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Delay for QF A380

THE handover of Qantas' sixth A380 has been delayed by Airbus until early next month, meaning the plane maker will come up three superjumbos short of its 2009 delivery target of 13 jets.

Qantas was expecting to take delivery of its next A380, dubbed *Charles Kingsford Smith*, by today.

MEANWHILE, aviation history will be made tonight, when a fully loaded Qantas superjumbo flies over Antarctica for the first time.

Croydon Travel has chartered the QF A380 for the special New Year's Eve flightseeing tour, which departs MEL at 6:10pm (AEST) and returns at 5:20am Fri morning.

The flight includes four hours of circling the world's coldest, driest and windiest continent.

50% off Cruise West

CRUISE West has slashed its children's rates in an attempt to attract more families onboard its adventure cruises.

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IATA seeks security review

THE International Air Transport Association has called on the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Transportation Security Administration to urgently analyse their security systems.

The request follows the foiled terrorist plot to bring down a Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines flight on Christmas Day.

IATA director general and ceo, Giovanni Bisignani yesterday praised the DHS for its "swift reaction" to maintain the confidence of airline passengers and staff by adopting "extraordinary security measures until the immediate threat has abated."

But Bisignani said a further review was necessary to address existing and evolving security threats.

The IATA boss said, "Effective security needs a system that is built on global harmonisation, effective information exchange, industry/government cooperation, risk assessment and efficient technology.

"This is how we made flying the safest way to travel. We must take the same approach with security," he said.

Bisignani is urging governments around the world to invest in a

A costly ship slip

A BRITISH man has been awarded \$9.5m by a Miami jury after an injury following a fall on a cruise ship in 2006.

According to a report in the *Miami Herald*, Danny Simpson, who worked as a fitness instructor on NCL's *Norwegian Crown*, claimed he sustained a back injury which left him "incontinent and impotent".

process that combines the best of passenger screening technology and intelligence gathering.

"Instead of looking for bad things, such as nail clippers and rogue bottles of shampoo, security systems need to focus on finding bad people.

"Adding new hardware to an old system will not deliver the results we need," he said.

IATA believes the check point of the future would give security screeners access to vital pax data which would assist them with making effective risk assessments.

MEANWHILE effective mid-Jan, all passengers travelling from Holland to the USA departing out of Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport will be required to pass through full body scanners.

The accused plane bomber of Northwest Flight 253 travelled via Schiphol Airport en route to Detroit.

Today's Travel Daily

Travel Daily today has two pages of news, plus a full page of jobs from TMS Asia Pacific.

There won't be an issue of *TD* tomorrow due to the New Year public holiday, but we'll return on Mon 04 Jan.

Travel Daily would like to wish all our readers a happy and healthy New Year, and we look forward to continuing to keep you up to date with all the industry news throughout 2010.

\$10m MKY upgrade

QUEENSLAND'S Mackay Airport (MKY) will spend \$10 million on its redevelopment next year, which includes a \$2m facelift for the airport's passenger terminal.

The majority of the funds will be spent on resurfacing the 1,870 metre runway, from Jul 2010.

The upgraded terminal will feature a larger departure lounge.

Last day to send entries in

Today is the last day to enter *Travel Daily's* exclusive Fraser Suites Sydney Christmas Party photo competition.

On Wed 06 Jan, TD will publish the judges favourite photo, and the person who submitted the Christmas Party snap will win a nights accommodation package at Fraser Suites Sydney in a one bedroom deluxe suite, sparkling wine & a fruit bowl upon arrival and complimentary car parking - all valued at \$600.

Email your photos (including names of the people pictured) by close of business today to xmasphotos@traveldaily.com.au.

Today's entry has been sent into us by Devi Bywater of Showgroup.

The company's Christmas party had a fantasy theme, so staff were to come dressed as their fantasy.

Pictured below is "Fairy" Devi Bywater; "Gladiator" Dean Broadwood; "Ali G" Ian Bywater; "Madonna" Shannon Meredith "Sharkies and "Cronulla Sharks Player" David Meredith.



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AirAsia/JQ tie-up

DETAILS of a joint venture between Jetstar and AirAsia will be made in Sydney early Jan, involving JQ ceo Bruce Buchanan and D7 ceo Tony Fernandes, which could include a pact between the carriers on the SYD-KUL route.

Earlier this month, Qantas revealed its Jetstar subsidiary was in the preliminary stages of discussions with AirAsia about a "potential cost saving" initiative (TD 18 Dec) but wouldn't reveal specific details.

