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Travel Daily today features eight pages of the latest news including a photo page from Qatar Airways, our Luxury page, plus a product profile from **Exoticca** and a full page from Silversea.

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VV offers \$16k commission

TRAVEL agents can earn themselves a handy pay packet for sales of Virgin Voyages' (VV) new Annual Pass for 2026, unveiled by the cruise line today.

Advisors who sell the newly launched pass will earn a commission of US\$10,000 (A\$16,140), with the year-round access ticket including options to sail aboard Brilliant Lady, which makes her Alaskan debut in May 2026 from Seattle.

Further inclusions in the latest ultra-luxurious pass priced at US\$199,000 (A\$321,235) are a one-week stay on Necker Island; round-trip business class flights and ferry transfers from

Is Koala in trouble?

AN APPLICATION for the winding up of Koala Tech Pty Ltd, the company managing the mysterious launch of Koala Airlines, has been filed by Wealth Creation Pty Ltd with ASIC.

A hearing in the Supreme Court of Victoria is set for 22 Jan.

C360 tickets on sale

TICKETS are now on sale for the two-day Cruise360 Australasia conference taking place in Brisbane on 27-28 Aug.

Cruise Lines International Association is offering super earlybird prices of \$340pp for tix sold prior to 28 Feb, available to CLIA travel agent members.

For more details, CLICK HERE.

anywhere in the continental United States; a A\$16,140 shopping spree; and Champagne delivered anywhere on demand.

VV's Annual Pass is available on a first-come, first-served basis. and can be locked in from the first of the month from Jan to Apr. and bookings must be finalised between now and 31 Mar 2026.

The 2026 pass follows the debut launch of a similar pass for 2025.

Win an Intrepid trip

INTREPID Travel has launched a year-long trade incentive for travel agents across Australia and New Zealand, which offers the chance of scoring a free trip.

To qualify for the free holiday, advisors must book 15 trips worth over \$1,000 before 31 Dec, as well as complete three training modules and quizzes via Intrepid's travel agent hub.

Valid bookings require a minimum deposit of \$99 AUD/ NZD and must be made during the promotional period.

Once a seller has reached the crietria, they can email partners@ intrepidtravel.com to claim their free prize.

More than 50 trips are available to choose from, including new itineraries in Brazil, Turkiye, Cambodia, South Africa, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Morocco.

Agents will have 12 months to redeem their free trip - for further details, see HERE.

Big Silversea savings

SILVERSEA is offering up to \$8,000 savings, and a suite upgrade, for two weeks only. Contact your Silversea Sales Manager or reservations to book, and head to page nine for more information on the sale.











Memorable boutique cruises

SMALL-SHIP cruise operator Unforgettable Croatia has unveiled its 'Yacht Cruise Collection', which introduces a new style of boutique cruising for 2025.

The seven-night luxury itinerary will offer six departures between Jun and Sep on board the 52-metre Alfa-Mario mega-yacht, which caters to 28 guests and features a jacuzzi, mini gym, and cinema room.

Guests will visit some of Croatia's most-loved islands, with highlights including a trip to the waterfalls of Krka National Park; wine tasting on Korcula; fresh oysters and mussels picked straight from the sea in Ston; and

East Asia entices

EXOTICCA is highlighting its 10-day tour of East Asia, which explores the region's iconic cities - see the **back page** to find out why it has become a best-seller.



discovering the UNESCO-listed gems of Split and Dubrovnik.

While on board, guests can enjoy morning yoga classes, daily swim stops with the use of premium water equipment, live music, a yacht party, and more.

Unforgettable Croatia's Chief Commercial Officer, Graham Carter, said the new collection "will set the standard for nextlevel cruising, with an enhanced experience across all aspects of the voyage".

Prices for a Yacht Cruise Collection departure start from \$6,450pp based on double occupancy - CLICK HERE. JM



QF delayed by Musk

FALLING debris form Elon Musk's SpaceX rockets have forced Qantas to delay a selection of flights to South Africa in recent weeks, the airline has confirmed.

