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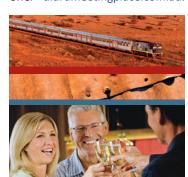
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Uluru Meeting Place

VOYAGES Indigenous Tourism has today launched a new portal showcasing the redevelopment project taking place at Ayers Rock Resort Conference Centre.

A range of deals for PCOs are on offer - ulurumeetingplace.com.au.



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Agents prime int'l bookers

TRAVEL agents are reclaiming ownership of more overseas holiday reservations, according to the latest Roy Morgan Research on what channels are being used by consumers when booking trips.

The data for the 12 months to Sep 2011 suggests travel agents are assisting with booking 55% of consumer holiday/leisure trips, which is a two percentage point increase on Dec 2010.

The percentage of people making a holiday booking via an

Rail Plus moves HQ

RAIL Plus will this weekend relocate to a new and bigger head office in Melbourne, driven by unprecedented growth in the past two years.

National sales & marketing mgr Greg McCallum said the move will enable the company to expand further over the next five years.

The new office is located at Level 6, 51 Queen St, Melbourne phone/fax details are unchanged.

CA boost SYD/MEL flts

AIR China will ramp up flight frequencies to its Australian key hubs from 25 Mar, with a new fifth weekly service on both the Beijing-Sydney and Beijing-Shanghai-Melbourne routes.

The Star Alliance carrier has also announced it will begin new direct four times weekly flights between Beijing-Copenhagen from 02 Jun. airline or through an accom chain directly has slipped marginally since Dec, to now account for 31% and 24% respectively.

Online only travel booking sites such as Wotif and Webjet make up 12% of sales (double the rate of four years ago), while tour operator websites are down around their lowest levels, at 6%.

RMR's Jane Ianniello said the results showed people were more reliant on travel agents for complex long-haul itineraries.

"This latest research shows what we in the travel industry already knew, consumers by far prefer to use a travel agent when booking a holiday," AFTA chief Jayson Westbury told *Travel Daily* today.

JQ coy on Vietnam

JETSTAR Pacific has downplayed suggestions of a takeover of its Vietnam operation (*TD* yest.).

A Jetstar spokesperson told *TD* yesterday afternoon: "We're on record as saying we would welcome Vietnam Airlines as a partner in Jetstar Pacific.

"As no agreement has been formalised at this point, we're not in a position to comment further," the spokesperson said.

Seven pages of news

Travel Daily today has seven pages of news plus a full page from **AA Appointments**.

F Class guide out now

YESTERDAY saw the release of *Travel Daily's* 2011 First Class Airline Guide which provides info on the top end product offering of seven carriers servicing the Australian market - download a copy at bit.ly/td2011Firstguide.







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Travel Daily on location in **Cook Islands**

Today's issue of TD is coming to you from Rarotonga at the annual Kia Orana Cook Islands National Tourism Forum.

THE 2011 Kia Orana Cook Island National Tourism Forum began yesterday at The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa.

The property is very popular with the wedding & honeymoon market, as well as families, offering an array of facilities including a kids club, fitness centre, business centre and SpaPolynesia.

It can also cater for corporate companies with groups small to medium sized, recently launching a new groups brochure called 'Take Your Meeting on Location' in conjunction with its sister hotel, The Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa.

The Tourism Forum continues today with a number of B₂B sessions between wholesalers and local operators, at the Edgewater Resort & Spa.

See pages three, four & six for more coverage from the event.

QF chases corporates direct

QANTAS has launched a push for SME business, emailing frequent flyers yesterday with an offer to provide customers who book online at gantas.com "efficient travel management with no booking fees".

Branded as Qantas Business Direct (QBD), the email says "whether you are a traveller who books direct or via your licensed Travel Agent, you can access dedicated Account Managers, complete payment solutions and a full service offering onboard."

Air NZ Japan charters

AIR New Zealand will operate to drive passenger demand.

The flights will operate from Auckland using 767-300 aircraft.

Air NZ gm Japan Ed Overy said although the number of charter offered last summer, it "reflects the renewed optimism we are seeing in the outbound market."

QBD offers free monthly reports, the ability to manage online credit vouchers for cancelled QF flights from Austalia as well as hotels and car hire.

The reports are coordinated by the customer's ABN and can provide a full breakdown of all hotels, packages and cars booked by a business each month.

It's also possible to track flights and other services booked online at www.jetstar.com.

Fine print in the registration page indicate that other airlines and travel agents are not eligible to take part in the scheme.

Sea Princess to stay

PRINCESS Cruises says the move to keep Sea Princess in Australian waters for the winter after her 2012-13 summer season will provide the line with greater flexibility to add more itineraries.

Yesterday Princess Cruises confirmed it would offer a record three world cruises from Australia ranging from 75 to 104 days aboard Sea Princess, Sun Princess and Dawn Princess.

The 2013 season goes on sale on Fri 19 Dec, and will feature four new ports of call - Colombo, Sri Lanka; Mytilene in the Greek Islands; Christmas Island and Semarang, Indonesia.

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seven charter flights between New Zealand and Japan between 25 Jan and 14 Mar, as it continues

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HotelClub Thai sales

ONLINE accommodation site HotelClub has said hotel volumes initially weren't affected by flood waters in Thailand but consumer confidence decreased when BKK became threatened in Oct.