Australia makes list

THE South West region of WA has also made the top ten list of places in the world to visit next year, according to Lonely Planet's *Best in Travel* guide (TD yest.).

AUS/USD parity?

ANALYSTS are predicting that the Australian Dollar could reach parity with the US Dollar in 2010, a milestone that could see overseas tourist numbers skyrocket.

Chief economist for global finance house Nomura Australia Stephen Roberts believes the AU\$ could run dollar-for-dollar with the US\$ by Dec next year.

It's been some 26 years since the Aussie dollar was trading on par with the 'green-back'.

Bankruptcy fears for JAL

HESITATION by Japan Airlines Corp. to formally announce which US airline it may form a joint venture with appears to be costing the flag carrier dearly.

Yesterday, shares in the debt-ridden oneworld carrier tumbled by a massive 24% from Tue's value, to ¥67 (prior to sitting at a record low of just ¥60) as investors panicked over reports JAL was heading for bankruptcy.

Both Delta Air Lines (who is aligned with the Sky Team airline alliance) and American Airlines

(founding member of oneworld) have made generous offers to bail-out the struggling JAL by purchasing a stake in the carrier, but a decision is not expected to be made for another few weeks.

Last week the Japanese govt knocked back providing JAL any further loans, after supporting the airline four previous times.

Local media are saying JAL is considering filing for bankruptcy protection, which will enable the airline to continue to operate and go about restructuring, however this could make a tie-up with DL or AA more difficult.

Mid-air near miss

TWO passenger aircraft avoided a near mid-air collision in the skies over Belgrade this week, according to overseas sources.

The incident, which involved an aircraft from the national airline of Israel, El-Al, and Air France on Mon night, triggered emergency alarms in the cockpit of both planes to warn the pilots that they were on a collision course.

Early reports say the jets were within 300 metres of one another, before the El-Al pilot took evasive action and changed course.

Investigations are continuing into the incident.

Traffic rises in Nov

THE Int'l Air Transport Assoc. (IATA) says passenger demand on international scheduled flights was up 2.1% in Nov compared to the same month last year.

The Asia Pacific region fared well, recording a growth in demand of 5.1%, while Latin America and the Middle East witnessed jumps of 8.2% and 16.5% respectively.

Free flight offer

TRAVELTRAIN is offering pax travelling aboard The Sunlander in Queenslander Class a free flight with Virgin Blue when booking between 05 Jan-31 Mar.

The deal is available on the Brisbane-Townsville or Brisbane-Cairns routes, which operate twice weekly.

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Believe It or Not!

MEXICO has opened its third Ripley's Believe It or Not! Odditorium in Plaza Acuario, featuring freak animals, shrunken heads and matchstick art.

Window Seat

IT'S time to shake, rattle and roll on the high seas.

Earlier this year, Carnival announced they would be operating an Elvis music themed cruise, but now Royal Caribbean says it will host a Beatles extravaganza.

The cruise line has billed it as the first Beatles Tribute cruise, departing 28 Mar 2010 on the *Independence of the Seas*.

The Western Caribbean cruise will feature a costume dance party, a Beatles guitar workshop and performances by Beatles tribute band BritBeat.

And for all those die-hard Beatles fans, there will be special appearances by Beatles friends such as Mary Pang, John Lennon's former girlfriend and Nancy Lee Andrews, Ringo Starr's former fiancée.

WOULD you like fries and a drink with that?

Coach loads of tourists visiting the Mauermuseum in Germany, dedicated to the Berlin Wall that used to divide the city, will soon be able to dine at a nearby McDonald's.

Set to open mid-2010 at Checkpoint Charlie, the popular Golden Arches restaurant has surprisingly been welcomed by Berliners.

"I think it's great," said Alexandra Hildebrandt, who runs the Mauermuseum.

"Checkpoint Charlie symbolises the United States, and so does McDonald's. They go well together," he added.

A Vary Australian venture



VENTURE Holidays recently hosted a group of agents in Phuket to help promote its Thailand product.

The group travelled on V Australia's inaugural flight from Melbourne to Phuket and got to experience the great range of beach resorts on the island.

The wholesaler offers a wide

range of itineraries in Phuket and other nearby destinations including Phi Phi and Krabi.

Pictured above back row from left is Damien Triffitt, Sonia Sukacz and Will Maley, Flight Centre; Ben Mead, Proud Australia, and front row are Cos Matteo, Venture Holidays and Alison Thomas, V Australia (VA).

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