Flight delays of up to six hours have affected some services between Johannesburg and Sydney, following government advice to avoid air space over the southern Indian Ocean.

In a statement released yesterday afternoon, Qantas appeared frustrated by the lack of warning from SpaceX regarding the threat of falling debris.

"We're in contact with SpaceX to see if they can refine the areas and time windows for the rocket re-entries to minimise future disruption to our passengers on the route," the carrier's Airline Operations Centre Manager Ben Holland said.

The aviation sector could face many future delays as well, with SpaceX to launch 400 rockets over the next three years.

Etihad expands LHR

ETIHAD Airways has expanded its flights from London, leasing an additional slot from American Airlines for the northern summer.

The UAE's national airline will operate a fifth daily flight from Abu Dhabi to Heathrow from 30 Mar-25 Oct using an A321.

Etihad's expansion in the market comes as British Airways prepares to suspend LHR-AUH flights from Mar due to supply chain issues.

Bali ups screening

NGURAH Rai International Airport is increasing its health screening measures for tourist arrivals, in anticipation of the spread of HMPV.

The airport has installed a series of thermal scanners in the arrival area of the international terminal.

DPS is also coordinating with the health quarantine centre to anticipate potential suspect cases, who will be handed over to authorities for processing.

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Air NZ beats Qantas

AIR New Zealand has pipped Qantas as the safest fullservice airline, according to the latest annual list compiled by AirlineRatings.com.

The ratings system takes into account a range of factors to determine the safest air operator, including any serious incidents over the last two years, the age of the fleet, pilot training, and any onboard fatalities.

While Qantas landed in second spot, rival Aussie airline Virgin Australia was not too far behind in fourth position, just behind a three-way tie for third that included Cathay Pacific, Qatar Airways, and Emirates.

"It was extremely close again between Air New Zealand and Qantas for first place, with only 1.5 points separating the two airlines," AirlineRatings.com CEO Sharon Petersen said.

"Whilst both airlines uphold the highest safety standards and



pilot training, Air New Zealand continue to have a younger fleet than Qantas, which separates the two," she added.

Jetstar ranked second on the list of safest budget carriers behind Hong Kong Express, which claimed top spot in 2025 after avoiding any serious incidents and maintaining a relatively flawless safety record.

Despite the stream of negative publicity regarding Ryanair's services, the Irish carrier nabbed third position, ahead of easyJet, Frontier Airlines, AirAsia, Wizz Air, and VietJet Air.

New additions to the low-cost carrier list this year included Zipair, Jet2, and Air Baltic. AB



Thailand moves to legalise gambling

IN A bid to remain competitive with rival tourism markets, the Thai Government has passed a draft law to pave the way for casino resort development.

While tourism visitation to Thailand has remained strong and is predicted to grow over the next two years, legalising gambling could see foreign visitors grow between 5-10% and tourism revenue increase by roughly 40%, the country's Deputy Finance Minister Julapun Amornvivat said.

Previous Thai governments have sought to launch a regulated gambling industry in order to improve its tourism appeal, but were rejected by campaigning from conservatives in the Buddhist majority country.

Major operator such as Melco, Galaxy Entertainment and MGM Resorts have all reportedly expressed an interest in operating a casino resort in Thailand.



