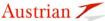
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Celebrity interview

TODAY we feature another one of our popular Celebrity Interviews - this time with media personality Sonia Kruger, who was the host of last weekend's Travelscene American Express conference in Buenos Aires.

See the interview on page six.

China Xmas bonus

CHINA Holidays is today promoting its 2010/11 earlybirds (TD Wed), paying 12% commission and a bonus \$50 Myer gift card with each booking - see page eight for details.

Award-winning service is just the beginning.



FIND CRUISES

Govt backs DJ/EY tie-up

THE Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) has stepped in to formally support the proposed alliance between Etihad and Virgin Blue.

In a submission to the ACCC, DIT gm for Aviation and Industry Policy, Stephen Borthwick, says the pact is consistent with the govt's policy of an "open and competitive international aviation market that serves the national interest by benefiting tourism, trade and consumers"

Let's talk collapse

THE Travel Compensation Fund has advised of the non voluntary termination of Let's Talk Travel & Cruise in QLD (ABN: 76 955 942 694), after claims were received.

CEO Glen Wells told TD this morning that the TCF has already received more than twenty claims against the agent, with that number "likely to double.

"It's quite a substantial claim, we're already looking at around \$150,000," he said.

Let's Talk Travel & Cruise, a member of Travellers Choice for less than 12 months and before then with HWT, has two stores a head office in Dalby as well as a branch in Booval, QLD which was opened in Apr this year.

Travel Special of the Week



Orion extends eligibility for 2 short duration Australia adventures - 7 nights from \$2599* - industry members can bring friends and family in a separate cabin for the same industry rate as members.

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He noted that the entry of V Australia onto the Abu Dhabi route would help support a "sustainable Australian aviation industry" as well as giving V Australia the ability to compete across a range of other markets.

The entry of V Australia to the "globally significant Middle East market" is viewed by the department as a very positive development for the Australian aviation industry, he said.

And similarly the creation of a second Australian-based competitor in the UK/Europe market is also viewed positively, Borthwick said, with the dept noting that it is "unlikely that V Australia could commence viable European services without an alliance partner."

Hertz Aussie buy

CAR rental giant Hertz this morning announced the purchase of Melbourne-based car sharing company Flexicar.

Hertz operates a system in the US called Connect by Hertz, and Flexicar will be integrated into this operation when the deal settles in early Dec.

Flexicar was founded in 2005 and operates about 90 vehicles in Melbourne and Sydney, with 2500 members who share the cars.

The company's founder Monique Conheady will become Hertz Director of Australian Car Sharing Operations, and Flexicar members will also be able to use existing Connect by Hertz services in Berlin, London, Madrid, New York and Paris.

Hertz said it plans to expand the operation across Australia, and the vehicles will also benefit from Connect by Hertz technology which gives members a smart chip enabled card for keyless entry into the fleet, as well as allowing Hertz to locate, unlock and engage the vehicles.

Allure delivered

ROYAL Caribbean International has taken delivery of its newest and much hyped Allure of the Seas vessel in Finland overnight.

Allure will depart Turku for her homeport of Port Everglades today, where she will join sistership Oasis of the Seas on 11 Nov.

Six pages of news

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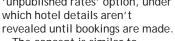


Expedia opaque

EXPEDIA has launched a new 'unpublished rates' option, under which hotel details aren't

The concept is similar to existing offerings from Wotif.com, Lastminute and Needitnow, with details of hotel amenities and star rating, but not the name.

The "opaque" model, claimed to improve yield by protecting retail rates, is used by Expedia's sister Hotwire brand, with more than 25,000 hotels already participating in the program in the US, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Hong Kong, NZ and Australia.



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set for Asian focus

QANTAS is "exceptionally wellplaced" to capitalise on economic growth in Asia, according to ceo

Speaking at the QF agm this morning, Joyce said that Asia represents an "unmistakeable opportunity" for the carrier, with IATA predictions that the Asia-Pacific will grow to almost a third of total global traffic by 2013.

He cited the recently expanded relationship between QF and China Eastern Airways, as well as the Jetstar-branded Asian networks.

