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Stella/JTG "herding cats" - Skroo

FLIGHT Centre ceo Graham Turner says he's not concerned about the proposed merger between Stella Travel and the Jetset Travelworld Group, according to Sat's *Australian*.

"It will make herding cats look easy," he is quoted as saying.

Speaking during the Flight Centre Global Gathering in Las Vegas Turner also confirmed that FC is on the acquisition trail, but any purchases are likely to be priced at less than \$10m.

\$46m in tourism funding

THE Federal govt has announced \$46m in additional tourism funding over four years as part of its election policy commitments.

Tourism minister Martin Ferguson said the money was evidence of the govt's commitment to the "long term growth and sustainability of tourism in Australia".

The funding includes a \$40m injection into the TQUAL Grants program, as well as \$6m for the National Long Term Tourism Strategy, with TQUAL grants allocated through an "independent, competitive merit-based process in \$10 million annual allotments".

Grants of up to \$1m will be available for large scale projects to support Indigenous economic development and tourism employment, while smaller projects valued at up to \$100,000 will be funded to support collaborative community tourism industry development projects, "particularly those which stimulate private sector investment."

TQUAL will also fund matching funding grants for destination planning and management, including for the National

Landscapes program.

"The increased funding for the National Long Term Tourism Strategy will help deliver supply side measures that strengthen the resilience and sustainability of the industry, giving the Strategy the resources it needs to effect real change," Ferguson added.

The National Tourism Alliance welcomed the funding boost, with ceo Jenny Lambert saying the organisation was "delighted that the government had responded to its concerns".

NZ discount card

AIR New Zealand is hoping to lock in the loyalty of frequent NZ regional flyers with the launch of a new 'Starfish card' offering automatic discounts of up to 30% on all fare types for flights operating at 21 New Zealand regional ports (*TD* breaking news).

The annual card costs NZ\$200 for a 15% discount or NZ\$800 for 30% off all flights taken to or from the regional destinations and booked online, but not on the main trunk routes between AKL, WLG, DUD, CHC and ZQN.

Masterchef in TD

TODAY'S *Travel Daily* includes an exclusive celebrity interview with one of the hosts of last night's top-rating Masterchef finale, Gary Mehigan.

There's also an opportunity to win a Masterchef cookbook personally autographed by Gary - details on page seven.

Today's Travel Daily

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- AA Appointments

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7 A Natural Wonderland

The world's largest lagoon is now on the World Heritage List.

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Italy inbound strong

AOT Inbound says it's seeing "promising growth from Italy so far this year," with a number of Australian tours already sold out during Aug.

MD Cinzia Burnes said the strong performance was also reflected in wins by a number of its clients in the recent Tourism Australia OZcars awards in Milan.

Kuoni Italy won the best brochure award, while Hotelplan Italy won for Best Travel Agency.

New Tiger route

TIGER Airways Singapore has announced a new daily A320 service between Singapore and Taipei, planned for debut from 11 Jan 2011.

The carrier is also expanding frequencies to China and Hong Kong from Oct, with a second daily Singapore-Guangzhou flight and a third daily Singapore-Hong Kong service.

Viva! expands with Air NZ

QANTAS Holidays has added Air New Zealand to its airline range, with holiday packages flying with NZ now available through its Viva! Holidays brand.

The move is effective immediately, with Viva! product now available to New Zealand, the Cook Islands and North America in conjunction with Air New Zealand flights.

NZ is the 19th carrier to be offered by Viva!, with packages including wholesale return and open jaw airfares in economy, premium economy and business.

Viva! is paying 3% commission on Air New Zealand fares to New Zealand, as well as 9% on the air component for Cook Islands flights and 8% to North America.

Revenue for Air NZ bookings counts towards the Qantas Holidays/Viva! Global achievers program, and launch packages include a five night USA deal leading in at \$2852pp ex MEL

Another Bali airline

INDONESIAN carrier Batavia Air today announced its first Australian route, with daily A319 flights between Bali and Perth.

