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EY boosts Dusseldorf

ETIHAD is set to increase its yet-to-launch new flights between Abu Dhabi and Dusseldorf in Germany to a daily operation.

The new route will debut 16 Dec, and according to agent GDS will increase to 7 times per week effective 25 Mar 2012.

Strategic to Hawaii in Dec

STRATEGIC Airlines has revealed further details of its network review (TD 05 Aug) after overnight receiving approval for new services to the USA.

A new executive committee has been formed at the airline, headed by ceo Michael James, with the strategy to also include new domestic services between Melbourne and Brisbane.

Up to four daily flights will operate between the capitals, and Strategic will relaunch under a new business model, livery and name to be revealed in the coming weeks (TD breaking news).

James told TD today that the new 'lower fares carrier' model "will allow our customers to choose what they wish to purchase on a

user pays basis, combined with genuine customer service both on board and on the ground.

"We intend to look after the customers left behind by the disappearance of Virgin Blue and we will offer Australians an alternative high value, lower fares airline to international destinations," he said.

The new routes will roll out from Dec, with fares ex BNE and MEL to Honolulu going on sale online from 9am next Mon.

The Melbourne-Brisbane flights will offer easy connections to Strategic's international services to Phuket and Honolulu.

James confirmed that the airline was currently recruiting pilots and flight attendants to operate its expanding schedule of flights.

And further expansion is also on the cards for the airline.

"While our focus in the medium term is Hawaii, Phuket and Bali with increased frequencies and new service standards...we have also gained approval to operate services between Australia and China," James added.

"We are now working on all regulatory requirements with China regulators," he said.

MH, AirAsia flesh it out

MALAYSIA Airlines' position as the country's national carrier is "unquestioned" according to a statement issued today relating to its new AirAsia alliance (TD Wed).

Further details of the airline's collaboration agreement suggest the pact will "significantly enhance national competitiveness," under the Malaysian govt's Economic Transformation Program.

AirAsia ceo Tony Fernandes said the airline's business model "requires us to reduce prices in order to increase volumes for consumers in the low cost travel segment, which we can now focus on in a more significant way."

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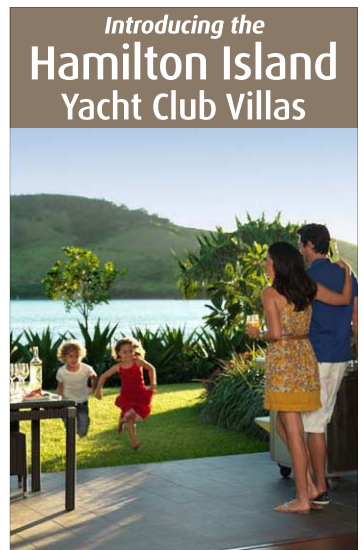


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Low London canx's

THE European Tour Operator's Assoc says London hotels have seen a cancellation rate of just 0.17% this weekend - similar to normal activity - with the 330 cancelled bookings believed to be unrelated to this week's rioting.



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Skywest gets first DJ ATR

SKYWEST Airlines has taken delivery of its first ATR 72-500, which it will operate as part of its alliance with Virgin Australia.

The aircraft, handed over in Toulouse last night, will also be the very first ATR 72 in Australia.

A further three ATR 72-500s will be delivered this year, with four of the advanced -600 variants to arrive during 2012.

The aircraft will all carry Virgin Australia livery, and initially operate on DJ's recently announced Brisbane-Gladstone and Brisbane-Port Macquarie routes (**TD** 29 Jul).

"We are proud to be contributing to the expansion of Virgin Australia and the growth of regional aviation across the country," said Skywest ceo Jeff Chatfield.

The new 68-seat planes, which will replace DJ's Embraer jets, are "the right aircraft for our passengers and our airline," Chatfield added.

ATR ceo Filippo Bagnato said the entry of service of the planes into Australia was an important

milestone for the manufacturer.

As well as contributing to the further expansion of regional air connectivity, the planes "will play a key role in feeding traffic to Virgin Australia's domestic and international operations," he said.

The ATR aircraft will also be introduced on up to six daily flights between Sydney and Canberra.

Int'l travel soars 8.6%

THE number of Australian pax travelling internationally for the 2009/10 financial year rose 8.6% year on year, according to govt data released this week.

25.7m pax were carried over the 12 month period ending 30 Jun, comprised of 12.1m overseas visitors and 13.6m Aussies.

It's been close to 3 years since the numbers were reversed and there were more people coming to Australia than those departing.