Joyce said that while the frequent flyer business had sustained the carrier through the GFC, "as the recovery took hold...the competitive advantage of our strong QantasLink business and domestic Qantas operations came into play.

"We are now making real progress towards our ambition of having the world's best premium airline in Qantas, and the world's best low fares airline in Jetstar".

Joyce said QF had shown that it can "combine the power of the Jetstar brand with the naming and ownership requirements of

different jurisdictions and do good business...this is an important platform for future organic growth in the region".

And the mainline Qantas brand is "working to redefine the premium experience for our customers" including "aligning our domestic and international business product, so that our business customers enjoy a consistent offering at home and abroad," Joyce said.

Gap sales double

AUSTRALIA is set to surpass Canada and become Gap Adventures' second biggest global market, after sales of the tour operator's products more than doubled here in the last year, the company's founder and ceo Bruce Poon Tip told TD this morning.

Poon Tip spoke yesterday at the Ecotourism Australia conference on the Sunshine Coast, and has also attracted controversy for comments made in an interview with the Crikey online blog which was published under the title 'Where the bloody hell is the campaign for Indigenous tourism?'

Window

THE South Australian Tourism Industry Council is heading for the top - literally!

SATIC executive assistant Akarra Klingberg is currently trekking in the Himalayas, and is due to arrive at the Mount Everest Base Camp this afternoon.

DELTA Air Lines drops London.

The major US carrier has announced the cancellation of four routes in the Winter 2010/11 season - including what at first glance appears to be a key trans-Atlantic operation between Detroit and London.

However it's not such a big deal - the suspended flights are to London, Ontario in Canada rather than London in the UK.

FORGET chips and chocolate commuters in China are being offered a tasty snack in the form of vending machines containing live crabs in three different sizes.

Dispensers have reportedly been installed at several subway stations in Nanjing, offering Dazha Hairy Crabs priced from about \$3 to \$8 each.

The crustaceans are stored in special plastic boxes and chilled to about 4°C - cold enough to make them very sleepy but also keep them alive.

The Guangzhou Daily says that anyone who is unlucky enough to get a dead one is offered three free crabs as compensation.

ZOOKEEPERS in Columbus, Ohio in the US are today in mourning after the death of the longest snake living in captivity.

The 6m-long python was found dead in his enclosure on Wed morning, having apparently succumbed to a tumour.

The 150kg reptile, described as "as thick as a telephone pole" was aptly named 'Fluffy'.

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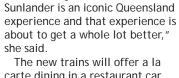
\$190m upgrade for Tilt Train Book 5 years ahead

THE Queensland government has earmarked \$189 million for the upgrade of its two Tilt Trains and the investment in a third locomotive, QLD premier Anna Bligh announced this week.

The new trains will feature deluxe sleeper cars with ensuites, first-class cars and premium economy seats, running between Brisbane and Cairns, from 2013.

Bligh said on Wed that the Tilt Trains will become the fastest rail service in Australia, capable of speeds of up to 160km/hr, reducing travel time on the route from 31 to 26 hours.

RIGHT: An artist's impressions of the future Sleeper Cars, which feature private cabins complete with ensuite and flat-screen TV.



"Travelling north on the

carte dining in a restaurant car and flat-screen TVs, and seats will feature on demand entertainment.

"This investment in the future of regional travel will allow us to continue to provide six return services between Brisbane and Cairns a week," she said.

The 45-year old *Sunlander* trains will be decommissioned .





INSIGHT Vacations is accepting pre-registrations for 2015 tours to commemmorate the 100 year anniversary of the original ANZAC landing at Gallipoli.

The 21 day tour will feature the Anzac Day Dawn Service as well as sightseeing throughout Istanbul, Kusadasi, Pamukkale, Cappadocia, Cairo, Aswan, Alexandria, El Alamein, and Luxor - see insightvacations.com.au.

Westfield opening

SHOPPING giant Westfield opened the first phase of its \$1.2b redevelopment of Westfield Sydney in Pitt St yesterday.