No commencement date was specified, with the airline saying it will position itself as a "value-added airline targeting family travel and young adults".

Fares will be released to the market soon and "discussion is currently under way with the travel industry in Western Australia," a statement said.

Batavia said it also plans A330-200 flights between Indonesia and both Sydney and Melbourne, after recent bilateral talks expanded capacity by 4000 seats.

staying at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel with transfers and a five day Disneyland ticket.

Air NZ joins existing Viva! partner airlines which include Air Calin, Air Canada, Air Tahiti Nui, Air Vanuatu, Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Etihad, Gaurda, Hawaiian, Malaysia Airlines, Pacific Blue, Philippine Airlines, Polynesian Blue, Royal Brunei, Singapore Airlines, THAI, V Australia, Virgin Atlantic and DJ.

DFAT Turkey advice

THE Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has updated its travel advice for Turkey, with the addition of details of a "recent warning of possible terrorist attacks in urban areas, including tourist areas".

The update follows US govt advice that a terrorist group had recently threatened violent activity in urban areas in Turkey "and there is credible information that terrorists intend to target tourist areas".

The DFAT advice for Turkey overall remains at the mid-range 'High degree of caution' level.

Virgin brand review

VIRGIN Blue is soliciting bids from advertising agencies for its \$50m account which will include a review of the carrier's current four brand strategy.

The winner will be selected by late Aug, according to DJ head of public affairs Danielle Keighery, who said that although there's a desire to consolidate the brands "we could end up in the same place after the review is completed".



Window Seat

THIS traveller was probably a little bit itchy.

A man has been stopped at an airport in Mexico after he was discovered carrying 18 small monkeys under his shirt.

38-year-old Robert Cabrera arrived in Mexico City on a flight from Lima, Peru, with the tiny baby titi monkeys apparently secreted in special pouches attached to a girdle he was wearing.

The smuggler confessed that he had been carrying the creatures in a suitcase, but decided to put them in the girdle instead "so the X-rays wouldn't hurt them".

TOURISTS planning trips to Germany later this year are likely to be spitting chips, after an official warning about significant French fries shrinkage.

The German Farmers' Association says a summer heatwave over the last two months has caused the potato harvest to be smaller than usual, with fries likely to be 4.5cm long on average - about 1cm less than usual.

"The French fries industry and consumers will have to brace themselves for shorter fries," said a spokeswoman.

DFAT hasn't updated its travel advice for Germany to reflect the potato alert at this stage.

GOOGLE Maps may have helped religious authorities in Indonesia who have issued an advice on the correct destination for Muslims to use when praying.

The Indonesian Ulema Council said a Mar directive which ordered prayers to be aimed westward was incorrect.

"It has been decided that actually the mosques are facing Somalia or Kenya, so we are now suggesting people shift the direction slightly to the north-west," said the Council's head Cholil Ridwan.

"There's no need to knock down mosques, just shift your direction slightly during prayer".

Ridwan also reassured devotees that their misdirected prayers will still have been heard by Allah.

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escorted through dedicated
premium lanes before being taken to
the plane on a private bus.

Qantas to offload Air Pacific stake

QANTAS is looking to sell off its
46.3% stake in financially troubled
Air Pacific, according to reports
today from the *Fiji Times*.

The paper said it had spoken
with Fiji's Head of Tourism, Aiyaz
Sayed-Khaiyum who said it was
awaiting formal notification of
Qantas' intention to sell its stake.

"I believe this is in the best
interest of the country and
especially our national airline
because you can't have a
company holding a large portion
of our national carrier and at the
same time competing with us by
operating their brand, Jetstar in
and out of the country," he said.

Speculation Qantas may pull its
shares in Air Pacific has been
brewing since Aug last year, at
which time QF ceo Alan Joyce was
understood to have met with self-
appointed Fiji prime minister
Frank Bainimarama to discuss (*TD*
01 Sep) off-loading its shares.

