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Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of Turkish Airlines, which is preparing to brief the market on some major Aussie expansion news.

WE ARE travelling down to Melbourne today for a special media briefing tonight regarding Turkish Airlines and its plans for routes between Melbourne and Istanbul.

To be held at Crown Towers, the special gala dinner event tonight is expected to see Turkish Airlines Chairman Ahmet Bolat deliver the official start date for the new service.

It is also speculated that the service will operate three times a week and stop in Singapore, with a view to potentially rolling out a similar Istanbul service from Sydney.

Find out more in Mon's issue of *Travel Daily*.

HLO enhances ReadyRooms

HELLOWORLD Travel Limited has released a new version of its ReadyRooms accommodation platform for travel agencies, incorporating significant feedback garnered during the HLO Owner Manager Conference in Auckland earlier this year.

“Game-changing enhancements” to the system include faster search results, transparent discounted rates, real-time filtering and an enhanced user interface which will “redefine the booking experience”.

“Our team has worked tirelessly to introduce seamless upgrades that revolutionise the way agents search, book and customise

travel packages,” according to Helloworld Travel Group GM Sales, Steve Brady.

“By incorporating these improvements, ReadyRooms has fine-tuned its platform to empower travel agents with a faster, more efficient and user-friendly interface, ultimately enhancing their ability to curate unforgettable travel experiences for their clients,” he said.

Key upgrades include enhanced visibility of crucial hotel selling points, rate inclusions, bedding configurations and cancellation policies, which Brady said would give advisors a competitive edge.

“Agents can now provide clients with comprehensive information to make well-informed decisions,” he added.

ReadyRooms version 2.1.0 is understood to have been based on technology in the former Excite Holidays platform acquired by Helloworld about three-and-a-half years ago (*TD* 14 Feb 2020).

Registrations for the platform are open by **CLICKING HERE**.

NT Aviation funds

THE Northern Territory Government has launched a new Territory Aviation Attraction Scheme (TAAS) under which Darwin, Alice Springs and Ayers Rock Airport will be able to apply for funding to support the development of aviation services.

NT Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles, said grants will be available for the creation of new routes as well as to provide extra capacity on existing services to Alice Springs and Ayers Rock.

A total of \$10 million in funding is up for grabs, to be matched dollar-for-dollar by the applicant as a co-contribution.

“The grants will allow the NT to compete with larger jurisdictions,” Fyles said, adding that “accessible and affordable air services is a key priority for the Territory Labor Government and this scheme ensures we have a seat at the negotiating table”.

Booking FIFA OTA

BOOKING.COM has signed on as the Official Online Travel Sponsor for the FIFA Women’s World Cup Australia and NZ 2023, which kicked off last night.

It’s the biggest women’s sporting event in the world, with a total of 64 matches to be played in 10 cities across Australasia.

Organisers say fans from over 150 different countries will make their way Down Under for the tournament, with Booking.com offering “great accommodation options throughout their stay”.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features eight pages of news, including our **Corporate Update** page, plus a full page from **The Travel Junction**.

Daydream Is deal

THE relaunched Daydream Island Resort in Qld’s Whitsundays is keen to work closely with the travel trade, and is inviting those who want to escape the southern cold to enjoy a special winter escape.

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WA cruise strategy

WESTERN Australia has laid out plans to attract new cruise lines, expand current itineraries and upgrade infrastructure at key ports as part of a wide-ranging Cruise Tourism Strategic Plan.

The comprehensive document was released at a conference in Perth this week, with Tourism Western Australia MD Carolyn Turnbull highlighting cruise tourism’s “significant economic contribution” to the state.

Expedition cruise lines will be encouraged to expand their operations beyond the Kimberley, and develop itineraries in remote communities and anchorages, while more Fremantle homeporting is also targeted - more in today’s **Cruise Weekly**.

TTJ shows off WA

THE Travel Junction is today highlighting its South West Edge self-drive itinerary in Western Australia, a 12 day roundtrip from Perth to Esperance and back, priced from \$2,249 including flights - details on the **last page**.

Drink in Greece

DFAT’S Smartraveller is advising Aussies visiting Greece to drink plenty of water, wear light clothing and stay in shaded areas, with heatwaves in the destination becoming more frequent.