Tourism Australia md Andrew McEvoy told **TD** the strong Aussie dollar has "undoubtedly made overseas travel more affordable for many Australians."

"The good news is that Australia remains a highly desirable place to visit and people are still travelling here in good numbers."

McEvoy said int'l visitor arrivals continue to grow, up 5.4% in 2010 to 5.9m, "and still growing in 2011, underpinned by our increasing exposure to key North Asian export markets, headed by China."

Japan tourist push

AUSTRALIAN tourists are being targeted in a new campaign this month launched by Japan Airlines and JNTO, showing most of the country is operating as normal.

The ad campaign will focus on Japanese culture & ski enthusiasts, *Fairfax* reported today.

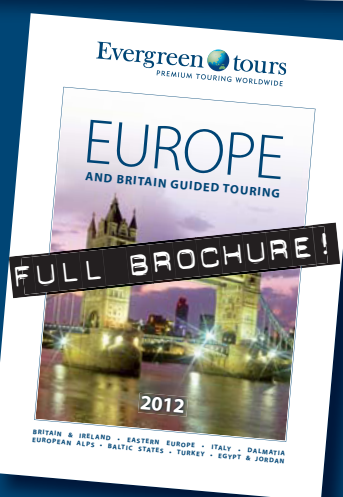
Avalon iPhone app

MELBOURNE's Avalon Airport has today launched a free iPhone application which features arrival and departure flight info, a car parking calculator, and links to transport and car hire services.

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New WA base for QantasLink

QANTAS is continuing its aggressive push into the WA regional aviation market, yesterday announcing a new Perth crew base for QantasLink as well as the direct flights to Geraldton from 21 Nov (**TD** breaking news).

Geraldton will be QantasLink's 56th destination, with Executive Manager Narendra Kumar saying the move "will provide the

Geraldton community with unprecedented access to a range of Australian and international destinations by linking them to Qantas's extensive network".

QantasLink will also boost flights between Perth and Exmouth, with the use of the Q400 aircraft "part of Qantas's significant investment in regional Australia," Kumar said.

He confirmed that the carrier was currently recruiting cabin crew for the new Q400 Perth base, with the WA capital until now only seeing QantasLink B717 flight operations.

US agent sales up

IATA'S ARC settlement system for US travel agents has reported a 6% rise in air ticket sales through agents so far this year.

Jan-Jul sales via the industry totalled US\$50.5 billion, versus US\$47.5b last year and up 28% on the \$39.4 billion 2009 figure.

TMS says to settle

RECRUITMENT firm TMS Asia Pacific says the ongoing "war for talent" in the travel industry is forcing employers to rethink stringent selection criteria in order to fill vacancies.

"There will always be situations whereby some candidates only fulfil 90 per cent of the actual job requirement", said Andrew Chan, the firm's Singapore-based ceo.

"The stark reality is that in the current environment those forward thinking employers who are happy to take the 90 per centers on and put in the required time and training to bring them up to the required speed and standard are the ones that will benefit over those employers holding out for the elusive 100% perfection," he said.

Tiger back on prow!

TIGER Airways this morning operated its first Australian domestic flight in six weeks, with the return of services between Tullamarine and Sydney.

Operating a "simplified flight program in order to focus on flying popular and profitable routes," the first service carried ceo Tony Davis along with newly appointed Safety Advisor, Captain Chris Manning.

In an open letter to consumers yesterday TT seized on govt statistics showing a significant rise in competitor fares (**TD** Wed), reiterating its "absolute commitment to ensuring all Australians can go to the places they want safely, affordably and reliably".

The carrier said it hopes to regain the confidence of Australian travellers "through an enhanced focus on punctuality and convenience, while continuing to offer Australia's most affordable air fares".

NSW US beach push

A MAJOR Destination NSW promo held last week at California's Huntington Beach aims to lure young Americans to attend next Feb's inaugural Australian Open of Surfing which will be held at Sydney's Manly Beach.

Destination NSW exec director Lyndel Gray said over 10,000 people had visited the 'Sydney Surf Shack' which also featured a Harbour Bridge sand sculpture.



Window Seat

A NEW hotel has launched in the Netherlands, targeting the niche market of quickie divorces.

Weekend packages cost about \$3500 - but that price includes fees for lawyers and counsellors to help splitting couples make the transition to singledom.

"We've created the opportunity to not just get a divorce right legally speaking, but also quickly without missing out on work," said creator Jim Halfens.

Optional services include real estate agents to help resolve property disputes, and the hotel can also organise child care.

"Our clients are mainly people who have very busy careers...we offer them the proper chance to get a fast divorce [rather than] break the furniture," Halfens said.

