

1 WEEK TO GO

WE'RE STILL
"STILL STANDING"

A CELEBRATION FOR THE INDUSTRY

WED 7 DEC 2022, 6PM TIL LATE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, SYD

Last chance- ticket sales close Friday
[Click here to secure your tickets](#)

Travel Daily 

JOIN US ON THE NIGHT FOR GREAT PRIZES!

PRIVATE JET SPONSOR



FIRST CLASS SPONSORS



RAIL EUROPE



BUSINESS CLASS SPONSORS



SCENIC[®]



Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features seven pages of news, a cover wrap for TD'S Still "Still Standing" event, a product update from Tikka Tours, and full pages from:

- CLIA
- Scenic

Watch Getaway!

SCENIC Luxury Tours & Cruises is encouraging travellers to watch *Getaway* on Nine for their chance to win a \$500 voucher.

The episode will go to air on 08 Dec at 7.30pm AEDT, with five of the vouchers up for grabs - for more info, see **page nine**.

SYD P1 carpark closure

EXCLUSIVE

SYDNEY Airport has confirmed that its flagship domestic P1 carpark location has been closed effective immediately for "urgent unforeseen remedial works", with the move causing massive disruption for car rental operators which are being forced to temporarily move off site.

The multi-deck P1 carpark is located between the two key domestic terminals at SYD, and is a key parking location for corporate travellers, as well as the site for all of the major on-airport car rental offices.

A spokesperson for the airport confirmed that "we expect the P1 car park to be closed for approximately six months", with customers being accommodated across other car parks.

"We have plenty of capacity across Qantas Valet, P2 and P3 domestic car parks, and the Blu Emu car park," the spokesperson said, recommending that customers book parking in advance, particularly during the upcoming school holiday period.

It's understood that P1 was closed to new bookings and drive-up customers earlier this week, and that vehicles which currently remain in the car park after tonight will be relocated to an unspecified off site location.

Rental car operators such as Hertz, Avis and Europcar are implementing plans for shuttle services to their locations outside the immediate airport precinct.

Traveleague helps

THIS year's Christmas Traveleague event taking place in Melbourne on 14 Dec will support Blazeaid, a charity organisation which works with rural families and individuals to help out after natural disasters such as fires and floods.

Traveleague's Craig Hunt said after all the floods this year, he's "excited to see how much we can support this charity".

Tickets are still available for booking by **CLICKING HERE**.

Travel Daily on location in Louisville, Kentucky

Today's issue of TD is coming to you courtesy of Gate 7, where the Travel South USA International Showcase is on.

TUE was another full day of 'marketplace' speed-dating meetings for the Aussie contingent at Travel South USA's international Showcase here in Louisville.

We spotted Lauren Gainey of Qantas Holidays, Ruth Bullock of Travel Associates and Adventure World's Kristy Prince all deep in conversation researching product with their southern partners.

Meetings and working aside, the real action came at last night's 'Tales & Tunes of Tennessee', organised by the Tennessee Department of Tourism to promote their Whiskey Trail.

At the Garage Bar at 700 East Market St, we were treated to a very lively performance by winner of *The Voice (US)* season 17, Jake Hoot.

IF YOU SEEK REALITY

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

Hot Water Beach
The Coromandel

100% PURE NEW ZEALAND

[SEEK MORE](#)

Tikka's hot sale!

TIKKA Tours is currently offering discounts via its Incredible India summer sale, providing savings of up to \$500 per person.

The small boutique tour company offers fully & locally escorted departures, with between 8-14 guests - **page 10**.

SCENIC^o
LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

**ICONIC LAND JOURNEYS
COLLECTION**

Brochure out now - [Click here](#)





agent.raileurope.com
your dedicated Rail Partner

RAILEUROPE

Red Cat gets skis on

RED Cat Adventures has acquired Whitsunday Jetski Tours for an undisclosed sum.

The purchased business was locally owned and operated by Steve and Toni Ward for 12 years, offering daily 1.5-hour Airlie Adventure Tours, two-hour Two Island Safaris and a four-hour Ultimate Trek, visiting Long Island's Palm Bay.