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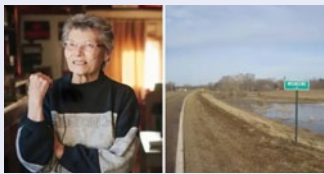
SO MANY of us are keen to take a holiday and get away from the rat race, but how far are people prepared to go for a bit of solitude?

For those travelling around the United States, the smallest town of Monowi, located about 200 miles from Omaha, might be at least one option.

While the quaint little village was once home to around 120 residents and a thriving business community, including a grocery store, restaurant, and even a prison, it is now inhabited by just one person, 88-year-old Elsie Eiler.

Increased urbanisation over the years attracted residents away from the farming town and toward new opportunities in larger cities, seeing Monowi's population dwindle, but Eiler ultimately made a conscious decision to remain in the place she calls home.

Being the only person in town might sound lonely, but it does have its perks, for example the plucky senior serves as the tavern owner, mayor, treasurer, clerk, secretary, and librarian!



Explora I arrives

THE somewhat belated handover of Explora Journey's new *Explora I* took place yesterday at the Fincantieri shipyard in Monfalcone, Italy, just over two years since the vessel's first steel was cut on 10 Jun 2021.

The €500 million newbuild's delivery was delayed due to a certification issue for some of the fire panels on board (**TD 11 Jul**) and forced the cancellation of a pre-inaugural voyage which was to be undertaken by a number of key Australian cruise sellers.

Explora I's maiden journey will now depart on 01 Aug from Copenhagen, with the ultra-luxe vessel making her way to Reykjavik via Lerwick, the Shetland Islands and Orkney.

The line's second ship, *Explora II*, is set to enter service in Aug 2024.

Intrepid Morocco

INTREPID has expanded its Morocco range with four new trips and several new experiences for 2024, through a new partnership with the Moroccan National Tourism Office.

One of the new itineraries on offer is an eight-day trekking adventure through the Happy Valley, or Ait Bougmez region of Morocco's High Atlas Mountains, priced from \$1,550pp.

Other new experiences include a M'goun Valley Henna Ceremony on Intrepid's 'Morocco Uncovered' trip, and a Taman'Art Space visit on Intrepid's 'Premium Morocco' tour - [CLICK HERE](#).

itravel signs two more

ITRAVEL CEO Steve Labroski says his company has been inundated with enquiries about its link affiliate model for independent self-branded agents due to "recent ownership changes in the industry".

Another two agencies have joined the group in recent weeks, with the additions including Longford Travel in Nowra, NSW which was formerly branded as italktravel Nowra, and Expert Class Travel in Traralgon, Vic, previously known as Traralgon Holiday Centre.

"It's clear to us that many

independent self-branded agents want to stay that way and be a part of a smaller community-focused group," Labroski said.

itravel's link affiliate model is a "low-cost, unbranded partner program where independent travel agents can utilise preferred commissions and be rewarded for their sales through override payments," he noted.

Other recent additions to the group include FNQ-based Reguson Travel & Cruise and Jetsetter Travel (**TD 07 Jul**).

Langham HK

LANGHAM Hotels & Resorts has signed a management agreement for a new Ying'nFlo hotel in Hong Kong's Admiralty area, with the property set to open in Sep.

The 251-room "upper midscale" property targets millennial and Gen Z travellers, with bold branding and an on-premises House of Ying'nFlo social hub.

New Dubai O&O

ONE&ONLY One Za'abeel in Dubai is now accepting bookings ahead of a formal 01 Dec opening.

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RSSC hotel deal

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has become the first cruise line to partner with Global Hotel Alliance (GHA) and its loyalty program, GHA Discovery.

The agreement will allow GHA Discovery members to earn Discovery Dollars when they reserve a voyage with Regent, with the ability to redeem those benefits in any GHA hotel, resort and palace.

Additionally, GHA members who book a Regent cruise will have their membership fast-tracked to Titanium status, and will receive a special welcome gift of champagne and chocolates to be enjoyed once on board the cruise.

GHA CEO Chris Hartley said not only will the partnership offer more choice and benefits to its customers, it will also "drive significant enrolments notably from key markets, generating incremental revenue to our hotel brands" - for more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

More Rail Europe

RAIL Europe has expanded its product offerings with six new routes, five of them crossing international borders.

All bookable both on the company's B2B and B2C sites, the additions include Bari-Naples, Barcelona-Lyon, Madrid-Marseille, Geneva-Marseille, Amsterdam-Marseille and Bordeaux-Frankfurt.

