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New Etihad lounges

ETIHAD Airways has opened a new Premium Lounge in Terminal 1 at Manchester Airport this week, and will open another new Dublin lounge at Terminal 2 on 21 Dec.

The facilities offer expansive apron/taxiway views at each airport, lounge seating, dining areas, an a la carte buffet, Apple Mac equipped Business Centres, a bar, Wi-Fi access and much more.

MEANWHILE, Etihad flew its first A340 featuring a brand new Business Class into Sydney on Thu, see pg six for exclusive TD pics.

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To celebrate the release of travel film - The Tourist starring Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie - Visa and Travel Daily are

giving readers the chance to win one of 50 double passes to Visa's travel industry Gold Class events.

We've got tickets for these exclusive screenings on Wednesday 19 January at Gold Class cinemas in Sydney (George St), Melbourne (Jam Factory) and Brisbane (Indooroopilly).

For your chance to win a double pass email thetourist@traveldaily.com.au with the answer to the below question. Don't forget to tell us what cinema location you want to attend!

Q: Who is the director of The Tourist ?

For full details on the exclusive screenings and full terms and conditions click here. We have a number of passes to give away each day and the first correct entries through will score a double pass to their nominated screening.

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Pinpoint launches loyalty

PINPOINT Travel Group has announced the debut of a new Rewards program for travel consultants, which unlike other schemes doesn't require any registration, points tracking or a product catalogue.

Dubbed Pinpoint\$, the program simply works automatically to incentivise agents who make any booking of Pinpoint product, under its various brands including Freestyle Holidays, Rosie Holidays, Singapore Airlines Holidays, Freestyle Collection or United Vacations.

Agents earn a \$50 VISA gift card for every \$5000 worth of bookings, with the scheme covering air as well as land content.

The flexible program sees rewards automatically delivered each month, and agency owners

FC social media

FLIGHT Centre has announced a major expansion of its social media strategy (TD 16 Jul) with the recruitment of full-time internet experts in Australia, the US, the UK, NZ and Canada.

Applicants for the 'social media specialist' roles are appropriately being asked to submit links to their blogs, Twitter feeds, LinkedIn profiles and other sites, as well as pitch for the job in a Tweet-sized 140 characters.

can choose whether the funds are directed to the agency or the individual consultant.

There's no enrolment process, and all rewards are calculated on net sales each month.

Pinpoint claims its program offers up to twice the value of other travel industry loyalty schemes, as well as being much simpler to be part of.

The new Pinpoint\$ joins existing programs which include the Qantas Holidays Trip program, the Travel Corporation's World Rewards, and the Passport to Rewards scheme used by a range of wholesalers.

For more information on Pinpoint\$ see page eleven.

Movember winners

WILLIAM Coulston from Traveforce has been chosen by the industry as the clear winner of last month's TD Movember competition, and will enjoy a 7 night Arcadia cruise from Sydney to Fremantle courtesy of P&O Cruises World Cruising.

Other winners of prizes from P&O World Cruising include 'The Team That Have Moustaches' from Travelocity, who take home some signed Richie Benaud cricket memorabilia.

The Travelpart team came in third place and have won a Kookaburra Cricket set, while other winners include fuzzy-faced staffers from Globetrotter, Air Tickets, Queensland Rail, Qantas, MTA Travel and TravelManagers all of whom will receive a special "Corona Party" hamper.

Today's Travel Daily

Travel Daily today has six pages of news plus full pages:

- AA Appointments jobs
- China Holidays
- Qantas Holidays USA
- Pinpoint Travel

Allure video online

TODAY Travel Daily TV is featuring our latest video, produced live this month from an on-location visit to the world's biggest cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's spectacular new Allure of the Seas.

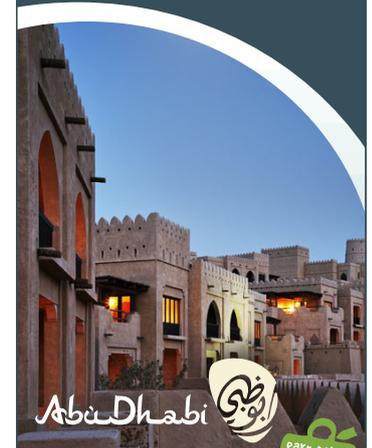
Barry Matheson was on board during the Allure inaugural and captured the new sights, sounds and experiences of this incredible vessel.