"Now we can be a one-stop adventure shop, offering visitors to the Whitsundays a week-long itinerary if they so choose," Red Cat owner Julie Telford said.

"With Red Cat Adventures, you can now ride a fast boat to the Whitsundays' most iconic spots, or slow down and sail the 74-island paradise...or snorkel, bush-walk, take banana boat rides, & go on a sunset tour".

Inspiring hits AFR radar

INSPIRING Vacations has appeared on the *Australian Financial Review's* Fast Starters List for 2022, having achieved a compound annual growth rate of almost 130% between FY20 and FY22 and revenue this year totalling \$37.5 million.

Inspiring is the only travel company to appear on the list, which in previous years has featured brands that are now household names such as Webjet, RedBalloon and Lonely Planet.

The Australian-owned startup was co-founded in 2018 by Paul Ryan, Brendon Cooper and James Cathie, and previously had APT Travel Group parent Australian Pacific Holdings (APH) as a 49% shareholder (TD 24 Nov 2020).

MD, Paul Ryan, attributed Inspiring Vacations' success to a "calculated, fearless strategy" which saw its value-driven

proprietary product enter the market aggressively in Mar 2018.

"The most significant factor in our rapid growth has been an unwavering, tech-driven focus on a seamless user experience, pioneering the change from agent-based travel plans as customers can access easy-to-book, exceptional value travel directly with us as an online tour operator," he said.

With the Australian travel sector hit disproportionately hard in recent years, Inspiring Vacations has been a significant beneficiary of the industry's recovery, with revenue and staffing now exceeding 2019 levels.

Ryan flagged further growth for the business, with international expansion anticipated for Germany and Ireland in 2023, as well as the addition of a marketplace feature offering hundreds of third-party API-connected tours.

Get off the train

JOURNEY Beyond is offering new Off Train Experiences and a new Southern Wines & Wildlife holiday package on its Great Southern journey, which returns in Dec.

The new experiences showcase the best regional wineries and culinary offerings, including an al fresco beachside Coffs Harbour dinner, an exploration of the Grampians, and wine sampling in the Hunter Valley.

To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#).

Cunard unveils '24

CUNARD will offer 195 voyages to more than 90 destinations during its 2024 summer season, which goes on sale on 07 Dec, and also marks the maiden season for its newest ship, *Queen Anne*.

With several late evening departures and overnight stays in places like Reykjavik, Tromso and Quebec, guests will be able to enjoy more time in port.

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

SYDNEY – SEOUL

Daily Flight

From 1 December 2022

ASIANA AIRLINES
A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER

Pakula joins HLO

HELLOWORLD Travel has announced the appointment of Martin Pakula as an Independent Non-Executive Director to the Board, effective immediately (TD breaking news today).

Pakula stepped down as the state member for Keysborough at the recent State election in Victoria after serving as a member of the Legislative Council and later the Assembly for a total of over 16 years.

In a trading update published to the ASX, Helloworld revealed that business has continued to improve, with EBITDA for Oct sitting at \$3.2 million, taking the YTD total to \$8.5 million.

Revenue YTD totalled \$41.6 million - a 180% increase on the prior corresponding period for continuing operations.



We're here.

When your world wakes up.
We're ready.

Expedia TAAP, we've got your back.

ENJOY TODAY
www.expedia.com.au/taap
telephone
1800 726 618
email
expedia-au@discovertheworld.com.au

NEW TOUR

Incredible India
INCREDIBLE VALUE

6 DAYS
THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE
WITH TAJ HOTELS

FROM ONLY **\$1,499**

*EXTENSIONS AVAILABLE

MW Tours



Window Seat

TOUR operator 50 Degrees North is soliciting for votes for its gingerbread house (pictured), submitted to this year's Gingerbread Wonderland contest.

Held at Minneapolis' Norway House, the creation is an intricate replica of the Tromso Cathedral - about as on-brand as it gets for tour operator 50 Degrees North.

The photo was shared to LinkedIn by the company's co-founder Jayde Kincaid.

In Norway, the associated "pepperkaker" is also used as window decorations, and many families bake it as a tradition around Christmas.