Hilton Okinawa

THE Hilton Okinawa Miyako Island Resort in Japan has opened its door this week, located approximately 300km from the main Okinawa Island.

The luxury resort features 329 rooms, including 56 executive and 11 suites, as well as four restaurants & bars, three outdoor pools, a kids' club and gym.

Hilton enjoys a strong presence in Japan, with the new resort aiming to capitalise on the appeal of Miyako's pristine beaches.

Livn losses over \$26.3m

EXCLUSIVE

TOURS and activities technology provider Livn Group had accumulated trading losses of \$26.36 million when its backer Jan Cameron pulled the pin and appointed administrators to the company last month (**TD** 23 Jun).

The formal report from Administrator Antony Resnick of DVT Group also confirms that efforts to sell the company as a going concern are continuing, with 20 expressions of interest now whittled down to two preferred bidders who are entering into due diligence.

However "the proceeds of the sale of the business are subject to the interests of the secured creditor, and there will be no funds available for the company's ordinary unsecured creditors," the report confirms.

A meeting of creditors is scheduled for next week, and Resnick said a sale agreement for

the remnant of the business is expected to be negotiated by then.

Flight Centre, which had already been noted in previous reports as the company's major customer (**TD** 18 Jul) is noted as owing Livn about \$275,000 as at 27 Jul.

The report indicates the heavy impact on the business of COVID-19, with trading income of \$1.5 million in 2019/20 plummeting to just \$257,000 in 2020/21 and recovering to \$448,000 the following year.

Indicative accounts for 2022/23 showed \$1.45 million in revenue - but expenses of more than \$4.6 million leading to a loss for the last 12 months of \$3.47 million.

Kathmandu founder Cameron, whose Bicheno Investments is currently owed about \$14 million, said the business failed due to its apparent performance not improving based on 2024 budgets and having "exhausted all available funding".

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A French dinner Brie-ond belief!



ATOUT France joined forces with Seabourn Cruise Line in Sydney last week to host a “Bastille Day in Provence” dinner, for a select group of Virtuoso travel advisors.

Held at The Langham, Sydney, the event showcased the captivating charm of Southern France, and offered the chance to discover the luxurious, all-inclusive cruise offering of

Seabourn’s sailings in the French Riviera and beyond.

Guests were treated to a mouth-watering Provençal menu, including champagne and French wines.

They were also pampered by hand-massage therapists with wellbeing products from L’Occitane, and entertained by a magic show, which was described as “jaw-dropping!”

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Norwegian Joy to add 24 staterooms

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has announced a major makeover of its popular *Norwegian Joy*, with a Jan 2024 dry dock introducing a new Thermal Suite in the onboard Mandara Spa & Salon, an expanded Vibe Beach Club, redesigned three-bedroom suites in the exclusive The Haven enclave, and 24 new staterooms.

The three week project will see the all-new Thermal Suite replace the onboard Galaxy Pavilion virtual reality complex, while the 24 new balcony staterooms will be created by repurposing part of the Observation Lounge.

Joy will resume sailings on 13 Feb 2024 with an 11-day transatlantic voyage from Southampton to Miami, with the ship to undertake seven-day Caribbean roundtrips during the northern summer of 2024 before relocating for a New York-Bermuda season later in the year.

Japan Accor growth

ACCOR is expanding its presence in Japan with the addition of the Daiwa Resorts portfolio, adding 23 properties and over 6,000 rooms, to its network across the country.

As Japan continues to welcome back international travel, Accor has partnered with Ebisu Resort to renovate and rebrand the Daiwa portfolio into Grand Mercure and Mercure hotels.

Club Med resort coming to Japan

CLUB Med will debut its newest Japan ski resort, Club Med Kiroro Grand, this Dec (**TD** 02 Aug 2022).

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G focuses on family

G ADVENTURES has launched National Geographic Family Journeys in Italy and Tanzania.

The two new trips, both available to book now, have been announced as demand for family travel returns.

In Italy, travellers will learn how to make their own Venetian masks, cook pasta in Florence, and attend a gladiator "training session" in Rome.

Meanwhile in Tanzania, families will enjoy the wonders of safari, and visit the vibrant village of Mto wa Mbu, where they'll visit a community tourism project and create art from banana leaves.