AFL tipping winner

CONGRATS to Glenn Bainbridge
from Qantas who was the Round
17 winner in *Travel Daily's* travel
industry AFL Footy Tipping comp,
winning two bottles of wine,
courtesy of Compass Car Rental.

With just five rounds remaining,
John Harrison of Air New Zealand
is four points clear of his nearest
rival to win the Emirates/Jumeirah
Hotels & Resorts major prize.

Hong Kong Expo-sed



THE Hong Kong Tourism Board's
annual contracting event
attracted Australian and New
Zealand wholesalers recently,
giving them an opportunity to
explore Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Flying on Cathay Pacific the
group discovered Hong Kong with
a game called the 'Amazing
Race', where they ran around a
number of the city's sights.

Also included was a day at Hong
Kong Disneyland, lots of food and
wine and a trip to the Shanghai
World Expo.

Pictured above at the Hong
Kong and China pavilions at World
Expo Shanghai back row from left
are: Robert Mackay, Venture
Holidays; Alan Alcock, Wendy Wu
Tours; Andrew Clark, HKT; Simon
Hughes, China Holidays; Natalie
Gosselin, Flight Centre; Carolina
Oriani, Adventure World; Holly
Biggs, HKT; Rebecca Ryan,
Events Worldwide; Sam Chen,

Helen Wong's Tours; Derek Morris,
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Front row: Robert Wang,
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China Travel Service NZ;
Charmaine Wong, Ananda Travel
Service; Nicole Xiang, China Travel
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MSC signs 12th

MSC Cruises has announced it
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The vessel is expected to be
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KAK shows off Sth America



ABOVE: A Scenic Tours group were escorted around South America by TV personality Kerri-Anne Kennerley and her husband John late last year.

The group spent 23 days soaking up the atmosphere in locations such as Peru, Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina.

Highlights of the tour included New Year's Eve in the Sacred Valley and the following day at the amazing Machu Picchu, a cruise on Lake Titicaca, a cable car ride to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain, Iguazu Falls and a tour of Buenos Aires.

Pictured above in the foyer of the Sofitel Buenos Aires, before dancing the night away at the

groups last dinner and tango spectacular, are Kerri-Anne and her husband John (front middle) with their fellow travellers.

Nepal cash note ban

TRAVELLERS heading to Nepal are being advised by the Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade that the Nepalese government has banned the import, export and use of 500 and 1000 Indian rupee notes.

Smarttraveller says officials in Nepal have the right to confiscate the notes from tourists and fines may apply for using them.

AY spa/lounge offer

FINNAIR yesterday launched a special voucher offer which allows Australian passengers flying with the carrier in economy class to access the luxury *Via Lounge* and *Via Spa* at Helsinki International Airport.

Normally only available to premium passengers, Finnair is offering entry vouchers to Australian economy pax transiting Helsinki by 31 Dec, valid for fares booked and ticketed between 01 Aug and 30 Sep this year.

Garuda appointment

GARUDA Indonesia has appointed Helen Blake as the carrier's sales manager NSW/ACT.

Blake's most recent role was with HWT and before that she was Finnair regional country manager.

WA earlybird ending

SCENIC Tours is reminding agents that its Western Australia earlybird offers expire on 31 Jul.

At the moment Scenic's 15-day Western Australia tour is priced at \$4,845 per person twin share, a saving of \$300 per couple.

Choice plots growth

CHOICE Hotels Australasia today said it is planning to expand its portfolio of Clarion branded properties in Queensland and the Northern Territory in the future.

Choice earmarked new locations for its deluxe brand of hotels for Cairns and Darwin.

Future Convention Cities Initiative

BUSINESS Events Sydney is part of a group that's launched a new program aimed at developing business event-hosting in major cities around the world.

BES has joined with Visit London and Seoul Tourism Organisation as founding members of the Future Convention Cities Initiative, which will see each member collaborate on research projects, share expertise and address "critical industry issues" together.