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5 Beaches and Islands

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oneworld to NYC

THE oneworld airline alliance has announced plans to relocate its headquarters from Vancouver to New York, where the central alliance team will be able to "keep its finger right on the pulse of the world's single biggest air travel market".

Current managing partner John McCulloch has advised the oneworld board that he's not in a position to relocate, and will step down after a decade with the organisation.

He will be succeeded by Bruce Ashby, who has today been named oneworld Chief Executive.

Ashby has spent the last five years running airlines in India in the Middle East, as chief executive of IndiGo and SAMA Airlines, and before that spent 16 years with a range of US airlines.

The new oneworld HQ will be located at 2 Park Avenue, Manhattan, and the premises will also house the team managing the new transatlantic joint business launched in Oct by British Airways, American Airlines and Iberia as well as the New York offices of AA, BA and several other oneworld member carriers.

Contiki Aussie tour focus

CONTIKI will target Australian travellers on its domestic product next year, according to the tour operator's managing director, Nicole Moy.

Moy told *TD* yesterday that Contiki's 2011 Aussie program, which has been limited to the inbound market since its inception has seen its "ups and downs."

While Australians purchasing Contiki trips for Australia has "never been a key part of our business, we want to see more Aussies on our trips," Moy said.

Contiki currently offers an extensive range of domestic tours and stopover packages to the 18 to 35's market, covering the Great Barrier Reef, East Coast, Northern Territory, Red Centre, the Top End and the Daintree.

The Contiki Australian product revamp, to launch mid-2011, will

offer a "refreshed look and feel", and it will be supported by a national marketing campaign.

MEANWHILE, Moy told *Travel Daily* Contiki has no immediate intentions to launch its own African touring program, but will instead follow the progress of Trafalgar Tours' (a sister company of The Travel Corporation) inaugural 2011 Africa program.

Strategic BNE-Bali

STRATEGIC Airlines has this afternoon said it will launch a new twice weekly non-stop route from Brisbane to Bali, effective 19 Mar, subject to regulatory approval.

The carrier will operate the route using a dual-class Airbus A330 aircraft on Sat & Weds, and comes as a response to strong demand, said Strategic's head of commercial, Damien Vasta.

Introductory airfares are priced from \$359 one-way or \$671 return, inclusive of taxes.

QF most satisfying

QANTAS has achieved the top ranking among domestic airlines for customer satisfaction for the 12 months to Oct 2010, moving ahead of Regional Express in the survey by Roy Morgan Research.

Qantas customers were the most satisfied, scoring an 82% satisfaction level, followed very closely by Virgin Blue and Rex (82% each), and QantasLink (80%).

Rex providing aid

REGIONAL Express (Rex) is assisting flood relief victims in regional New South Wales in the form of travel up to \$200,000.

"There regional communities have continually supported Rex through the difficulties of the past few years with the pilot shortage, GFC, rising fuel prices.. We are fully committed to giving back to the community in these times of dire need," said Rex Deputy chairman, John Sharp.



Window Seat

MALAYSIAN low-cost carrier AirAsia looks to be taking a leaf out of Richard Branson's publicity stunt book.

The airline yesterday hosted a unique in-flight traditional Indian wedding for one of its long-serving staffers.

The special flight departed Kuala Lumpur's low cost terminal at 5pm for a round trip complete with drums and of course lots of wedding presents, after the official rites were completed on the tarmac before take-off.

AirAsia chairman Dato' Aziz Bakar officiated during the flight, conveying good wishes to the couple via the aircraft's public address system.

THINGS clearly got a little out of hand on Wed night during the launch of the new Oman Tourism advertising campaign (*TD* yest).

The event, held at the trendy Souk in the City eatery in Sydney, included traditional Omani henna decorations, and Tim Harrowell from Emirates is pictured with this mystery woman who may have gone a little bit overboard with the tattoo!



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Gap's optimus prime w/end



GAP Adventures recently held its annual OzStock celebration on Melbourne's Mornington Peninsula, where staff got together for a weekend of conferencing.

OzStock also included a 'Heros and Villians' theme party on the Saturday night, with some of the characters including Wonder Woman, Dr Evil, Lady Ga Ga, Optimus Prime, Snow White, a Storm Trooper and a Ghostbuster.