Bookings for G Adventures' Family Journeys have more than doubled this year when compared to the same booking window in 2022.

"We're seeing strong interest in Asia and Africa in particular, so families are looking to head further afield," Managing Director Sean Martin said.

VV Roadshow in Oz

VIRGIN Voyages is heading Down Under next week on a multi-city roadshow, ahead of the cruise line's arrival to Australian shores this summer.

Brand partners, tourism officials, media and 'First Mates' (travel advisors) will be able to meet with Virgin Voyages executives through a series of exclusive VIP events and media lunches held in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne between 24 Jul-04 Aug.

The events will include a special Q&A discussion hosted by travel TV presenter Teigan Nash.

FJ Canberra launch

FIJI Airways has launched its new service from to Nadi Australia's capital Canberra (**TD 14 Apr**).

The momentous twice-weekly flight also marks the first international service to take off from Canberra since Mar 2020.

Flights will increase to thrice-weekly from Oct.

Four Seasons jets on '25

FOUR Seasons has announced new Private Jet Experiences for 2025, initially offering two itineraries including flights aboard the fully customised, 48-seat Airbus A321neo-LR.

The 'African Wonders' journey takes off from Greece on 29 Dec 2024 to explore the best of the Mother Continent over 13 days, with stops in Egypt, Tanzania, Rwanda, Mauritius, Zambia and South Africa.

Guests will dine at a Michelin-starred restaurant on the Athenian Riviera; celebrate the new year in Cairo; hike through the lush forests of Volcanoes National Park; witness Victoria Falls, the world's largest natural waterfall; and much more.

Also on offer is the 16-day Asia Unveiled adventure in Mar 2025, which takes in southeast Asia's vibrant cities and picturesque islands, as well as five UNESCO World Heritage sites.



Highlights include a trip to Senso-ji, the oldest temple in Tokyo; a turtle safari in the Maldives; a cruise along Bangkok's Chao Phraya River; and a traditional Buddhist blessing and private tour of Angkor Wat.

Four Seasons President and CEO Alejandro Reynal said the journeys were "crafted with a singular focus on our guests, building itineraries that celebrate the journey as well as the destination, and ensuring that each moment can be personalised".

Reservations are now open for the 2025 Private Jet Experience itineraries, with additional journeys to roll out later this year - **CLICK HERE** to find out more.

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ANA Hello Blue sale

ALL Nippon Airways has announced a 'Hello Blue Sale', offering discounted Economy and Business class fares from Sydney and Perth to Japan until 25 Jul.

Travellers can fly from Sydney to Tokyo from \$1,042 between 08 Aug 2023 and 15 Mar 2024.

Bunnik says hello to agents



BUNNIK Tours hosted 40 South Australia-based Helloworld Group agents at an exclusive event earlier this month with Singapore Airlines.

The agents gathered at Bunnik's historic ballroom in Adelaide, where they had the opportunity to mingle and gain insider knowledge from both parties about tours and flights.

Guests heard from Aidan Truscott, Account Executive at Singapore Airlines about exciting network updates, and Zoe Francis, National Sales Manager at Bunnik Tours about the operator's small group tours.

"The event was all about educating our agents on how they can get their clients to the world's most fascinating destinations with the expert guidance of Bunnik Tours and the comfort and convenience of Singapore Airlines," Francis said.

Prizes were given out on the night, with Amy Dalton from Phil Hoffmann Travel scoring a dining

experience at Singapore House.

Pictured: Paul Groundwater, HLO; Zoe Francis, Bunnik Tours; Mick Boylan, HLO; and Aidan Truscott, Singapore Airlines.

Princess wine cruise

PRINCESS Cruises has teamed up with Australian wine company Wine Selectors to host a four-day wine-themed Seacation aboard *Royal Princess*, departing Sydney on 15 Nov.

Guests will enjoy complimentary wine tastings and can join a guided masterclass hosted by international wine show judge & winemaker Dave Mavor, matched with gourmet food for \$30pp.

There will also be a five-course dinner with Tasmanian winemaker Jeremy Dineen at Chef's Table Lumiere, limited to 12 guests at \$140 per person.

Wine Selectors members will receive a 10% discount on the fare price, plus a bottle of wine on arrival - call 13 24 88.