The goal of FCCI is to lure leading edge business events and meetings to each city.

CEO of Business Events Sydney, Jon Hutchison said: "Our research already shows that business events can have a far bigger and longer term impact for the economy than just the direct revenues of the event itself."

"The Future Convention Cities Initiative enables us to take our thinking to the next level," Hutchison said.

The group says it will be scoping out potential members at industry events including the DMAI and ASAE conventions.

Deserving Tahiti

TAHITI Tourisme is promoting a seven night Moorea package priced from \$3745pp in conjunction with Elegant Resorts and Villas.

The deal includes five nights at the Sofitel Moorea la Ora Beach Resort, breakfasts, return economy Air Tahiti Nui airfares, and pre and post accom at Sofitel Maeva Beach Resort.

The offer is valid until 16 Dec - see youdeservetahiti.com.au.

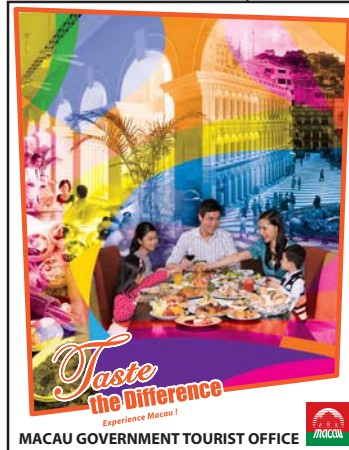
ATEC visa warning

THE Australian Tourism Export Council has warned both political parties about the economic consequences of restricting future international student visa numbers, which has been flagged as part of pre-election rhetoric about immigration.

ATEC md Matt Hingerty said a report released earlier this year by the Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre showed that any cuts would have a significant flow-on effect on the inbound tourism industry.

JAL axe 16,000 jobs

JAPAN Airlines will shed 16,000 positions and offload subsidiaries over the next five years in a bid to reduce costs by US\$5 billion, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* reports.



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InterCon Fiji GM

INTERCONTINENTAL Fiji Golf Resort & Spa has named Scott Williams as its general manager.

Williams has held previous roles with IHG in Australia and China.

Williams is taking over from Neil Houghton who has relocated to China to take up the post of GM at Crowne Plaza Hotel and Suites Landmark Shenzhen.

Minder signs HoT

NEW Zealand 'bricks & mortar' travel agency House of Travel has started selling hotels in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the United Kingdom through online hotel distributor, SiteMinder.

The next phase of the deal will see House of Travel list SiteMinder's hotel customers on the agencies consumer website later this year.

WIN A 5-NIGHT STAY IN PHUKET



Travel Daily has teamed up with **Anantara Phuket** and over the next two weeks is giving one lucky reader a chance to win a 5-night stay in one of their luxurious pool villas. The prize includes daily breakfast for two and return airport transfers via Mercedes E220.

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Voyager looks west

MELBOURNE-based corporate travel specialist Voyager Travel Corporation has purchased Perth TMC Lets Go Australia to help drive its growth in the Western Australian market.

Voyager ceo Richard Savva said the deal "helps cement Voyager Travel Corporation as one of the top corporate agencies in Western Australia and the resources sector overall".

Lets Go Australia has a significant focus on the Japanese speaking market, with Savva saying the purchase would also enable Voyager to provide specialised Japan travel services, such as fluent Japanese speaking consultants and direct booking and ticketing capabilities for the Japan Rail Network.

"Through this acquisition, staff at Voyager Travel will be able to leverage this expertise at all our offices to ensure clients receive consistently outstanding service that delivers the best value in travel," Savva said.

The deal will also give Lets Go Australia's existing corporate clientele access to Voyager's technology including its Serko online booking engine and its Zuno business intelligence and reporting tool, which are both locally supported in house.

Hound mini saving

GREYHOUND Australia has cut the price of its Mini Traveller Passes by up to 15% for bookings through until Mar 2012, and increased the validity of the passes from 45 to 90 days.