Travel now, pay it later

EXCLUSIVE

ONLINE payment portal TravelPay has launched a new buy now, pay later service to the market called TravelPay Later, providing agents with another payment option to offer clients to help get sales over the line.

Speaking with *Travel Daily* at the Travellers Choice conference in Melbourne over the weekend, CEO Andrea Slark said unlike other buy now, pay later models operating in the market, TravelPay Later offers a much lower barrier to entry with zero risk to advisors thanks to a supporting agreement with Latitude Financial Services.

"With all of the other services out there, the agents have to pay back margin," Slark said.

"Other 'Afterpay models' may charge on the agent and when agencies are earning so little commissions these days, it's not in them to pay.

"There's also no credit risk on the agent at all [with TravelPay

Later], because years ago there used to be a credit risk on the agent," she added.

The service works by offering travel agents a branded portal which they can use to send payment invoices out to clients, which customers can then access through a special TravelPay Later link, which sits alongside traditional payment methods such as credit cards.

The request is then sent to Latitude for approval in only a matter of minutes.

Clients can then pay back the sum owing on travel expenditure in six or 12 equal instalments, with a \$8.95 account keeping fee paid by the traveller, and in cases where travellers fail to pay back the funds, the liability falls with Latitude and not the travel agent.

Buy now, pay later models are proven to increase sales conversions by 25% and lift the value of the average sale by 30-50% - call 02 9556 7580.

NZ figures strong

TOURISM New Zealand's latest research shows positive signs for domestic travel, with 71% of Kiwis intending to take a domestic holiday in the next 12 months.

The number is up 8% on Jun, and of those, encouragingly almost half (44%) have already booked their future travel.

International arrivals are also showing promising signs, with the latest data showing New Zealand welcomed 151,000 international arrivals in Sep.

Travelex ups revenue

TRAVELEX recorded strong revenue growth for the third quarter of 2022, generating approx \$232.1 million in revenue - \$142.7 million higher than 2021 and 83% of 2019 - and a positive underlying EBITDA of \$30.8 million.

The foreign exchange company's post-pandemic recovery is on track, with YTD now only 25% behind 2019, compared to 30% at the end of Q2.

CANADA SPECIALIST PROGRAM



WIN
A WINTER FAMIL TO
VANCOUVER AND WHISTLER

PHOTO: WHISTLER-REIDENKRABBE

Sign up today to our free online training program:

- New training modules
- Canada famil opportunities
- CSP Webinars and E-newsletters
- Exclusive selling tools and itineraries
- Access to private CSP Facebook group

Register now



Travel predictions for '23

AUSSIERS are more enthusiastic than ever about travel, Booking.com has discovered in its annual *Travel Predictions* report for 2023, with 76% of survey respondents saying travel is "always worth it".

Off-the-grid escapes crowned the list of the seven top travel trends for 2023, with 62% of travellers saying they want to switch off from modern life and get back to basics.

Specifically, travellers want to use travel in 2023 to learn survival skills (61%), including sourcing clean water, lighting a fire from scratch, and foraging for food in the wild.

The second-top trend stands in stark contrast, with over a third of Aussies keen to take a virtual reality holiday - in fact, 41% said they were more likely to travel to destinations that they wouldn't have otherwise considered after virtually experiencing them.

Almost half of Aussies (47%) want to experience complete

culture shock in 2023, such as visiting a country with completely different cultural experiences and languages.

Nostalgic trips are also on the Aussie travel wishlist, with 86% wanting to disappear into the romanticism of a pre-digital era, and 25% seeking experiences that inspire memories of bygone eras, such as visiting attractions featured in iconic retro films.

Other travel trends emerging for next year include getaways that focus on wellness and spirituality; holidays that are strictly workfree; and a preference for budget-friendly itineraries.

ACL's Aussie focus

AMBASSADOR Cruise Line (ACL) has announced its first local appointment - Dean Brazier as Head of Sales & Marketing in the lead up to the UK cruise line's Australia debut soon - read more in today's issue of *CW*.

Touch down in Emirates World



TRAVELLERS in Dubai can now immerse themselves in everything Emirates, with the carrier opening its debut Emirates World retail store in Jumeirah Town Centre.

