise line has launched sales for its 2024 Arctic season, which will follow explore Greenland's east coast to the Geographic North Pole.

The season comprises five itineraries and eight sailings.

For further information on the sailings, [CLICK HERE](#).

Weekend at Burnie

THE Tasmanian Government will provide a \$2.5 million grant to enhance Burnie and Devonport's key entry points.

As a gateway to Tasmania, the funding will ensure visitors entering the cities will receive a good first impression, with the funding part of the Tasmanian Government's \$8 million commitment to enhance a number of key visitor entrance points around the state.

Carnival gallops on

CARNIVAL Corporation's "Melbourne Cup Fleet" is back, with three of the company's ships bringing 7,600 passengers to the big horse race today.

It is the largest-ever contingent of interstate visitors Carnival Corp has brought to Melbourne, as "Cruising to the Cup" returns after three years.

The cruises feature a stellar line-up of hosts and guests, including influencers Patti Pink Cake and Jules Robinson.

Jockeys Robbie Dolan and Glen Boss will also be aboard *Carnival Splendor*, *Pacific Adventure*, and *Pacific Encounter*.

YOUR PARTNER IN CRUISING'S REVIVAL

2023 MEMBERSHIP
OPEN NOW



JOIN TODAY!



“The professional online training courses, engaging live events and topic-focused webinars offered by CLIA are just some of the opportunities I have taken advantage of to gain cruise specialist certification and recognition.”
Carrie Stalbow, Carrie on Cruising, NSW



Join CLIA for exclusive training opportunities and resources that will help drive your professional development, strengthen your cruise selling skills and earn recognition as a trusted cruise specialist advisor.

Join CLIA to



Expand your cruise knowledge and skills through the hundreds of online courses and by attending live and virtual events



Access valuable tools and downloadable resources in the CLIA Members Hub



Earn your CLIA certification from our globally recognised training and Certification Program

CRUISE LINES INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Contact us for more information on CLIA Membership and Benefits

info-us@cruising.org

+61 (02) 9964 9600

www.cruising.org.au

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF NCL'S NEW REWARDS PROGRAM

Travel partners are at the heart of everything we do, so we're thrilled to provide you with a new and even more rewarding Partners First Rewards program. As a member you'll earn points on every booking that you make, which can be redeemed for a wide range of gift cards.



WHY JOIN?



EASIER TO EARN POINTS

Simply enter your booking ID
& receive your points faster!



EASIER TO REDEEM YOUR POINTS

Select your gift card directly from
our rewards catalogue



NEW TIERS GIVING YOU ACCESS TO MORE EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

The more points you earn, the greater
your benefits will be!

START YOUR REWARDS JOURNEY WITH NCL
VISIT [PARTNERSFIRSTREWARDS.COM](https://partnersfirstrewards.com) TO SIGN UP TODAY