Pictured above back row from left are: Melinda Baxter, Ashlea Crawford, Jolene Brown, Jason Wass, Natalie Whiston, Shailey Hewlett, Sarah Hladky, Dan Coleman, Sonia Rode, Julia Morgan, Tenille Hunt, Erin Shanks and Chris Catanzariti.

Front row: Matthew Drummond, Sandy Erskine, Jessica Rivington, Steve Ladgrove, Kathleen Doherty, Melissa Thurman and Pete Rawley.

QR move to LHR T4

QATAR Airways has switched its operations at London Heathrow Airport from Terminal 3 to Terminal 4, effective immediately.

A dedicated check-in counter in T4 for QR pax is located at Zone A, and the carrier says it plans to open its first lounge outside of Doha at Heathrow next year.

QR's Gold and Silver Privilege Club card holders will have access to the terminal's SkyTeam Lounge at T4 until its own lounge is opened in the second half of 2011.

Dream delivered

DISNEY Cruise Line has officially taken delivery of its new 14-deck, 128,000-tonne *Disney Dream* cruise ship in Germany overnight.

It will remain in Bremerhaven until its transatlantic sailing on 19 Dec, and maiden cruise on 26 Jan.

Dream is the third Disney branded vessel to take to the seas, and the latest since 1999.

The 1,250 cabin *Disney Dream* is around 40% larger than its existing sister ships, *Disney Magic* & *Disney Wonder*, and will operate three-, four-, and five-night voyages from Port Canaveral to the Bahamas.

World Cup a winner

THIS year's FIFA World Cup in South Africa drew an additional 309,000 tourists to the host nation and provided a R3.6 billion (AU\$530m) boost to the country's economy, according to a survey by the National Dept of Tourism and South African Tourism.

The breakdown of visitors showed that 38% came from Africa, 24% from Europe, 13% from Central and South America and 11% from North America.

There were 12,210 arrivals from Australia, with Aussies spending the longest amount of time in South Africa of any area surveyed.

The overall average length of stay was 10.3 nights.

59% of the visitors attending the World Cup were first time travellers to the country, and the overall spend per tourist was about R11,800 (AU\$1,740).

The survey results indicated tourists were extremely satisfied with the experience and would highly recommend South Africa as a destination to friends and family, and 89% of those polled said they would consider another trip to South Africa in the future.



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GTA/Shangri-La tie

GTA by Travelport has signed a new multi-year distribution deal with Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts for its 68 Shangri-La and Traders branded properties in Asia-Pacific, North America and Middle East.

The agreement will provide tour operators and travel agencies in 130 countries access to an inventory of over 30,000 rooms.

Glowworm upgrade

NEW Zealand's iconic Waitomo Glowworm Caves, owned and operated by *thi*, has opened a brand new multi-million dollar Visitor Centre, which is set to become a tourist attraction itself.

The facility has received a number of accolades for its design and includes an exhibition space, theatre, two level restaurant, a cafe and a gift shop.

Haiti travel advisory

THE US Govt and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade are advising against non-essential travel to Haiti in the wake of escalating crime, a cholera outbreak and some airport closures, including the capital.

"The level of violent crime in Port-au-Prince including murder and kidnapping, remains high, and Haitian authorities have limited capacity to deter or investigate such acts or prosecute perpetrators," the Department of State said this morning.

The US authority said in some cases this year, travellers leaving flights from the United States had been attacked and robbed after departing Port-au-Prince airport.

An earthquake on 12 Jan struck Haiti, killing thousands and damaging key infrastructure.

QH adds Bali Hai

QANTAS Holidays has added the Bali Hai Resort & Spa in Broome to its West Australia product offering.

The property features studio, deluxe studio, two-room villas and two-room villa deluxe rooms - see qantasholidays.com.au/agents.

Contiki adds China/Thai Is.

CONTIKI is "shaping up for its best year ever" according to general manager Nicole Moy who launched the tour operator's new Asia program yesterday, which features China and the Thai Islands as new options.

After three years of "incredible success" with its Asian itineraries, Moy told *TD* that China was added because of its unique and "fantastic operators" due to a space in the "18 to 35 year old market".

One itinerary is being offered in China for 2011, the 12-day China Adventure, "which captures the key aspects" of the country, and is priced from \$209/day, Moy said.

It visits Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Yangshou and Hong Kong.

The tour has a maximum group size of 25 and has been "built for flexibility" so passengers can have their own experiences while also having access to a guide.

Also new are two nine-day Thai island trips that take into account for the "seasonality" of the east and west coast of Thailand.