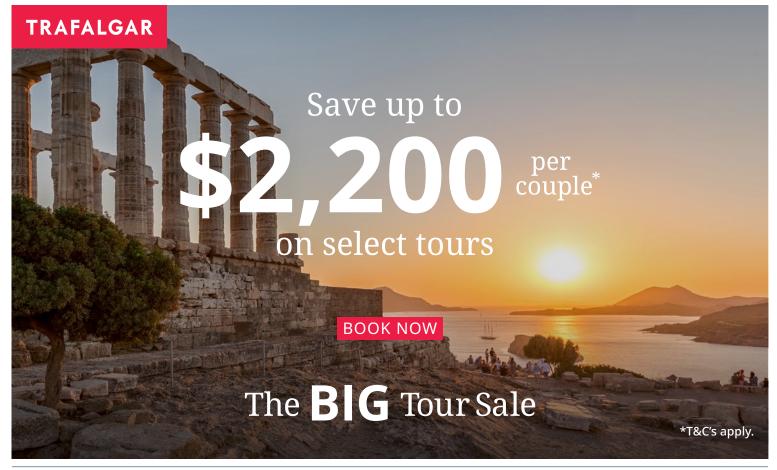
FORMER UFC champion Khabib Nurmagomedov brought his fighting spirit onto a Frontier Airlines flight recently - unfortunately, it got

In a video that was shared on social media, the 36-year-old is seen arguing with a flight attendant about his seat.

him booted off the plane.

According to a statement by the carrier, Nurmagomedov, who was seated in an exit row, refused to respond when asked by crew if he would be willing and able to assist in the event of an emergency.

As a result, he was asked to move to a different upgraded seat, which he also refused to do, leaving the crew with little option other than to escort him off the plane.





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Centara's new spirit

CENTARA Hotels & Resorts is celebrating "the spirit of individuality" with the launch of The Centara Collection, a rebranded relaunch of its Centara Boutique Collection.

The revitalised portfolio features a refreshed visual identity, a refined curation of members, and an emphasis on the quality and uniqueness of every property.

Each of the one-of-a-kind properties features distinguishing design and local storytelling experiences, which the hotelier said better reflects the culture of each destination it operates in.

The Thai-based hospitality company's new collection will also relaunch with its first international member -Machchafushi Island Resort & Spa Maldives - which will be renamed from Centara Grand Island Resort & Spa Maldives.

It will be joined in the Collection by Roukh Kiri Khao Yai and Varivana Resort Koh Phangan.

Papas joins Home Ex

TRAVEL industry business owner and educator Marissa Papas (pictured) is joining the esteemed speaker line-up for Home Ex, Travel Daily's new ondemand virtual event aimed at home-based agents.

The Connected Travel Managing Director will share how advisors can empower the next generation of home-based agents and will discuss the new skills and knowledge required to succeed in the current environment.

Also joining the speaker line-up is people and cultural expert Gabrielle Roux from the Human Strategist, who will reveal how business leaders can foster a thriving remote workplace culture.

Agents will also hear from business coach Cameron McDonald about how they can boost their leadership skills and drive business growth.

Other speakers include Helloworld COO Cinzia Burnes;



industry legend Wendy Wu; itravel CEO Steve Labroski: 1000 Mile Travel Group CEO Nicola Veltman; Home Travel Company's Robyn Sinfield; and Mike and Mandy Dwyer from Main Beach Travel.

Thanks to platinum sponsors CVFR, Expedia and Royal Caribbean, the event will be jam-packed with inspiring and practical learning videos from experts to help power up advisors' businesses.

Registration for the event is free **HERE**, and for partnership opportunities, enquire HERE. JHM

Time to meet Sama

QATAR Airways has introduced its digital ambassador, Sama, to inspire and connect with a global audience on Instagram.

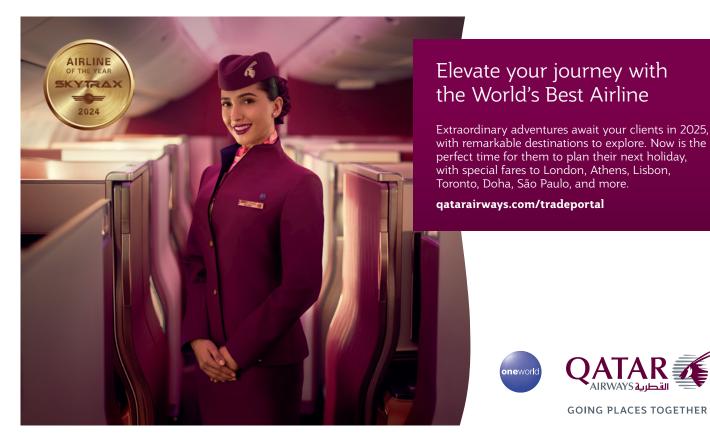
The Al-powered cabin crew member will offer a mix of travel tips, personal stories from her layovers, and a behind-the-scenes look at life in the skies.