Interestingly, the "hotel" does not have a permanent address but moves its services from place to place to avoid attention.

RAILWAY authorities in China have come up with a unique way to reduce the frustrations of stressed-out commuters on the Beijing metro.

Massive punching bags (below) have been installed at several stations, with the aim of getting delayed travellers to vent their spleen on the inanimate objects rather than on train staff.

The bags are emblazoned with a reminder that "each year, you will spend about 1824 minutes waiting at stops.

"Don't waste time, please have a few punches on our pressure-releasing pillars," they say.

A train guard on the subway welcomed the move, saying "As long as they're punching them and not us, I'm happy".

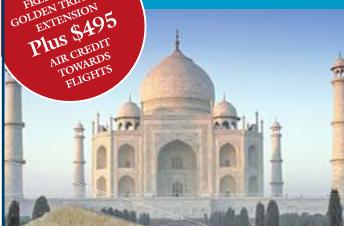


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Snow conditions

THIS column provides a snapshot of the current snow falls, the depth and the number of lifts operating across Australian and New Zealand ski-fields.

Here's the latest snow reports from across the region:

- Falls Creek - 87cm / 14 lifts
- Perisher - 1.41m / 44 lifts
- Thredbo - 1.41m / 13 lifts
- Charlotte Pass - 1.41m / 5 lifts
- Mt Hotham - 95cm / 7 lifts
- Mt Buller - 42cm / 16 lifts
- Mt Selywn - 24cm / 6 lifts
- Coronet Peak - 92cm / 8 lifts
- The Remarkables - 40cm / 7
- Mt Hutt - 50cm / 4 lifts

Kenya LLC Jambo Jet

SKYTEAM airline alliance carrier Kenya Airways is reported to be looking to launch a new low cost carrier to handle regional flights.

KQ has registered the name of the offshoot as Jambo Jet.

Contiki web patterns

CONTIKI's Style Miles report (*TD* yest.) shows a shift in how the internet is being used by its 18-35 y.o. target market, with 83% of travellers seeking out good deals.

73% of people are looking for destination ideas, 71% will research travel using blogs and review sites, 69% read other travellers' stories, 61% seek peer to peer advice about specific places to go and 57% seek advice on destination choice.

Kumuka w'sale fares

KUMUKA Worldwide is now offering wholesale airfares when booking land arrangements to Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas.

GM Sarah Baxter said the prices are very competitive with the adventure tour operator offering 5% commission for agents, and there are no ticketing fees.

Airfares are available from most Australian capital cities.

Israel training brekkie

THE Israel Trade and Tourism Commission is holding a trade breakfast seminar from 8:30am on 08 Sep at Amora Hotel Sydney.

It will feature a destination overview and presentations by travel wholesalers.

The seminar is free but spaces are limited - RSVP by email to merav.gonen@israeltrade.org.au.

Tempo Carnival 2012

TEMPO Holidays has rolled out its Rio Carnival Extravaganza five-day package for 17 Feb 2012, priced from \$2,352ppts.

The package includes Section 9 Sambodromo Grandstand tickets four-night's accom at the Savoy Othon Hotel and some tours.

Hahn Air adds two

INTERLINE e-ticketing platform Hahn Air has added Brazil's TRIP Linhas Aereas (T4) and Arizona's Mesa Airlines (YV) as new partners.

Vietnam Battlefields

MAT McLachlan Battlefield Tours has extended its range of bespoke tours to include a new 15 night Vietnam Commemoration Tour, escorted by war author, Gary McKay, departing on 19 Mar next year - see battlefields.com.au.

Perisher 3-for-2 deal

15 ON-snow and local area Perisher properties are offering a mid-week 'Stay & Play for an Extra Day' three-nights for the price of two promo until 25 Aug.

Prices at The Station start at \$129 per adult per night.

Sunshine Coast counts

SUNSHINE Coast Destination Ltd says the region is one of seven areas accounting for \$1 in every \$5 of domestic tourism spending.

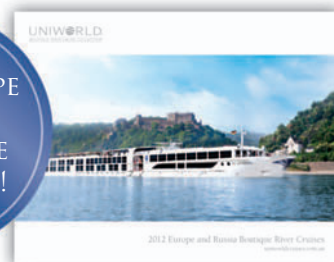
SCDL plans to work on strategy and marketing ideas to attract a greater percentage of special interest tourists to the region.



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Getaway tomorrow

TOMORROW'S episode of *Getaway* on Channel 9, to be telecast at 5.30pm, is a special on travelling in New Zealand across all four seasons, covering Winter in Queenstown, Spring in Milford Sound, Summer in the Southern Alps and Autumn colours.