The innovative new retail space offers visitors the chance to test EK's signature products via VR/AR technologies, personalised service from travel consultants, and take a load off in the carrier's

Premium Economy seats.

Shoppers can also buy a range of Emirates-branded merchandise and travel accessories, as well as grab a coffee and a snack at the interior Emirates cafe.

Outside of the retailing, the site will also double as a place to host workshops, with multiple events already secured for next month with the Thailand, Seychelles and Israel tourism boards.

A very British week



THE Dorchester Collection recently hosted an educational trip for Australian travel agents, who had the opportunity to stay at all three of the brand's UK properties - The Dorchester, 45 Park Lane, and Coworth Park.

The week kicked off with a visit to the Dorchester Collection Academy, followed by a trip to the oldest gin distillery in London, where the group was able to distil their very own bespoke gin.

The agents were also the first to get a sneak peek at The Dorchester's new look following its transformative renovations (*TD* 05 Oct).

Tour Guides appoints

TOUR Guides Australia, which runs the Guides of Australia accreditation program, announced Leanne Saward as its new President in addition to 10 other new appointments at its recent 2022 Annual General Meeting.

The association welcomed four new Committee appointments - Birgitta March, Greg Esnouf, John Hart and Rosemary Maimonis - as well as the return of Catherine Cardinet, James McFarlane, & Julian Nicolle.

Executive appointments included Susan Rees as Vice President, Michelle Jargo as Secretary, and Katy Pavolova as Treasurer, while outgoing President Jim McInerney & Treasurer Paul Perrotet did not seek re-election at the meeting, but will continue to support the committee during the transition.

The AGM also identified the delivery of a Foundation Tour Guide micro-accreditation course as a "vital priority".

Pictured taking the Breakfast Masterclass at Chef's Table: Lisa Maddox, Spencer Travel Leisure; Rhonda Singh, Costal Travel; Pina Azzaro, Y Travel; Renee Duncan, Platinum Escape; Kathleen Nicholson, TTFN; Mamoon Rahman, The Dorchester, 45 Park Lane & Coworth Park; Kristy William, Solve Travel Management; Parris Fotias, Dorchester Collection.

Inside Travel spike

INSIDE Travel Group has seen a massive surge in bookings to end 2022, spurred by Japan's reopening, along with increasing demand for travel to destinations such as Vietnam, Thailand and South Korea.

The group has also noted growing interest from the Australian travel trade, with more agents using InsideAsia and InsideJapan for support with tailor-made cultural adventure trips and insider knowledge.

"We are so grateful to our loyal agent partners for trusting us with their important clients and thus their first Asia enquiries and bookings of the pre-covid era," Marketing Manager Harry Sargant commented.

MEANWHILE, Inside Travel Group announced the expansion of its Brisbane-based reservations team, along with the allocation of extra resources for the operations teams on-the-ground.

The group has also appointed Yvette Montell to the role of Business Development Manager, which will see her represent both the InsideJapan and InsideAsia brands and provide support to agents across Australia.

Garuda marks MEL return



GARUDA Indonesia held a ceremony at Melbourne Airport last week to celebrate the return of its direct service between Melbourne and Indonesia.

Garuda Indonesia's CEO Irfan Setiাপutra and Melbourne Airport Chief of Aviation Jim Parashos each delivered a speech, highlighting the carrier's inaugural flight to Australia on the very same day 53 years ago, before the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The event was attended by Consular dignitaries, media, senior Garuda Indonesia management, and airline partners and passengers waiting to board the flight to Jakarta.

Air Niugini renews

AIR Niugini has renewed its distribution agreement with Sabre Corporation, giving Sabre-connected travel agents ongoing access to the Papua New Guinea flag carrier's content, as the partnership enters its 50th year.

Park City opens early

PARK City has opened for the 22/23 winter season - the first time in decades the ski resort has opened in Nov.

Over the last several weeks, Deer Valley has received over 60 inches of natural snowfall paired with ideal temperatures for snowmaking.

These early-season conditions have created a unique opportunity to provide skiers with early mountain access.

The resumption of the Melbourne - Jakarta route today followed by the Melbourne - Denpasar route in early Dec means Garuda Indonesia will operate a total of 14 weekly flights to/from Sydney and Melbourne.