The East Coast tour visits Koh Samui, and Koh Pha Ngan, which is famous for its Full Moon parties,



with departures limited to Apr to Sep 2011.

Oct and Mar are the months to see the West Coast on Contiki's Island Hopper trip with travels to Phuket, Phi Phi and Krabi.

Moy told *TD* that the tours are "very competitive" in price with the East Coast itinerary priced from \$83 per day, and the West Coast from \$98 per day.

Pictured at the Art Gallery of NSW at the 'First Emperor: China's Entombed Warriors' exhibit, from left are: Deana Marrocco, Contiki's general manager marketing and Nicole Moy, managing director.

For more details on the China program see www.contiki.com.au.

Europcar

Marketing Partnerships Executive

Europcar Australia, one of Australia's innovative car rental companies, is seeking to appoint a self-driven and dynamic Marketing Partnerships Executive. This role will work closely with Europcar's Strategic Partners, Membership Groups, Loyalty Programs, International Partnerships and Sponsorships and will assist the National Marketing Manager in various tasks and projects within the Marketing Department.

Key tasks and responsibilities will include the following:

Direct Marketing

- Develop and prioritise a Direct Marketing program that will ensure the optimum number of customer groups are communicated to within budget constraints;
- Source offers for all Partner/Membership Groups eDM communications;
- Assist e-Commerce with implementation and management of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) model.

Partners

- Account manage Strategic Partners and other key partnerships and member groups;
- Devise promotional calendar for each partner;
- Implement tactical offers to partners;
- Review current projects / relationships to create efficient processes;
- React to operational changes and ensure that Partners are updated where necessary;
- Create proposals for new projects;
- Create advertisements for various channels;

Products

- Work with Product Manager to research new products;
- Assist with new product launches.

To be considered for this role you should possess:

- Tertiary qualifications in Marketing or a related discipline;
- A creative mind with proven success and experience in a similar role will be a strong advantage;
- Previous service/travel industry field/sales experience is desirable but not essential;
- Committed to providing excellent Customer Service both internally & to external clients;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Works well under pressure and uses initiative;
- Good conflict resolutions skills;

For more information about this position or to submit an application, please send your details to **Angela Spencer**, quoting reference number **HO 38/10** to angela.spencer@europcar.com.au.

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PCOs check out Africa



ABOVE: Travel Motives, Sun International and V Australia recently hosted this lucky group of PCOs on a famil to Africa.

The trip included stays at the Palace in Sun City, The Royal Livingston in Zambia and the Table Bay Hotel in Cape Town, along with game drives in Pilansberg and Choebe National Parks.

The PCOs also experienced a helicopter ride over Victoria Falls, a six-course dinner on the Royal Livingstone Express train, wine tasting the Franschloed and a visit to an orphanage in Zambia.

The group travelled in style with Virgin's V Australia, flying in Premium Economy to Africa, and

CCC NYE sailings

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises is following its tradition of New Year's Eve cruises on a number of ships including *Sydney 2000*, *John Cadman III* and *Captain Cook III*.

Departing from Circular Quay a range of packages are on offer, including a four-course meal and open bar; deluxe seafood buffet; or a Matilda Rocket Fireworks BYO picnic sailing - captaincook.com.au.

Accor tele deal

ACCOR has extended its agreement with Philips to supply TVs to all Accor hotels globally, effective Jan 2011.

returning in Business Class.

Pictured here in Chobe National Park, *from left* are: Rhonda Norman, Millbank; Suzanne Mooney, The Management Group; & Craig Parvess, Sun International.

Middle: Laura Richards, The Conference Business; Justine Jones, Errol Jones Productions; Les Alford, Incentive House; Meegan Adamson, Carlson Marketing; and Katie Pyne, Ci Events.

Front row: Felicity La Terra, V Australia; Donna Kessler, Tourism Portfolio; & Janette Hall, Veritas.

GA one touch Duty

GARUDA Indonesia will introduce GuestLogix's OnTouch technology to make buying onboard duty-free with credit cards easier and more efficient for passengers.

The move precedes GA's plan to add destination based products and services across its network.

Byron showcased

TOURISM Australia's *No Leave No Life* TV series will feature Byron Bay as a holiday destination for an unsuspecting office worker, coordinated by Tourism NSW in coming weeks.

The program will air at 6:30pm, Sat 18 Dec on Channel Seven.