Traffic control needed

SHORTAGES in air traffic control (ATC) organisations in North America are causing "unacceptable delays and disruptions" for travellers taking to the air from the United States and Canada, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said.

The industry body said that Ottawa and Washington DC need to take ownership of the issues under their direct control and lead together to resolve them.

IATA has put forward two solutions, one being to appoint a permanent FAA Administrator to urgently address infrastructure constraints, while another suggestion is to refrain from doubling down on costly and poorly thought-out air travel consumer rights regulations in both countries.

"This would free up resources across the entire value chain," IATA's Director General, Willie Walsh said.

Lake Eyre tour

DESIGNER Journeys has launched a new tour to view Lake Eyre in flood.

The five-day journey includes a flight over the lake to view the flood from the air, as well as luxury safari tent accommodation in the Flinders Ranges, a stay at the famous Prairie Hotel & Outback Lodge, and a fossil tour with a local expert.

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EK enables meal preordering

EMIRATES has introduced an onboard meal preordering service, whereby customers will be able to preselect their preference between 14 days and 24 hours in advance of their flight.

The service will ensure customers get their preferred meal choice every time they fly, as well as helping to reduce food wastage.

On the aircraft, the cabin crew will use a custom-built application on a device to view the meal selection and serve the passenger their choice.

The initiative will be rolled out from 25 Jul in Business class on all flights between Dubai and London (Heathrow, Gatwick, and Stansted).

FCM's educated win

FLIGHT Centre Travel Group's (FCTG) corporate division, FCM, has partnered with the University of Sydney as its sole provider of travel management services.

The uni commenced working with FCM following the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that the travel manager's global reach and positive client feedback had led to the extension.

The timing of the contract win arrives as recent FCM internal data revealed that between 01 Jan 2022 and 31 May 2022, travel for the education sector more than tripled in and out of Sydney.

Emirates plans to expand the meal preorder initiative to more routes and classes in the near future, and is closely monitoring customer feedback from the initial rollout phase.

Meal preordering will also be added to the existing suite of AI-enabled customer preference tracking data and cabin crew reports, which facilitate menu planning and optimal food loading to deliver Emirates' premium "restaurant in the sky" inflight dining experience.

Time to specialise

FLIGHT Centre Business Travel (FCBT) will be hosting an info night via Zoom for travel experts wanting to hear from the leaders in corporate travel about how to acquire specialist knowledge.

Areas of interest during the session will include: first and business class travel clients, taking group bookings, complex air enquiries, & corporate benefits.

"We're looking to educate people on our models and the opportunities that now exist within our exciting new framework, this specialist model will work as a great brightness of future for people in our shop network as they look to further their career in their chosen specialisation," said GM Flight Centre Specialists & Flight Centre Business Travel Cameron Harris.

The session will take place on 26 Jul at 5pm AEST - rego [HERE](#).

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Biz and leisure travel "blurred"



BUSINESS and leisure travel are now "impossible" to segregate, Accor Chief Executive Sebastien Bazin (**pictured**) believes.

Speaking at the company's Global Meeting Exchange in Paris, Bazin said travellers will be attracted to a "local experience", as business and leisure travel permanently blurs, *Business Travel News* reported.

Bazin believes these new hospitality experiences catering to the local community will then attract more travellers, as they will know what is on offer is "trendy, quirky, [and] food and beverage works".

"Don't try anymore to segregate leisure and business, because it's going to be vastly impossible except on MICE," he said.

Work-from-anywhere has proved to be "huge" for Accor, Bazin said, adding it generates

"repeat loyal business", and has changed his outlook on how the hotel business needs to evolve.

CWT adds WhatsApp

CWT is giving its customers another method of contact for travel arrangements, this week integrating WhatsApp into its messaging service channel.

"We remain focused on creating a simple, efficient, and personalised service experience for our customers, and the integration with WhatsApp allows us to give travellers even greater choice in how they can reach us for assistance," CWT's Chief Product Officer Erica Antony said.

The app will add to a variety of messaging channels for CWT, including through the myCWT web app, Microsoft Teams, and Workplace from Meta.

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Webjet is offering Aussie Flight Sales from as low as \$79 one way to the Gold Coast from Sydney. Other one-way fares include destinations to Brisbane from \$89, Melbourne from \$99, Adelaide from \$139, and more. Travellers can also unlock discounts of up to 20% in select hotels after making a flight booking. [CLICK HERE](#) for more.