"Introducing Sama on Instagram is an extension of our vision to blend human connection with technological innovation," said QR SVP Marketing and Corporate Communications, Babar Rahman.

"Sama is not just a digital human; she's a reflection of how we see the future of travel." Follow Sama's journey on

Instagram HERE.









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QATAR Airways treated members of the Australian travel trade to an exclusive event where they had the opportunity to rub shoulders with tennis legend and the carrier's Global Brand Ambassador, Novak Djokovic.

Hosted last Fri at the Botanical Hotel in Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open, the 'Dinner with Novak Djokovic' event saw the likes of Helloworld boss Andrew Burnes, Virgin Australia CEO Jane Hrdlicka, ATPI MD Peter Muller, Flight Centre Travel Group Executive GM of Air Leanne Woolstencroft, Consolidated Travel Group MD Dennis Alysandratos, CVFR Group CEO Ram Chhabra (TD 13 Jan 2025) and more, mingle with one of the world's top tennis stars.

The lucky guests enjoyed a three-course dinner, were able to learn more about Djokovic during



NOVAK Djokovic with QR cabin crew.

a question-and-answer session, and also had the chance to pose next to the 10-time Australian Open champion for photos.

Matt Raos, Senior Vice President of Global Sales of Qatar Airways, said the carrier "will be watching closely and rooting for [Djokovic] to reclaim the Australian Open crown this month".



JUSTIN Kestel, Regional Manager AU/NZ at Qatar Airways; Dennis Alysandratos, MD at Consolidated Travel Group; and Djokovic.



MATT Raos, Senior Vice President of Global Sales at Qatar Airways and Jayne Hrdlicka, CEO at Virgin Australia.



MATT Raos, SVP of Global Sales at Qatar Airways welcoming everyone.



ADAM Radwanski, SVP and Managing Director at Silversea Cruises APAC, lines up next to the tennis ace.



NOVAK Diokovic with Andrew Burnes, CEO of Helloworld Travel.

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DENNIS Alysandratos, Managing Director at Consolidated Travel Group.

DAVID Galt, Webjet CEO, enjoys a choice photo

opportunity with Djokovic.

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New Jumeirah boss

UAE-BASED luxury hotel chain Jumeirah has announced the appointment of Thomas Meier as its new Chief Executive Officer.

The appointment comes at a pivotal time for the company, which is accelerating its international expansion under the brand's 'Mission 2030' strategy.

Meier, who has served as Chief Operating Officer since Oct 2021, will spearhead Jumeirah's ambition to double its portfolio by 2030.

The brand is pursuing owner and operator opportunities in major gateway cities and resort destinations around the world, and currently operates 30 properties across the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Asia.

LTC showcases on soon

TICKETS are now on sale for The Luxury Travel Collection's (LTC) upcoming consumer events, taking place in Sydney on 23 Feb and the Gold Coast on 30 Mar.

The showcase events typically attract around 1,200 luxury clients, giving them the opportunity to shop a curated selection of holidays from highend travel partners, as well as get expert advice from Australia's top luxury travel advisors.

There will also be exclusive offers and masterclass experiences - find out more information **HERE**.

CRYSTAL UNVEILS ROUND-THE-WORLD SAILING

CRYSTAL has introduced its 2027 World Cruise, 'Stories of the South Seas', aboard *Crystal Serenity*, spanning 83 destinations over a 140-night journey.

Travellers will explore Central and South America; French Polynesia, New Zealand and Australia; Asia; and Alaska, on a bucket-list voyage that promises to blend cultural discovery with the brand's world-class service.