More AOT brochures

SUNLOVER and Travelpoint Holidays has launched its 2011/2012 Gold Coast, Australian Romantic Escape, and Broome and The Kimberley brochures, which can now be ordered online through TIFS.

Govt airport pricing investigation

THE government yesterday confirmed that it had asked the Productivity Commission to investigate "airport pricing, investment and services" as part of a major public inquiry into the economic regulation of major Australian airports.

The probe was flagged last month by Regional Express (*TD 18 Nov*), with transport minister Anthony Albanese saying it had been brought forward from its originally scheduled date in 2012 "to shine a spotlight onto a range of changes at the nation's major airports including Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth".

A recent ACCC report raised concerns about "monopoly rents" being charged at some airports, including car parking prices.

The terms of reference for the Productivity Commission inquiry include aeronautical services, passenger facilities and the provision and quality of land transport facilities.

BW Korean addition

BEST Western International has opened its ninth hotel in South Korea, the luxurious Best Western Premier Guru Hotel in Seoul.

The newly constructed 200-room property is the third luxury BW branded hotel in South Korea.

Europcar

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Europcar Australia, one of Australia's innovative and dynamic car rental companies, is seeking to appoint a self-driven and proactive Product Manager. You will be responsible for delivering revenue growth via the development, launch and management of new and existing products and services.

In this role you will oversee the integration and management of International Projects into Australian and New Zealand markets, as well as development and execution of domestic strategies in line with Marketing and overall business objectives.

Key Accountabilities and Responsibilities will include:

- Review current product offering and develop and manage a segmented portfolio of products;
- Develop products for specific segments (B2B and B2C);
- Work with and support the Sales Team to develop a portfolio of B2B products;
- Create proposals for new projects, products and services;
- Create advertisements and communications for various channels;
- Liaise with Europcar International regarding International Products and Projects;
- Offer channel support to Sales and Operations;
- Work with e Commerce and the Marketing Manager on Product delivery/channel enhancements;

To be considered for this role you must possess the following;

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Must be able to work as part of a team;
- Ability to approach projects in a methodical manner;
- Works well under pressure and uses initiative;
- Good conflict resolutions skills;
- Ability to communicate with all levels of Management;
- Ability to work unsupervised;
- Ability to be flexible in an evolving work environment; and
- Ability to work creatively;

For more information about this position or to submit an application, please send your details to **Angela Spencer**, quoting reference number **HO 35/10** on angela.spencer@europcar.com.au quoting reference number 'HO35/10'.

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DTW appointments

DISCOVER the World Marketing has named Roger Condon as the firm's new Sales Manager - Cruise, and promoted Mary Thapa to Sales Manager - Air and Hospitality.

AAT Kings & Oprah

AAT Kings is the official mode of transportation for Oprah Winfrey and her audience over the next couple of days while they explore the Red Centre region.

"We are delighted to be contributing to such a huge coup for tourism in the Red Centre ... (and) Oprah's visit is such an amazing opportunity to expose the spectacular beauty of the Australia outback," said AAT Kings md Tammy Marshall.

WIN A FIJI HOLIDAY FOR TWO



Treasure Island Fiji and Air Pacific are giving **Travel Daily** readers the chance to win the perfect Christmas present.

One lucky reader will this month unwrap an envelope with two return 'Pacific Voyager' (economy) tickets flying **Air Pacific** from either BNE, SYD or MEL to Fiji and a voucher for five nights of relaxation at the beautiful **Treasure Island Resort**.

To be in the running, simply help to compose a Fijian version of the "Twelve Days of Christmas".

Every two days we will be asking you to complete (and email in) one of the 12 lines from the song.

Give us your best creative entry and make sure they encompass the treasures that Fiji has to offer.

Email your full entries by COB 31 December 2010 to fijicomp@traveldaily.com.au.

Click here for competition terms and conditions.

"On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me _____, _____ and _____ in a palm tree."



VS exit row option

VIRGIN Atlantic has introduced the ability for passengers to pay extra to sit in an exit row.

Travellers can pay per sector for an exit row, subject to availability, when they check in, with a minimum age of 16.

The price for an exit row is \$200 for all VS flights between Sydney and London, or \$80 between Sydney and Hong Kong.

Virgin Atlantic is also now offering its purple "extra legroom seats" on all flights (TD 12 Apr), with up to 3 inches (7.5cm) of additional space available by paying £30 at check-in at the airport on the date of departure.