The special also includes up to three free nights accommodation at selected Nomads hostels.

See www.greyhound.com.au.

Best Western firsts

BEST Western International has opened its first hotels in Ghana and Nigeria - the Best Western Premier Accra Airport in Ghana and the Best Western Island in Lagos, Nigeria.

Stress free at Goldman



ABOVE: Goldman Travel Corporation had a stress free day last week to celebrate Lifeline's Stress Down Day.

Pictured above chilling out and feeling silly *from left* are: Denton Templeton, Milton Massel, Chris Cheyne and David Goldman, with Ian Pryer (in front).

\$500,000 in tips

130 WORKERS at the Turtle Bay Resort in Hawaii have scored more than US\$500,000 in a tipping court case in which they claim the property violated state law which requires 100% of service charges for food or beverage service to be passed onto employees.

The staff sued the resort in Jan 2009, saying the tips had been illegally split between workers and the company without customers knowing.

Industry wants BP oil compensation

THE US Travel Association says that the Gulf Coast oil spill is likely to reduce tourism spending in the region by up to US\$23 billion over the next three years.

"(BP's) oil spill will have long term effects on businesses and jobs in the Gulf Coast region," said Association ceo Roger Dow, with the organisation demanding that the oil company pay US\$500m to help the industry.

Paradise expands

THE Whitsundays' Paradise Bay Eco Escape is adding a new bungalow and honeymoon suite as part of a refurbishment program.

The project, which also includes renovation work to all bathrooms, is expected to be completed by Sep and will see its capacity increased to twenty guests.

Compass USA hire

COMPASS Car Rental is reminding agents that its USA car hire promo expires on 31 Jul.

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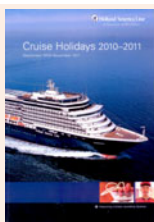


Brochures of the Week

WELCOME to *Brochures of the Week*, *Travel Daily's* Mon feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure you'd like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including a PDF of the front cover, and contact details to brochures@traveldaily.com.au.

Holland America Line 2010-11

This new brochure features cruises to Alaska, Asia, Australia, NZ, the South Pacific, the Caribbean, Europe and South America. Also featured are cruises on the *ms Nieuw Amsterdam* and designed with Australians in mind. All prices are quoted in local currency and copies of the brochures are being distributed by the Australian representatives, Travel the World. For more info - traveltheworld.com.au.



P&O Cruises South Pacific, Australia, Asia 10/12

This 85 page brochure offers cruises from Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle and Fremantle as well as short break offers and cabin and deck plans and airfare and hotel packages. Ships leaving from these destinations include the *Pacific Jewel*, *Pacific Dawn*, *Pacific Sun* and *Pacific Pearl*. For more info about ships, itineraries and prices visit - pocruises.com.au.



Wildlife Safari - Indian Ocean

This brochure features a selection of holidays, honeymoons and private journeys to the Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Reunion, Sri Lanka and Madagascar. For more info on the product call 1800 998 558 or visit - wildlifesafari.com.au.

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Back-Roads Touring - Europe Winter Tours

Back-Roads has just released five different small group itineraries for winter 2010/11 in Europe. Trips include the 7-day Alpine Lakes and Mountains tour to Northern Italy and Switzerland; 9-day Winter Imperial Cities to Prague, Vienna and Budapest; 4-day Treasures of England to visit Oxford, Stratford, Bath and Windsor; and 4-day Celtic Charms a trip to Edinburgh - backroadstouring.com.au.



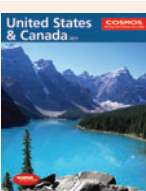
ANZCRO - The New Zealand Book 2010

This brochure is filled with self drive vehicle itineraries plus coach, train, shuttle and ferry options. Also included is accommodation and sightseeing attractions and in the middle of the book is a tear out itinerary planner and map. The book is available through TIFS, or for more information on the ANZCRO product call 1300 366 966.