MEANWHILE Scenic Tours will showcase the *Scenic Pearl 'Space-Ship'* in part three of its four week special on GEM at 5:30pm on Sun.

Highlights of this week's show include stops in the Bavarian towns of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Rothenburg, in Germany.

Chandra Bali opening

8HOTELS has opened its first property in Bali, the Chandra Villas located in Seminyak.

Prices at the luxurious property start at US\$490 per night.

IHG Perth appoints

INTERCONTINENTAL Perth has promoted Michael Fontein to the role of Business Development Director for InterContinental and Holiday Inn Perth Burswood.

IHG has also appointed Lulu Fox as Senior Business Development Manager for both hotels recently.

MEANWHILE, InterContinental Hotels Group has this week announced the appointment of Tracy Robbins to its Board as an Executive Director.

Robbins is the Exec. VP Global Human Resources and Group Operations Support.

AB North Pole flights

AIR Berlin is to offer a 12 hour flightseeing tour to the North Pole, giving pax the chance to view the landscape of the ice-cap at a lower than normal altitude.

The Airbus A330 operated flight will depart Berlin at 8am on 05 May next year, and take in fjords of Norway and Spitsbergen in the Arctic, as well as Greenland, Iceland and Scotland.

Seats are priced from €444 (AU\$611) in Economy class and go up to €2,666 (AU\$3,670) for a window seat in 'Polar Comfort Economy.'

Canada visits hold up

AUSTRALIAN overnight trip numbers to Canada increased 5.2% to 32,077 in May, compared to the same time last year.

Canadian Tourism Commission figures released this week show the Aussie market is one of two core markets to show significant growth during May, with France up 9.3% to 35,642.

Visitor numbers from China outstripped every other market two-fold, surging 23% in May to 18,554 trips.

Year to date figures show a 4.7% growth from the Aussie market, with a shade under 80,000 Canadian overnight visits tallied so far in 2011.

TA Korean Mission

TOURISM Australia is still taking applications from businesses wanting to be involved in its Korea Travel Mission, which is taking place from 03-04 Nov.

TA predicts the South Korean market could be worth as much as \$3.4 billion by 2020.

Applications close on 18 Aug - more details at bit.ly/tdktm.

Qantas' Fashion Runway



IT may not be quite the runway Qantas is used to, however the models certainly took off in style on the catwalk at last night's Myer Spring Summer 2011/12 Collection launch held inside Sydney's Carriageworks.

Proud airline partner for the event, Qantas' manager corporate communications, Emma Kearns told *Travel Daily* that the flag carrier recently flew Myer ambassadors Jennifer Hawkins, Kris Smith and the

models to Perth where the photo shoot took place for Myer's latest Spring Summer catalogue.

Pictured here on the red carpet with fashion designer Wayne Cooper are industry glamour girls, Gaynor Reid, media relations manager Accor Hospitality and Qantas' Emma Kearns and Courtney Treak.

For lots more photos from last night's Myer launch featuring some of this season's collection see traveldaily.com.au/photos.



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WELCOME to *Travel Specials*, *Travel Daily's* Fri 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.

London's Radisson Edwardian Berkshire Hotel is offering King & Twin Deluxe Rooms at the price of a standard room for stays up to 11 Sep. Priced from £169 (AU\$260) per room per night the deal incl English brekkie for one and £10 off the second person; late check-out to 4pm; priority early check-in, complimentary wireless internet, frequent flyer points, 20% discount on food and telephone charges. Book through GDSs using codes: Galileo EXCL, Sabre EXC and Amadeus EXC.

Anantara has a six-night, two island experience staying three nights at Anantara Lawana Resort & Spa in Koh Samui and three nights at Rasananda Phangan Island Resort & Spa, Koh Phangan, priced from THB17,700 (AU\$570). The package includes airport and island to island speed boat transfers plus daily brekkie. See www.anantara.com.

Jetstar is offering \$99 one-way fares to Christchurch, New Zealand from both Brisbane and Sydney, for travel between 26 Oct-07 Dec and 01 Feb-28 Mar. Fares to Auckland ex Melbourne are available for \$119 over select travel dates. The sale ends on 14 Aug - more info at jetstar.com.

Autograph Scrubs in

SCRUB Island Resort, Spa and Marina will become the first property in the Caribbean to join Marriott International's upmarket brand, The Autograph Collection.

The British Virgin Islands resort features 67 guest rooms.

New NQAirport ceo

KEVIN Brown has been named as the new chief executive officer of North Queensland Airports.