Westfield md Steven Lowy said he expects the precinct to be a major attraction, luring about 26 million domestic and international visitors per annum.

New Woolies/QF cc

WOOLWORTHS has introduced a new Everyday Rewards credit card which enables shoppers to double the numbers of Qantas Frequent Flyer points earnt when shopping at select Woolworths stores.

The new HSBC card has an annual fee of \$89 and joins the Everyday Money credit card.

SQ A380 SYD 2/day

SINGAPORE Airlines will begin double daily A380 services between Singapore and Sydney from this Sun (TD 23 Jul), delivering an extra 140,000 seats per year on the route.

"This second daily A380 will make travel between Singapore and Sydney easier and more convenient for both business and leisure travellers, with onward connecting flights from Singapore, particularly to Europe," said SQ's regional vp South West Rim. Subhas Menon.

SQ operates four times a day SYD-SIN, with Sydney Airport set to handle 84 A380 movements each week from SQ, EK and QF.

i-Create PNR ease

CREATIVE Holidays has added a new 'PNR Importing' feature to its i-create online wholesale booking system.

Acting md Andrew Yell, who will step aside for Paul McGrath on 15 Nov, said the improved functionality means agents will no longer have to call Creative or queue their PNR to the wholesaler, but are able to add the PNR to land bookings for Creative to ticket both.





Agent-only wholesaler growth

THE Australian firm behind the Travel Agents Nexus online wholesale system is set for rapid expansion, with the recent addition of sightseeing and transfers to its existing portfolio of hotel properties and car hire.

Only available to travel agents, the system launched in Jun and has live connections to a range of suppliers to offer dynamic pricing and availability.

The company's md is Robert Hansell, whose previous roles include positions at Travelportowned Flairview Travel, the operator of HotelClub, as well as YQ4Travel and Travel Maestro.

Consultants can sign up for the Travel Agents Nexus wholesale system at no charge, with the software providing efficient searching and booking of product across the globe - along with easy production of documents.

Spokesman Chris Gray told *TD* this morning that the company is also working on the addition of cruise product, with this module currently in testing and set for release early in 2011.

Travel Agents Nexus says its system differs from other online wholesalers currently targeting the Australian industry because "we are travel people with years of experience in the industry, and not just software developers".

Agents are able to set their own commission levels and the system displays 'best available price' even when the same product is offered by multiple suppliers - www.travelagentsnexus.com.au.



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Qantas to Texas?

QANTAS is understood to be considering adding new non-stop flights between Australia and Dallas/Fort Worth in Texas.

It's believed the route may be operated using one of QF's Boeing 747-400ER aircraft, with the return leg operating DFW-Brisbane due to headwinds across the Pacific.

The move to a Texan hub would provide Qantas with greater flight options across North America, due to the carrier's oneworld alliance partner American Airlines (which has just signed a codeshare pact with Jetstar in NZ) having its largest hub at Dallas/Fort Worth.

The route could also be seen as a response to rival network Star Alliance, with Continental Airlines announcing its intention to fly its new 787 aircraft non-stop between Houston and Auckland from Nov next year (*TD* 27 May).

A Qantas spokesman wasn't able to confirm or deny the DFW move today, but told *TD*: "we are continually assessing options for network growth."

Reviewers review

FAKE reviews of hotels and restaurants on such websites as TripAdvisor are set to have their writers named and shamed by the UK based online reputation management company Kwichex.

Kwikcheck said it will be acting on behalf of 800 hotels and restaurants, where the reviewers on their list will be given two weeks to provide evidence of their stay or support their comments on review sites such as TripAdvisor, otherwise they could face possible legal action.

JetBlue to Alaska

NEW YORK-based no frills carrier JetBlue Airways is launching seasonal services between Long Beach Airport, Los Angeles to Anchorage Airport, from 26 May.

The daily direct flights will operate through Alaska's peak holiday season, to 29 Oct.

Anchorage becomes JetBlue's 65th 'BlueCity' destination.

IHG 6 India hotels

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group has signed new management agreements for six Holiday Inn Express properties in India, scheduled to open between 2013 and 2015.