Pictured: Setiাপutra and Parashos with airline executives welcoming the big launch.

Volcanic attraction?

RATHER than scaring travellers away, the slowly erupting Mauna Loa volcano in Hawaii has become a tourist drawcard, with the partially open Hawaii Volcanoes National Park seeing an influx of visitors.

The eruption is not a threat to communities at this stage, but the aviation threat level has been increased to red due to airborne gases and ash particles.

NSW tourism boost

THE NSW Government has announced a \$2.5 million investment to boost the state's tourism sector.

The Experience Development Fund will see 18 projects, including wildlife encounters, food and wine activities, and wellness retreats receive grants of between \$80,000 and \$150,000.

Funded projects include \$150,000 for Symbio Wildlife in Helensburgh to develop an eco-friendly Little Penguin Experience, and \$150,000 to Tinkersfield in the Crackenback Valley to develop an eco-wellness experience.

AFTA UPDATE

from Dean Long, CEO



ON THE weekend I had the pleasure to address the Travellers Choice conference where the theme was

'Never Normal'.

Having attended many events and conferences this year, it really was the best summary of the last three years and what possibly lies ahead.

While we may have moments when we want things to return to a pre-COVID normal, there is next to no chance of this happening anytime soon.

There were many discussions on the two main issues everyone is facing, the lack of qualified staff and the consequences of record high airfares. On the first issue, AFTA continues our engagement with the Federal Government on the need for further investment into traineeships and pathways for travel.

As I detailed in my speech, the shortfall in workers is not an issue created by COVID but it

has certainly amplified it. In our support programs for business owners, we are encouraging them to review their businesses and identify what barriers are created at an enterprise level and our National Taskforce is focused on the systemic issues at state and federal levels.

On the second issue, the high price of airfares continues to hamper the recovery of international leisure travel, but we are also seeing a slowing of growth across the other travel segments as capacity is not growing but prices are.

This can only be solved once balance sheet recovery programs are completed and record high fuel prices subside. Finally we saw an overwhelming result in the Victorian election with a return of the incumbent government.

With this election now complete, and as I said in my last column, the Federal government must now announce a review into the COVID response from state and territory Governments.

This has to be a priority and we will continue to lead this debate directly with our politicians.

Accessible travel barriers

ALMOST a third of tourists who have a disability are paying \$560 more than those without a disability for travel insurance cover, new research from the Valuable 500 has revealed, ahead of International Day of People with a Disability on 03 Dec.

Pricier travel insurance is just one of the many barriers facing travellers who have a disability, according to the survey conducted by the global collective of CEOs committed to disability inclusion, which includes members like Expedia and Airbnb.

Over three in four (76%) people with a disability in Australia said they have to do extra planning before a holiday to make sure it is accessible for them, which often means factoring in extra admin and costs into their trip.

Three in five respondents identified at least one challenge they faced while travelling due to their chosen agent or provider lacking accessibility, with getting lost during a trip the most common issue, followed by

missing transport and transport or accommodation not being accessible as expected.

When it came to choosing a travel agent or provider, 60% of respondents placed most importance on whether they treat people with a disability with kindness & respect, while nearly half said they want a provider who understand their needs.

Over a third (26%) said travel agents and providers need to improve on showing a demonstrated understanding of disability and the needs of disabled holiday-goers.

The research also showed that travel providers need to provide better accessibility contact information on their websites, with 42% of respondents saying it was difficult booking a holiday online due to a lack of contact options to ask questions.

Four in five people said accommodation providers needed to improve at least one feature to be more accessible, such as installing fixed grab rails.

Best of the Best visits Brisbane



BRISBANE'S The Calile Hotel played host to seven of Australia's leading luxury travel partners last week, with about 65 of Queensland's luxury travel advisors as part of the annual Best of the Best national roadshow.

The Unique Tourism Collection, Inspired Luxury, Taj Hotels, The Goring London, The Legian Bali, Finnair and

Seabourn Cruise Line provided product updates over a three course dinner.