LH A380s to JFK

GERMAN flag carrier Lufthansa has announced its fourth A380 destination to New York's JFK airport, effective 15 Feb.

The service will operate Mon and Fri from its Frankfurt hub.

Beyond credits

BEYOND Travel has introduced 'Discover More' credits that are offered to more than 20 escorted tours during 2011, when bookings are paid in full by 31 Mar.

Credits range from \$200 to \$800 per couple on tours throughout Russia, the Baltic's Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovenia and Croatia - call 1300 363 554.

Check out EY's fast leather!

EVER wondered what it's like to sit in a Ferrari race car?

Etihad Airways has taken flying to new heights, following the release of its latest Business and First Class product featuring Poltrona Frau leather, which is the same luxurious material used in the interior of a Ferrari car.

Etihad will progressively roll-out the stylish new Business Class offering across all of its fleet.

Travel Daily got an exclusive look at the new Business & First Class product yesterday when EY's first retrofitted A340 landed in Sydney, and below are some pictures depicting this classy product.

BUSINESS CLASS



LEFT: EY's Business Class cabin features new upholstery, wider armrests, a larger tray table, a privacy divider between the centre seats, leather head cushions, F1-themed pillows and blankets.

Seats are in a 1-2-1 staggered configuration with direct aisle access.

RIGHT: This is so comfortable, and spacious too!

EY's Corporate Sales Manager, Helen Watson, testing out the new lie-flat bed in Business Class, which all converts from the touch of a button on the remote control.



...AND FIRST CLASS



LEFT: Strap yourselves in for the 'flight of your life'. Edelman's Holly Stewart and EY's marketing executive, Nathan Roxburgh relax in EY's First Class private suite featuring a 6'8" fully flat bed made from Poltrona Frau leather.

RIGHT: And then... Nathan invites Edelman's Dawn Barnable for a seat in his private suite - ideal for guests flying with friends and wanting to share a meal together.



LEFT: First Class features a 23" television screen with enhanced in-flight entertainment, which can be moved closer to the passenger.

Other First Class features include a personal mini-bar, illuminated wardrobe with mirror, in-seat massager, Arabic-style sliding privacy doors and a stylish grey valise with Salvatore Ferragamo amenities.



Tina Turner rockin' Christmas

Travel Daily has been inundated with party pics for its popular Christmas photo competition, and today we bring you another selection of these photos (below).

Our good friends at Fraser Suites Sydney will choose the best photo at the end of the month to win an overnight's stay in a luxury Penthouse Apartment, sparkling wine & a fruit bowl upon arrival and complimentary car parking.

Bonus points will be awarded for party snaps that include a copy of the Travel Daily newsletter.



ABOVE: You're simply the best! FCm Travel recently attended CiEvents Chrissy Party at Rushcutters Bay. Ten groups were asked to perform for a judging panel and the Tina Turner Nut Bush Dancers & Singers pictured here came 2nd.

They are Amy Chaplin, Dani Free, Emma Curtin, Hayley Warner, Justine Abood, Lauren Tattersall, Polly Maitland, Stacey O'Connor, Olga Pieiga and Alina Sithideth.



ABOVE: Look at these Chrissy treasures! The TravelManagers team in Perth celebrated Christmas at the Matilda Bay Restaurant in Perth last Friday wearing flashing Santa and Christmas Tree headbands.

Pictured is Kathy Purves, Kerri Pilcher, Johnny Ngo and Daniela Tatonetti.

Keep those Chrissy photos coming in and you too could be in the running to win this sensational Fraser Suites Sydney accommodation prize, just like the senders of these latest photo entries.

Email your festive photos (including names of the people pictured) and where your party was held at to: ymasphotos@traveldaily.com.au

Cunard's lady capt.

CUNARD has appointed its first female Captain, Inger Klein Olsen, who took control of the *Queen Victoria* in Hamburg on 01 Dec, taking the ship into drydock for a refit.



Travel Specials

WELCOME to *Travel Specials*, *Travel Daily's* Friday feature. If your firm has released a travel special you'd like to make the industry aware of send the details to specials@traveldaily.com.au.

BreakFree Grand Pacific in Queensland's Sunshine Coast is offering a Christmas bonus, with a stay four pay three deal priced from \$149 per night. For availability, visit www.breakfree.com.au.