The expansion of the brand adds an extra 926 rooms to the country in Noida, Jaipur Hitech City, Indore Pithampur, Kochi Aluva Junction, Patna, and Noida.



Mauritius is the world's leading spa destination. The island's mix of cultures inspires an eclectic mix of therapies such as Asian Ayurvedic massages, oceaninspired treatments and African and Creole remedies made from local herbs and flowers.

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Travel Daily has teamed up with Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority this week and is giving five lucky readers the chance to win an Anti-Stress Facial from Jurlique valued at \$55.

To win this fantastic prize, simply be the first person to email the correct answer to the question below to:

mtpacomp@traveldaily.com.au

Name one award given to Mauritius in 2010

Hint! Visit

www.tourism-mauritius.mu

Congratulations to yesterday's lucky winner, **Stacey Collyer** from **FCm Travel Solutions**.









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Evergreen reminder | Pay rise for Willie

TRAVEL agents have until close of businees today to request a space on an Evergreen Tours famil to Canada, departing 11 Nov.

The 11-day trip visits Toronto, Niagara Falls, Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec City - 02 8274 1341.

BRITISH Airways ceo Willie Walsh will get a healthy pay rise if the carrier successfully merges with Iberia, with his base salary increasing by 12% to £825,000 and his annual cash and share bonus moving from 100% of salary to 200%.

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Bel-Air reopening

THE Dorchester Collection's Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles is set to open next Jul after 22 months of extensive renovation, redesign and restoration, with new suites and a huge luxury spa.



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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.

Cox and Kings has a 14 day Escorted Small Group Journey taking in Varanasi, the temples at Khajuraho and Taj Mahal in India. The Grand Tour of Northern India priced from \$2883ppts is on sale now for travel until 18 Mar 2012. The package includes 13 nights superior class accom, flights between Delhi, Varanasi and Khajuraho, small group sightseeing, services of a tour escort, expert local guides and entrance fees - coxandkings.com.au.

Adventure World is offering up to 25% off Gap Adventures' Realm of the Polar Bear Arctic tour, when booked by 31 Jan. The seven night tour is \$1200 off, now priced from \$3599pp. Travel dates for the trip are from 25 May to 01 Aug 2011 - for more info or to book contact Adventure World on www.adventureworld.com.au.

Kenya opening up

TOURISM in the Samburu National Reserve in Kenya is set to resume after the region was devastated by flash flooding earlier this year.

A number of luxury lodges and tented camps along the Usao Ngiro River were destroyed, but several properties including the Samburu Intrepids are set to once again welcome guests from Dec after undergoing reconstruction.

Fly-in Antarctic trips

NEWLY founded Australian wholesaler 50 Degrees North has announced a new program of itineraries which will fly pax to the Antarctic Interior.

The operation is in conjunction with US firm Adventure Network International, with tours ranging from private flights to the South Pole through to photo safaris focusing on Emperor Penguins.

Up to 50 quests can be hosted at the expedition-style Patriot Hills private camp in Antarctica, from which the geographic South Pole is accessed via ski-fitted Twin Otter planes.

More information is available from ceo Tietse Stelma on info@fiftydegreesnorth.com.

AM lifting US routes

AEROMEXICO is seeking authority to recommence regular services between points in Mexico and the USA which it had previously suspended flying to.

AM hopes to resume operations on the Puerto Vallarta-Los Angeles, Monterry-San Antonio, Cancun-Washington and Puerto Vallarta-Chicago routes asap.

Chicago cancels

BAD weather at Chicago O'Hare Airport in the US caused the cancellation of 200 flights yesterday, with some reports saying the rain and strong winds could be the most powerful storm to hit Illinois in over 70 years.