Departing San Diego on 08
Jan 2027, and concluding in
Vancouver, British Columbia, on
28 May 2027, *Crystal Serenity* will
cross the International Date Line
twice as it sails to 29 countries.

The 2027 voyage will feature several immersive experiences curated by Crystal's sister brand Abercrombie & Kent, including guided culinary tours in Thailand, private access to



Indonesia's historic temples, and cultural moments such as Fijian firewalking ceremonies.

Additionally, Fernando Barroso de Oliveira, Crystal's chairman and brand ambassador, will accompany guests on the 2027 world voyage.

"This thoughtfully designed world cruise itinerary, developed in collaboration with Abercrombie & Kent, exemplifies our commitment to create exceptional experiences that inspire at every turn," said Cristina Levis, CEO of A&K Travel Group.

Pricing starts at \$119,397 per person, based on double occupancy, and inclusive of business class flights; US\$1,500 shipboard credit; unlimited dining at Osteria d'Ovidio, Beefbar and Umi Uma; themed on board events, and much more. *JM*

Silversea embarks on 'offbeat' epic world voyage

SILVERSEA'S Silver Dawn has set sail from Tokyo on its 2025 World Cruise this week to visit 59 destinations across Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America until 29 May, when the journey will end in New York.

Upon their arrival in Tokyo, guests were treated to an airside meet-and-greet, hospitality suite hosted by Silversea leadership, and a bon voyage lunch celebration.

According to Silversea
President Bert Hernandez, the



Controtempo World Cruise "will take guests closer to the authentic heartbeat of iconic and unique destinations, with more time ashore to experience the world's most enriching destinations during unconventional seasons".

Ponant's cool savings

LUXURY expedition line Ponant is offering up to 30% discounts off its 2026-2027 Antarctic season as part of an earlybird promotion.

The cruise line has 36 departure dates across six itineraries between Jan 2026 and Mar 2027 to choose from, with voyages promising guests unique ice sheet hiking experiences, as well as kayaking, whale watching, and observations of local wildlife like seals & penguins.

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Elite tropical escape

LUXURY villa rental provider Elite Havens has welcomed Surin Seaview Villa in Thailand to its growing portfolio, featuring premium properties across Asia including Indonesia, Thailand, India, Japan and beyond.

Surin Seaview Villa is a three-storey hillside retreat on Phuket's west coast, overlooking the Andaman Sea, featuring three bedrooms, an open-plan living area and a terrace with a plunge pool.

Guests can also enjoy the personalised service of a private chef, a dedicated villa manager and staff.

The tropical villa is ideal for couples, small families or up to six adults.

Additionally, the villa is located on a private estate with two additional properties, Villa Borimas and Villa Sammasan, which can cater for larger groups.

Whitsundays boost

THE Whitsunday islands have welcomed almost one million visitors and \$1.6 billion in visitor spend in a 12-month period, driven by a strong domestic recovery, and growth in key overseas markets.

The latest National and **International Visitor Surveys** for the year ending Sep reveal encouraging growth, with a total of 930,000 visitors highlighting the Whitsundays' appeal.

Domestic tourism remains particularly strong for the tropical Qld region, with 742,000 visitors contributing a total of \$1.4 billion in visitor expenditure, a 12% increase year-on-year.

Intrastate visitation led the way with 457,000 visitors - a 10% increase YOY - while interstate visitation still has a way to go, seeing a 9% decrease.

Average length of stays also grew to 4.4 nights, with tourists remaining the Whitsundays' key driver, with 528,000 holiday visitors contributing to 2.6 million visitor nights.

Savour more of Switzerland



MANDARIN Oriental in Genea will soon open a new fine dining restaurant, Ottolenghi Geneva.

The restaurant will offer an all-day menu inspired by Mediterranean flavours, featuring Ottolenghi classics and dishes that take a 'root to tip' approach.

Produce will come from the local region, such as Ferme Courtois, which is located 30 minutes away and will provide key gains and pulses such as lentils and chickpeas.