Cosmos - United States and Canada 2011

This new brochure offers two additional tours including the 12 day Rocky Mountaineer and Canadian Rail and 22 day Hollywood the American South. Offering 35 itineraries across North America, Cosmos is offering a fly tour package and discount offer on its 18 day adventure combining Canada's Rocky Mountaineer railway and an Alaskan cruise, priced from \$6398ppts. For more details - globusfamily.com.au.



Scenic Tours - Russia River Cruising 2011

This new brochure is offering a Partner Fly Free on all cabin categories for bookings made by 30 Sep. All departures are onboard the *Tikhi Don*, and Russia River Cruises can be combined with tour if Scandinavia or the Baltic States. For the Earlybird offer where Partner Fly Free on the 15 day Imperial Jewels of Russia River Cruise the first person is from \$10,140 and second person from \$7495.



Dubai Gucci ends

ELISABETTA Gucci has been prevented from using her name on a brand new 87 suite property that was due to open in Dubai later this year (TD 28 Jun).

The owner of the Gucci brand won an injunction against the development, saying the use of Elisabetta's name "has caused customer confusion and has been harmful to Gucci's business."

Elisabetta had planned to showcase her own designed furniture, built by Formitalia Srl, Zillier, in the hotel, but now must "immediately cease any use of the mark at issue as well as of the domain name 'Elisabetta Gucci' for any business advertising purpose," Gucci said.

Austrian & Air Malta

AUSTRIAN Airlines and Air Malta say they will be able to offer pax better connections, thanks to a codeshare deal covering six weekly flights between Vienna and Malta, set to begin on 01 Aug.

Orion fly free offer

BROOME & The Kimberley Hols and Orion Expedition Cruises are offering free flights from any Aussie capital city to join select sailings from Broome or Darwin.

The 10-night cruise is priced from \$8,190ppts based on a Cat B cabin, when booked by 09 Aug on departures ex Broome on 27 Aug & 16 Sep and ex Darwin on 06 Sep - phone 1300 245 565 for info.

QF pilots agitate against Jetstar

THE union representing Qantas pilots has begun strenuous lobbying against a plan by Jetstar which would allow foreign pilots to fly in Australia.

The move follows a program launched recently by JQ which will allow its pilots to transfer to other businesses within the group.

Aussie pilots were invited to apply to work in Singapore as part of the new A330 long-haul base, with pilots from other Jetstar businesses in New Zealand or Singapore also able to apply for jobs in Australia - but be employed by a new Jetstar company rather than Jetstar Australia.

The Australian and International Pilots Association says the proposed new company is a direct attack on Australian working conditions and standards which will allow the carrier to bring in foreign pilots on lower conditions.

A Jetstar spokesman said the carrier believes it is just providing opportunities, "allowing our business and our people to grow" as the carrier's network expands.



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PR Coordinator – Salary \$62,094 - NTTC2/AO5

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic PR coordinator to join Tourism NT's Global PR & Media division.

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Activities will include managing global media programs, content creation and development, event and sponsorship management, consumer and trade media management, social media advocacy initiatives and more.

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Position number: 14054

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To obtain a Position Description visit tourismnt.com.au or contact Tourism NT on (08) 8999 9814.

Salary ranges are indicative and final offers will be commensurate with skills and experience. Interested applicants should also note that Tourism NT is currently in the process of transferring to NT Public Sector employment conditions and as such final offers will likely be made under the Administrative Officer levels indicated above, and under the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*.

Hilo Hawaiian sold

THE Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on the Big Island of Hawaii has been sold for US\$17.3 million to a group of local investors.

The property will continue to be managed by Castle Resorts & Hotels under a multi-year contract.

EK A380 delays?

THERE'S mounting speculation on aviation forums that Emirates may be considering suspending the delivery of some of its Airbus A380 orders for 2011, which could lead to a delay in the start up of its superjumbo operations on routes such as Dubai-Melbourne.

SQ business to LA

SINGAPORE Airlines is boosting frequencies on its all-Business class A340-500 service between Singapore-Los Angeles from five weekly to daily, effective 03 Oct.