TRAVEL DAILY EXCLUSIVE

Celebrity Interview with Sonia Kruger

This issue *Travel Daily* catches up with co-host of Channel Seven's Dancing with the Stars, Sonia Kurger. She became known for her role as 'Tina Sparkle' in the 1992 movie Strictly Ballroom alongside Paul Mercurio. And she's also been a regular fixture on our television screens since 2004 for her hosting role on Dancing With The Stars. Other projects include being a reporter for Wonder World in 1992, the 11AM program in 1997 as entertainment reporter, and she hosted 10 Years Younger in 10 Days in the late 2000s, as well as presenting on Sydney's radio station Mix 106.5. Through her



entertainment reporter role with the *Today Tonight* show has had the opportunity to interview Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, Mike Myers, Jackie Chan, Robert Redford, Billy Connolly, Michael Caine, Kevin Costner, Sandra Bullock, Glenn Close, Jodie Foster, Kate Hudson, Beyonce Knowles and Australia's own Kylie Minogue. More recently, Kruger completed a gig as the Master of Ceremonies at the Travelscene American Express 2010 Owner/Managers Conference held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

What is the highlight of your career? The success of Dancing with the Stars has been the best thing that's ever happened to me.

What is your favourite holiday spot? I loved the laid back beach holidays atmosphere of Thailand but more recently Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

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

The Kingdom of Mustang, on the boarder of Tibet & China.

What is one thing you cannot leave home without?

A fold out 'Longchamp' shopping bag for those extra purchases.

What is the most common item you leave at home?

Tweezers, every time I try to take them they are confiscated at airport security.

Do you have an embarrassing travel story you could share?

I was on my way to interview Bruce Willis in Prague, but was stopped in Frankfurt because I didn't have a visa. Do you have a travel tip you can provide our readers with?

Always take carry-on luggage instead of taking check-in as it will save you so much time.

What three features do you look for when choosing a hotel?

Location, luxury and outdoor space. What is your favourite piece of luggage? My domestic Longchamps bag, it goes everywhere with me.

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

Ricky Gervais, he'd keep me in stitches all flight.

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

Yum Cha!

Do you have a favourite childhood travel memory, and if so can you share it with us?

Travelling around New Zealand in a Winnebago.

Where are you planning on travelling to next?

Home!! Then Melbourne for the Spring Racing Carnival!

Win a dancing lesson at Sydney Dance Company & a DVD copy of Strictly Ballroom



Travel Dally is offering readers the chance to win a dance lesson at the Sydney Dance Company and a DVD copy of Strictly Ballroom to brush up on your moves.

For your chance to win be the first *TD* reader to answer: *Who was the producer of Strictly Ballroom?*

Email your answer to strictlykruger@traveldaily.com.au

Gap office for USA

GAP Adventures will open an office in the United States, the adventure tour company's ceo told *Travel Daily* this morning.

Details of an already appointed General Manager for a US office are to be revealed to staff early next month.

Poon Tip said America remains a largely untapped market for Gap, and that while the establishment of an office in the US "may be a gamble", it sees the region "as an opportunity for us as it comes out of recession."

Previously, Gap covered its US business through its Toronto-based head office.

US rail funding

US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has announced US\$2.4 billion in funding for 54 highspeed rail projects in 23 states across the USA.

He said the funds would help continue the development of "America's first nationwide program of high-speed intercity passenger rail service".

More than 30 rail manufacturers and suppliers have agreed to establish or expand their US bases of operations if they are hired to work on the network, with funds including \$901m for California, as well as \$800m directed to Florida for the Tampa to Orlando highspeed rail corridor.



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NZ Tonga/Samoa JV to terminate

AIR New Zealand has advised that the Kingdom of Tonga and the Kindgom of Samoa have given notice of termination of the joint venture agreement which supports the current weekly Air NZ service which connects Apia and Nukualofa with Los Angeles.

Air NZ said it will continue to operate flights to both Samoa and Tonga from Auckland, and will review capacity on the flights to ensure there is adequate available space to accommodate pax wanting to connect via its direct AKL-LAX services.

NZ also this week reported a 7.4% increase in Sep pax numbers.

EY's all economy

ETIHAD is scheduled to begin its first 162 seat 'all Economy' class Airbus A320 (*TD* 06 Aug) service next week.

The aircraft will operate on routes from the Abu Dhabi to Alexandria, Colombo, Damascus, Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut and Peshawar.



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