Pictured at the event are, from left: Anastasia Kotanidis, Seabourn; Karla Goring, The Goring London; Arnaud Michelin of Finnair; The Legian Bali's Brenda Nash; Thushara Livanarachchi, Taj Hotels; Lynne Ireland from Inspired Luxury; & Jonica Paramor, Unique Tourism.

Hyatt Dream buy

HYATT Hotels Corporation will expand its portfolio with the acquisition of the Dream Hotels luxury lifestyle brand and management platform.

The deal includes the Dream Hotels, The Chatwal Hotels and Unscripted Hotels brands, including 12 managed properties and another 24 signed long-term agreements for hotels expected to open in the future.

Hyatt's footprint will expand into key markets including Nashville, Hollywood, South Beach, Durham, the Catskills and several locations in New York City, while signed contracts represent additional strategic destinations including Doha, Las Vegas and Saint Lucia.

Once the deal is finalised guests are expected to be able to access World of Hyatt loyalty scheme benefits.

Accor Doha debuts

ACCOR Group has announced the opening of Rixos Gulf Hotel Doha, claimed to be the city's first five-star all-inclusive property.

Formerly known as the Gulf Hotel, the reimagined property in partnership with Katara Hospitality, features about 378 rooms and suites along with an in-house Anjana Spa.

Seven different dining outlets are available, with GM Sherif Kasseb saying "the Qatari market is ready for an all-inclusive destination where guests' only concern is to sit back and unwind while their every need is attended to".

The Rixos opening continues Accor's expansion in Qatar, following the opening last week of a new dual-branded Raffles and Fairmont property which debuted exclusively to FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 guests and the VIP delegation.

The hotels will welcome guest reservations later in the year.

Dorchester pop-up

THE Dorchester Rooftop in London will for the first time ever welcome a festive pop-up this season, with the space transforming into a "cosy winter wonderland" on 19 Dec.

The activation is a partnership with LVMH, featuring three Winter Globes for pod-style dining - more details [HERE](#).

Seascope watches

MSC Cruises' upcoming *MSC Seascope* flagship will feature an expanded high-end retail selection on board, including a new partnership with TimeVallee bringing a curated multi-brand offering of upscale Swiss watches for guests to purchase.

Tailor offers ultimate rockstar Aussie holiday

THE Tailor is offering guests exclusive access to Australia's newest fleet of Pilatus PC-12 aircraft as part of its "Australia like a Rock Star" itinerary.

The luxury PC-12 is able to operate on just 750 metres of bush runway, "opening up a world of destinations far beyond the norm where the most off-the-beaten-path and authentic Australia can be

found," according to The Tailor MD, Drew Kluska.

The 15-day journey sees guests seamlessly flown between iconic sights, such as Tasmania's Freycinet Peninsula, Uluru, the Top End and the Great Barrier Reef.

Luxury lodges, specialist guides and unique experiences deliver the "ultimate red-carpet ride" - more at thetailor.com.

WE'RE STILL
"STILL STANDING"
A CELEBRATION FOR THE INDUSTRY

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, SYDNEY
WED 7 DEC 2022, 6PM TIL LATE



TICKETS \$70



SCAN QR CODE OR CLICK TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Travel Daily
SHARPEN YOUR
KNOWLEDGE ON
SINGAPORE WITH
TRAVEL DAILY
TRAINING ACADEMY
Click here to discover



ACCOMMODATION

WELCOME to Accommodation Updates, *Travel Daily's* Wed feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description with an image to accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au.



A new spa opened on the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge estate in Zimbabwe last week, located among indigenous woodland.

Victoria Falls Safari Spa features manicure and pedicure stations, a hair and make-up studio, relaxation rooms, a splash pool and

cafe, as well as three standalone treatment rooms. The facility, which is Victoria Falls' largest and first purpose-built spa, was built in response to growing demand for wellness travel.



The Dorchester Rooftop has welcomed a festive pop-up for the first time ever, which will see the space transformed into a Christmas wonderland. The rooftop terrace overlooking Hyde Park London will feature three Winter Globes for pod-style dining,

with a choice of two set menus. Guests wanting to stay warm inside can enjoy hot drinks, a nibbles menu and wintery cocktails along with live entertainment. There will also be festive hampers and gifts available.