Jetstar is holding its Friday Frenzy sale from 4-8pm tonight with airfares as low as \$9 one way. The cheap deals are being offered on the Brisbane to Newcastle route and available for travel between 01 Feb and 23 Feb on Tue, Wed and Thu only. Other destinations also on special include Maroochydore-Sydney from \$49; Adelaide-Gold Coast, and Launceston-Sydney, from \$59 - see jetstar.com.

The Crown Beach Hotel on Rarotonga in the Cook Islands is offering a stay five nights and pay four or stay seven and pay five, on sale until 31 Dec and for travel 01 Jan to 30 Jun 2011. The package also includes airport transfers, daily brekkie, arrival cocktail & 2 for 1 offers. For details see www.crownbeach.com.

Coral Seas to Solomon Islands

CORAL Seas has launched deals to the Solomon Islands as part of its new South Pacific product line up, with the new Uepi Island deal priced from \$2099pp.

The seven-night package includes accom at the 3 star Uepi Island Resort, return economy Solomon Airlines airfares from Honiara to Seghe, brekkie, lunch and dinner, and transfers - see www.coralseas.com.au.

JTG World Reward

WORLD Rewards is allowing Jetset Travelworld members to use their points to support a good cause and receive some art from speed painter Brad Blaze.

The three paintings are of Bono, Elvis and Marilyn Monroe and JTG agents can go online to participate in the exclusive auction, using points to bid for the paintings.

Bidding will close on 13 Dec and all points raised will purchase Xmas gifts that will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities - worldrewards.com.au.

NTSB buckles up

US-BASED travel safety monitor, The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is urging passengers to voluntarily buckle their infants into child safety seats while onboard a plane.

The move comes after decades spent trying to get the gov't to make it a standard procedure.

Pullman Paris

ACCOR's upscale hotel brand Pullman will open the Pullman Paris Montparnasse, one of Europe's largest conference hotels, effective 07 Jan 2011.

Previously the Meridien Montparnasse, the hotel has 953 guest rooms and can host up to 2000 people for meetings and conventions.

Sydney incentive

QANTAS Holidays is offering a three day 'Ultimate Sydney Familiarisation' in Sydney during Mar 2011, with the wholesaler allowing eight lucky agents to win the chance for a spot on the educational.

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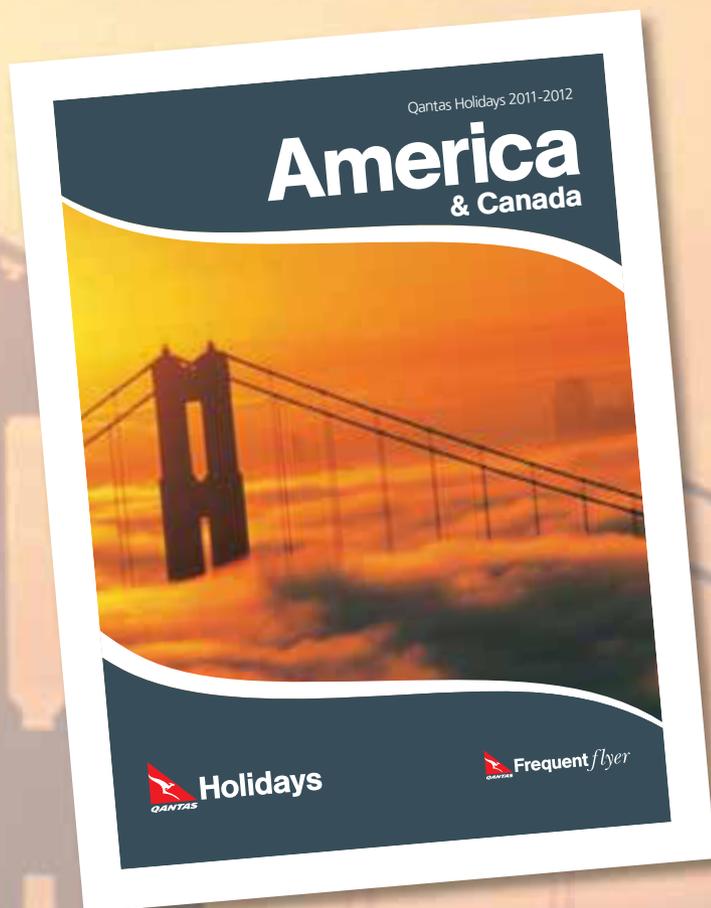


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