TRAVEL DAILY EXCLUSIVE

Celebrity Interview with Gary Mehigan



Travel Daily recently caught up with Gary Mehigan, host of the amazingly successful *MasterChef* which show on Channel 10, which had its last record-breaking episode last night. Gary is based in Melbourne, and has worked in a number of top restaurants before founding his award-winning Fenix and Maribyrnong Boathouse eateries. As one of Australia's top restaurateurs, Gary loves food and often travels to experience new culinary destinations.

What is your favourite holiday spot?

My two favourite spots are in Australia. I love holidaying in Noosa Heads - there are great restaurants and great coffee. And Western Australia's Margaret River region is a world away from home - amazing wine and food, and Yallingup beach is just beautiful.

What is one of the most exotic destinations you have travelled to?

I would have to say Thailand or Bali. The food in Thailand is amazing whether you visit Bangkok, Phuket or Chiang Mai. And Bali is great, especially if you get away from the main tourist areas.

What is one thing you cannot leave home without?

My iPod. And I really wish I could travel with my own pillow.

Do you have a travel tip for our readers?

When you check into a hotel, see if it offers a pillow menu and order your favourite pillow type first. I always also like to do my food research before I depart - I love looking at people's travel blogs because it gives

me a real insight into their experiences of where to eat.

Who is someone you wish you could sit next to on a plane?

I'd love to sit next to sexy Claudia Karvan - and for a political discussion I think it would have to be US president Barack Obama.

What is one food you would like to see added to an airline menu?

I think some airlines try too hard, particularly in business class - and they fail dismally. The simpler the better - I love it when I get something predictable, fresh and wholesome. A little salad is great - or even a steak sandwich - fabulous.

Where do you plan on travelling to next?

Later this year I'm heading to France for a holiday experiencing the cuisine in the Pyrenees.

Who did you think would win Masterchef 2010?

Any of the top six would have made a great Masterchef. Adam really deserved the win - I'm looking forward to seeing his career develop.

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During July, *Travel Daily* subscribers can enter to win a fabulous Vanuatu holiday package for two, courtesy of Air Vanuatu, Mangoes Resort, The Havannah and White Grass Ocean Resort.

The prize includes Air Vanuatu return economy flights for two from Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne to Port Vila and Tanna; two nights accommodation at Mangoes Resort, Port Vila; two nights at The Havannah on the island of Efate; two nights at White Grass Ocean Resort Vanuatu on the island of Tanna; daily breakfast and airport transfers.

Each day *Travel Daily* will ask a Vanuatu-related question - just read the issue and email us your answer.

At the end of the month the subscriber with the most correct entries and the most creative response to the final question will win this fantastic Vanuatu holiday.



Q.18: Name 2 types of fish you could land in Vanuatu?

Hint! Visit www.vanuatu.travel

Email your daily answer to: vanuatucomp@traveldaily.com.au

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AI US flight shuffle

AIR India will introduce a new non-stop link between Delhi and Chicago using a B777-200LR during the 2010/11 Northern Winter season, according to agent GDSs.

The move will see AI suspend its current operation to Chicago that flies from Mumbai, via Frankfurt.

At this stage there is no indication of the start up date of the proposed services between Delhi and Melbourne (TD 22 Jun).

IHG's Topquest

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group has launched a platform for members of its loyalty program, Priority Club, that gives points to guests who "virtually check-in" at any of its properties globally.

Dubbed 'Topquest', the program will reward up to 50 Priority Club points to people who check-in using location-based-services apps, such as Twitter or Google Latitude - see www.topquest.com.

Win a Masterchef Cookbook



Today we have a special copy of the Masterchef Series 1 Cookbook to give away - autographed by Gary Mehigan himself for a lucky reader.

For your chance to win, be the first to email the correct answer to the below question to -

masterchef@traveldaily.com.au.

Who won last night's Masterchef final?



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