Meanwhile, Swiss cheeses like Gruyere and Challerhocker will also feature in the dishes.

Bathed in natural light and with views overlooking the Rhone River, a highlight of Ottolenghi

Vietnam visitor spike

VIETNAM experienced significant growth in international visitor numbers last year, welcoming nearly 17.6 million tourists - a 39.5% increase compared to the prior year.

The figure is equivalent to 97.6% of the country's pre-pandemic 2019 visitor levels.

In 2024, the vast majority of travellers to Vietnam (14 million) arrived from Asia.

A significant portion of tourists hailed from Europe (two million), followed by the Americas (one million), Australia and New Zealand (540,000 visitors), and Africa (50,000 visitors).

Geneva will be a live-fire grill, placing the culinary process at the heart of the restaurant.

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Ottolenghi to Mandarin Oriental, Geneva and look forward to creating memorable and delightful dining experiences that reflect our shared passions for exceptional cuisine and hospitality in this beautiful setting on the banks of the Rhone River," said Paul Jones, General Manager Mandarin Oriental, Geneva.

Ottolenghi Geneva will officially open on 30 Jan and reservations for large groups will include options for semi-private or full private hire. JHM

Virgin bonus offer

VIRGIN'S Velocity Frequent Flver Bonus Points offer is coming to an end on 20 Jan, available on international long-haul flights.

Passengers will be able to earn up to 20,000 bonus points on business return flights and 10,000 on economy flights when they book flights by 20 Jan for travel between 21 Jun and 30 Sep 2025.

Promotions are live on Virgin and Qatar Airways websites.

Earlybirds are fully protected with options for either refunds or re-accommodation on alternative flights and reimbursement for reasonably foreseeable costs if the new services are unable to go ahead as planned.

Cali launch fire appeal

VISIT California is encouraging donations to the LA Wildfire Recovery Fund, benefiting the American Red Cross.

The humanitarian movement has been providing essential support to those affected by the wildfires, including safe shelter, meals, emotional support, and other critical services.

Los Angeles Tourism has established a dedicated page (CLICK HERE) for donation, which it will match dollar for dollar, up to US\$25,000.

Visit California President & Chief Exec Caroline Beteta said relief efforts have already received tens of thousands of dollars from industry partners, including Destination Greater Victoria and Destinations International.



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Veriu Group has unveiled its recently refurbished flagship property, Punthill South Yarra Grand. The \$1.4 million renovation, which took around two months to complete, included a complete overhaul of each quest apartment, a refresh of the

common areas, wi-fi upgrades, and new signage. Each apartment now features blackout and sheer curtains, new basins in all bathrooms, new beds and linen, new furniture, new 50-inch TVs, and more.



Azerai La Residence, Hue, a 122-room heritage hotel overlooking the Perfume River in central Vietnam, has introduced new spa and dining menus, along with specially tailored culinary experiences. Guests can now experience a range of new

spa treatments, including Tibetan singing bowls, Reiki healing and moxibustion therapy, which involves burning a dried herb called 'moxa' on or near the skin to stimulate acupuncture points. Additionally, the menu at the hotel's restaurant, Le Parfum, now features 30 new dishes.



Centara Hotels & Resorts has announced the re-opening of Centara Karon Resort Phuket following a huge makeover. Visitors can now unwind in three distinct zones, designed for couples, families and friends. The resort's revamped accommodation features a

soothing colour palette with geometric patterns and natural elements, with The Terrace rooms featuring balconies with city or sea views.



QT Melbourne has teamed up with Red Bull to open a pop-up pickleball court on its rooftop this summer. Set against the city skyline, pickleball enthusiasts can enjoy a match with friends at 'The Perfect Serve', open until 03 Mar. Players can reserve the

VIP Bottle Service to enjoy a side of cocktails and canapes pre- or post-game, and party to local beats every Fri and Sat night.