Agents can earn up to 13% commission and a \$200 discount per guest on selected packages to Tonga and Tahiti by Majestic Whale Encounters. Eligible itineraries include, the eight-day 'Off The Grid' Whale Swim Tonga and the eight-day 'Sandy Beach' Whale Swim Tonga, as well as the week-long Wildlife & Whales Tour in Tahiti. Most deals are valid until 10 Aug, book [HERE](#).

Get on board with **Princess Cruises'** Early Bird Sale in the 2024 sailing season with launch fares up to 45% off destinations such as New Zealand, the Mediterranean, Alaska, Japan and more. Among the major discounts, travellers can bring the third and fourth guests sailing from as low as \$399pp. The sale ends on 07 Sep. Call 13 24 88 or visit princess.com to reserve.

Agents are invited to experience the pristine islands of Palau with **Air Niugini's** lowest-ever industry return fare of \$310.50 from Brisbane to the tropical destination in Economy class. In other benefits, the agent's partner will only need to pay \$410.50 on return fares, as well as down to 25% of the applicable adult fare for children under 12 and 10% for infants. Call 1300 361 380 or email csc@airniugini.com.pg to enquire.

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TFE Hotels is offering savings of up to 30% for select hotel stays across Australia and New Zealand from now until 30 Jun 2024 from \$122 per night at Travelodge Hotel Hurstville Sydney, \$126 per night at Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne and a lot more. Ending on 31 Dec, guests can use promo code "TAKEMEAWAY" at check out to apply the offers.

South Pacific heads Down Under



TREASURES of the South Pacific (ToSP) has kicked off its Australian Roadshow this week, attracting record-breaking numbers with more than 300 travel agents participating in the Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane events.

The events showcased the region's diverse range of destinations, activities, and attractions, with attendees hearing from 10 South Pacific

National Tourism Offices, including the Solomon Islands, Samoa, Fiji, the Cook Islands, the Islands of Tahiti, Papua New Guinea, Norfolk Island, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, and Niue.

Major sponsor Fiji Airways gave away incredible prizes, including flights to various destinations across the South Pacific region.

The Newcastle and Sydney events, which are already sold out, will take place next week.

Cocky up for award

ACCESSIBLE tour operator Cocky Guides has been named as a finalist for Outstanding Community Organisation at the 2023 Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence (WSABE).

It wouldn't be the first time Cocky Guides has been recognised at WSABE, having seen success for the last three years in a row, including taking home the 'Startup Superstar' gong in 2020.

Winners will be announced at the 2023 WSABE Gala on 13 Oct, held at Doltone House.

AC delivers more

AIR Canada has announced a series of upgrades to its products and services, including expanded in-flight food and beverage offerings, as part of its 'More to Travel' initiative.

Pax will enjoy new menu items, including extra beer and wine offerings; additional kids' content on the airline's in-flight entertainment; and upgrades to the Air Canada app, such as easier-to-use mobile boarding passes with seamless updates.

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EMBARK ON AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

EXPLORE WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S
SOUTH WEST AND GOLDEN OUTBACK

EXPERIENCE WORLD-RENOWNED WINERIES, UNSPOILED COASTLINE AND PRISTINE NATIONAL PARKS AROUND THE ISLE-WRAPPED TOWN OF ESPERANCE (KEPA KURL)

ESPERANCE | KEPA KURL

THE SOUTH WEST EDGE

SELF DRIVING PACKAGE

 LOCATION: PERTH – MARGARET RIVER – PEMBERTON
– DENMARK – ALBANY – ESPERANCE –
KATANNING – PERTH

 DURATION: 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

12 DAYS CAR HIRE PICK UP
/ DROP OFF PERTH

1 NIGHT – PERTH

2 NIGHTS – MARGARET RIVER

1 NIGHT – PEMBERTON

1 NIGHT – DENMARK

1 NIGHT – ALBANY

3 NIGHTS – ESPERANCE

1 NIGHT – KATANNING

1 NIGHT – PERTH

HELI0 Package Code AU39243

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

MARGARET RIVER – THE ORIGINS TOUR
WINE TASTING (VOYAGER ESTATE)

FLIGHT
AND LAND
PACKAGE: from
\$2,249
per person*

LAND
PACKAGE
ONLY: from
\$1,649
per person*

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