Wellington stays up

POSITIVELY Wellington has reported a 13.5% surge in rooms sold between May and Jul 2011.

Growth was attributed in part to a '3 Nights for Two' promotion.

Real Gap takes 20% off

REAL Gap is offering a 20% discount on its two-week South Africa Experience tour departing 12 Sep, with the trip now priced from \$1,339pp - realgap.com.au.

Rachael's off to Tropical Qld

TOURISM
Port Douglas Daintree has named Rachael Nehmer of Atlas Travel Service in Brisbane as the winner of its recent travel agent online competition.

The comp saw over 1,300 entries, and according to TPDD's Doug Ryan, achieved its goal of promoting the destination, raising awareness of the region to agents, driving traffic to the www.tpdd.com.au website, and maintaining its link with consultants and wholesale sales staff.

The three-month long competition saw traffic generated to the portal from Australia, NZ, the US, UK and Germany.



Rachael won an amazing seven-night package to the Port Douglas Daintree region, including three-nights at both Cocount Grove and Regal Port Douglas, one-night at the Daintree Eco Lodge Spa Bayan, return flights, spa treatments, tours, a Barrier Reef cruise, a helicopter sky-safari, transfers, car hire, some meals and more.

She is **pictured** above (left) receiving her prize from Skye Collie, TPDD's domestic sales rep.

DL tightens alliances

DELTA Air Lines will invest US\$65 million in SkyTeam sister carrier Aeromexico as part of a long-term commercial alliance.

The ramped up pact will see network-wide codesharing on all Delta and Aeromexico flights between the USA and Mexico, on domestic networks and to other international destinations.

Co-located airport facilities for easier connections and check-in are among future initiatives.

MEANWHILE, Delta is to launch a new codeshare deal with soon to join SkyTeam carrier, Aerolineas Argentinas later this year.

The arrangement covers flights from Miami & Atlanta to Buenos Aires, along with services to 14 US cities, eight Argentinean hubs, three in Canada, as well as numerous South American cities.

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Busy Jul at Heathrow

HEATHROW Airport in London had its busiest day in history on 31 Jul, helping to also push last month into the record books for passenger movements, up 2.5% year on year to 6.9m passengers.

New Aurora brochure

AURORA Expeditions is offering a 10% early bird discount on bookings made from its new Wild Scotland, European Arctic & the Russian Coast 2012 program.

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ABOVE: These well-tanned Harvey World Travel agents have just returned from a fabulous six-day educational in the Philippines, courtesy of Viva! Holidays and Philippine Airlines.

The famil included stays at the Sofitel Philippines Plaza and the Makati Shangri-La in Manila, the Shangri-La Mactan Resort & Spa, and the Imperial Palace and Waterpark Resort & Spa in Cebu.

Pictured lapping up the warm weather, standing from left are: Jelte Jelsma, HWT Port Macquarie; Carmel Seiler, HWT Mildura; Lisa Walsh, HWT Langwarrin, Colleen

Jelsma, HWT Tuncurry; Melinda Holland, HWT Parkmore; Tim Hutchinson, HWT Ballarat; Ling Ling Yang, HWT Dandenong and Ben Buchanan, Philippine Airlines.

Seated: Vicki Jacques, HWT Caboolture, Adam Joseph, Viva! Holidays and Leighj Boyd, HWT Bateau Bay.

Qatar to Chongqing

DOHA-based Qatar Airways has announced it will launch thrice weekly services to Chongqing in Western China, using two-class Airbus A330-200s, from 28 Nov.



NYC Marriott 2 in 1

MARRIOTT International has signed a franchise deal to develop New York City's tallest hotel in a joint use structure.

The 68-storey tower is planned to open late 2013 and will be home to the 378-room Courtyard by Marriott and a 261-room Residence Inn by Marriott - together branded as the Courtyard and Residence Inn Manhattan/Central Park.

Bench trunk adoption

BENCH International has become the adoptive parents of a 4-month old orphaned bull elephant named Mumbushi.

The pachyderm is being cared for at the world renowned Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

Disney earnings up

THE Walt Disney Co. recorded a 12% rise in revenue from its Parks and Resorts sector during the three months ending 02 Jul, up to US\$3.2 billion, while segment operating income increased 9% to US\$519 million.

The results for domestic & Int'l parks & resorts were higher due to the timing of the Easter Hols.

Qld operator returns

QLD-based horse trail ride tour operator Blazing Saddles has recommenced services after being forced to temporarily cease as a precautionary measure due to a recent Hendra virus incident.

Based in the Atherton Tablelands, the company also offers quad bike expeditions.



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