Brazil has welcomed its first-ever W Hotel-branded property, with the recent opening of W Sao Paulo and W Residences Sao Paulo. Located in a skyscraper atop Rua Funchal in Sao Paulo's southern business district, the hotel offers panoramic

views of the Pinheiros River and the city skyline, featuring 179 rooms, a spa, gym, pool, two restaurants, three bars, and five event spaces.



Sofitel serves up new spin



FANS of the Australian Open can enjoy a new pop-up activation at Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, which blends sport with luxury and sophistication.

Offering guests and members of the public a way to enjoy all the action without the crowds, the 'Summer of Tennis' popup includes a giant TV screen, deck chairs, and a Pommery Champagne Lounge.

Located just 1.6km from Melbourne Park where the Australian Open takes place, the five-star hotel also recently hosted an exclusive VIP event with special guest Qinwen Zheng, the world's fifth-ranked tennis player.

The talented athlete made history last year when she secured China's first-ever gold medal in tennis at the Paris Olympics, and is now gearing up to play round two at the Australian grand slam.

High-valued guests and partners were able to hear all about Zheng's preparations for the

tennis tournament during a Q&A conducted by Samuel Begg, the creator behind Instagram tennis channel @hitwithme.

Zheng also discussed how she felt being back in Melbourne and her experiences staying in hotels.

"We are proud to continue our tradition of welcoming worldclass athletes and distinguished guests at our hotel," said Stephan Leroy, General Manager of Sofitel Melbourne On Collins.

"This activation with Qinwen Zheng is a prime example of how we go above and beyond to create memorable experiences for our guests, ensuring every visiting athlete feels at home," Leroy added.

Sofitel Melbourne on Collins has hosted several tennis stars over the years, including Serena and Venus Williams. JM

Pictured: Sofitel Melbourne General Manager Stephan Leroy, with Qinwen Zheng and Marijn Bal, Vice President WME Sports at IMG Tennis.

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Capital cities of the Far East: an Exoticca best seller

Asia is a continent that never ceases to amaze and inspire. With its perfect blend of tradition and modernity, it's no wonder this 10-day tour across Hong Kong, Seoul, and Tokyo has become one of Exoticca's best sellers. Why this tour sells itself: this expertlycrafted journey is designed to highlight the very best of East Asia's capital cities-from iconic landmarks to cultural immersions, every detail is designed to leave your travellers in awe (and make your job easier!).

Hong Kong: the gateway to Asia Your customer's adventure begins in the vibrant metropolis of Hong Kong. Known for its skyscraper-studded skyline and bustling harbours, this city is the perfect introduction to the Far East. An included sightseeing tour ensures they don't miss iconic landmarks such as Victoria Peak, Repulse Bay, Aberdeen, a traditional Sampan Ride and Stanley Market, ideal for unique souvenirs.

Seoul: the soul of South Korea

Next, your travellers catch a flight over to Seoul, where fascinating architecture meets modern urban flair. A guided tour of the South Korean capital includes must-see stops like The Blue House, Gyeongbokgung Palace, Jogyesa Temple, and a visit to a Ginseng Centre, introducing them to a staple of Korean wellness culture.

Tokyo: the city of contrasts

An airport meet-and-greet service and a handy Welcome Pack (including a SIM card and a Tokyo 72-hour subway pass) awaits your customers on arrival. They'll enjoy a tour of Tokyo highlighting the Meiji Shrine, the Asakusa area, the Skytree tower and a cruise to Odaiba island. Optional excursions, such as a full-day tour to Mount Fuji and Hakone can add even more value to their experience. Effortless to sell, unforgettable to experience with its mix of epic landscapes, bustling cities, and unique cultural traditions, this tour offers everything your customers dream

of in an East Asian getaway. Exoticca has taken care of every detail, and, with flights, hotels, activities and transfers included, it ensures your customers experience the very best. This best seller is more than a trip, it's an introduction to a region that's sure to inspire repeat bookings and word-of-mouth recommendations.

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