Capella Hotels and Resorts is teaming up with The Bentley Group to design Brasserie 1930, the restaurant housed within the heritage-listed Department of Education building, which will reopen in Mar 2023 as **Capella Sydney**. Brasserie 1930 will blend

elements of a traditional brasserie with contemporary Australian design, and will offer a menu of modern brasserie fare, featuring a charcoal grill as the centerpiece of the open kitchen.

Dest GC appoints

DESTINATION Gold Coast has appointed Kirsty Lucas as its new International Manager, where she will connect with the organisation's trade, aviation and industry partners across all of the region's key markets.

Lucas most recently worked at Scoot, the Singapore-based low-cost airline, as National Sales and Partnerships Manager before being promoted to General Manager; prior to that she was a Regional Manager at TravMedia.

Merger is official

THE Tata Group and Singapore Airlines (SIA) have confirmed the merger of India's only two full-service airlines, Air India and Vistara (**TD** 14 Oct).

The merger will result in a bigger, full-service airline, with SIA claiming a 25.1% share in the entity and investing US\$250m as part of the transaction, which is expected to be complete by Mar 2024 - SIA and Tata have also agreed to participate in extra capital injections, if required.

WE'RE HIRING

Journalist | Macquarie Park, NSW

Do you dream of writing long, dreamy stories about travel? If so then this job is NOT for you.

Although our publications include Australia's leading B2B travel newsletters and websites, our focus is on keeping our readers updated with the latest news in the travel and pharmacy sectors.

We are looking for a keen journalist to join our team to help deliver these must-read daily newsletters in the travel and pharmacy industries, working within a fun team to produce our suite of publications. Business Publishing Group is the leader in B2B publishing in travel and pharmacy, with our titles spanning multiple digital platforms including *Travel Daily*, *Cruise Weekly*, *Pharmacy Daily*, *travelBulletin* and *Travel & Cruise Weekly*.

You will need to be able to work in a fast-paced environment producing content to meet daily deadlines. Experience in B2B publishing would be an advantage. Full training in our production and IT systems will be provided, and a generous salary commensurate with experience is on offer.

The role is based in Macquarie Park, Sydney with WFH on Fridays.

Qualifications:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Send your resume and covering letter to jobs@traveldaily.com.au



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



WATCH & WIN \$500*

Watch Getaway on Thursday 8 December at 7.30pm
to WIN one of five \$500 gift vouchers

[LEARN MORE](#)

*Terms & Conditions Apply





Indian Destination Specialist

TIKKA TOURS is a small boutique tour company, specialising in India, Sri Lanka & Nepal, offering a highly personalised service to agents, assisting them in finding the perfect small group journey or private tailor-made tour for their clients.

Founder, Claudia Wolf has been travelling to and selling India for 33 years, and created TIKKA TOURS in 2014, to offer a unique and diverse range of tours using her in-depth knowledge and insight, showcasing "Incredible India".

TIKKA TOURS experiences include exploring the Foothills of the Himalayas, the deserts of Rajasthan, wildlife spotting on safari, enjoying vibrant dynamic festivals, wellness

retreats, food safaris and the tranquil backwaters and beaches of Kerala.

Comfort and style are the signature of all our tours staying in a diverse range of specially handpicked boutique, heritage and palace hotels, high-end home stays, luxury tented camps and 4 to 5 hotels.

LUXURY YOUR WAY!

Our small group size of only 8 to 14 guests, allows for a much more authentic style of travel offering - more spontaneous, interactive and more immersive local experiences.

Complimented with our inspirational local guides and fully escorted by TIKKA TOURS founder Claudia Wolf. We offer a high quality, unforgettable travel experience. Namaste!

INCREDIBLE INDIA SUMMER SALE – SAVE \$500 PP!

- Fully & locally escorted departures
- Small groups of only 8-14 guests
- Private tailor-made experiences
- Specialise in exploring the roads less travelled, festivals, food & wine, wildlife & wellness experiences
- Offer small group & private travel to India, Sri Lanka and Nepal



Email: info@tikkatours.com.au
Phone: 0466 910 067
Website: www.tikkatours.com.au