The five week period starting 24 Oct saw a 70% decline in weekly hotel transactions due to the floods but that has started to pick up with a 400% rise in hotel bookings since 28 Nov, it said.

A new campaign will be launched on 12 Dec, with AU\$5 to be donated to the Thai Red Cross for each booking at select hotels.

Hahn portal live soon

HAHN Air will launch its new online booking portal on 15 Dec which will offer agents access to unlimited flight options from its more than 250 partner airlines and all published fares.

Wyndham appoints

WYNDHAM Vacation Resorts Asia Pacific has welcomed Virginia Cason as its new senior human resources generalist within the property development and resort operations department, based in Bundall on the Gold Coast.

Cooks marketing \$s

THE Cook Island Tourism Board this year had its marketing budget increased by \$10 million globally.

\$2.5 million of which will be used annually on the underwrite support partnership with Air New Zealand for the Sydney to Rarotonga direct service.

Karla Eggelton, marketing and sales manager at Cook Islands Tourism said the figure is double that of last year.

"We believe that over the next three years of the partnership and a robust marketing plan, that we will be able to show the Australian market that the Cooks is a year round destination".

A further \$1.5 million was injected into the Australian market over the last 12 months to offer the wholesale market incentives, famils and advertising opportunities.

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Applications close Tuesday 20 December 2011.



New CIT partnerships

THE Cook Island Tourism Board has a number of new Australian partnerships in the pipeline which will be used to help leverage the destination's positioning.

CIT sales & marketing manager Karla Eggleton told TD yesterday in Rarotonga at the Kia Orana Cook Island forum details of the new partners would be revealed early next year.

"We are excited about the non traditional partnerships in the pipeline... to create more traction in the market," Eggleton said.

Cook Islands Tourism needs to "cut through the advertising noise of other destinations" and hopes that with these new tie-ups the destination will be able to "fight above our weight to cut above the market share," she added.

Window

HOW about this for some interesting carry-on?

Baggage screeners at Newark Liberty Airport near New York were somewhat surprised when they spotted five hand grenades in the hand luggage of a woman heading off to Belgium.

The Transportation Security Administration said the woman surrendered the items to officials when they were spotted on an x-ray image and was allowed to board the flight without further incident.

CELEBRITY Cruises clearly thinks bigger is better, after revealing what would have to be one of the cruise world's biggest staterooms on its upcoming Celebrity Reflection (TD yest.).

The massive 1636 square foot (151 square metre) two bedroom 'Reflection Suite' will be the biggest accommodation ever on a Celebrity ship.

According to USA Today the suite comes with a huge balcony that "is larger than some basic cabins on the vessel".

Up to six people can stay in the Reflection Suite at once, and there are five other adjacent Signature Suites - all part of a privately accessible area.

Celebrity suggests that a family or group of up to 26 pax can book the suites together for the ultimate luxury holiday.







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Cook Islands plots path for Aus growth

THE second annual Cook Island national tourism forum has more than tripled its international wholesalers since its launch in Nov 2010 with 74 wholesalers attending globally.

It's a figure that Cook Island Tourism ceo Carmel Beattie wants to see nearly double by this time next year, to 150.



Supplier Updates

WELCOME to Supplier Updates, **Travel Daily's** new regular feature.

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Karla Eggelton marketing & sales manager, CIT said the renamed Kia Orana Cook Island Forum provides and opportunity for key wholesalers to get together once a year to discuss "the good the bad and the ugly."

"We know we have a beautiful destination but it's about what we can do to improve our service and entice more travellers to the destination," Beattie added.

Forward projections for visitor numbers to the Cook Islands in 2011 were quite "conservative", with a 20% increase on the current 12,000 - 12,500 Aussies travelling to the South Pacific Island during the calander year.

"If we continue to track the way we are Australia will become one of the top three international markets for the Cook Island", by 30 Jun 2012, a figure that is a catalyst of Air New Zealand's SYD - RAR direct route, Eggleton said.



Strategic Vietnam OK

STRATEGIC Airlines, now trading as Air Australia Airways, has received a green light from the Australian govt for an allocation of four frequencies per week to and from Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane to Vietnam.

The International Air Services Commission has authorised the determination for a period of five years, to be fully utilised by no later than 28 Feb 2013.

The determination also permits unlimited capacity from all other Australian points to Vietnam.

Longer tour air deals

TRAFALGAR & Insight Vacations have extended their 2012 Europe & Britain earlybird tour/airfare deals with Singapore Airlines and Emirates until 31 Mar 2012.

SQ fares start at \$1,779 to Paris while EK fares lead-in at \$1,689 to Rome - for more details contact the tour operators directly.

Shongololo bonuses

THE Africa Safari Co is offering two free nights at the Garden Route Game Lodge for guests booking on select Shongololo rail safaris in Feb next year.

The deal applies to the 01 Feb Good Hope Southbound trip from Johannesburg and the Good Hope Northbound trip on 20 Feb ex Cape Town, and is based on dinner, bed & breakfast basis and includes activities and transfers.

Thai Tiger plan dead

TIGER Airways has confirmed plans for a joint venture with Thai Airways International to establish a low cost carrier called Thai Tiger have officially been put to rest.

In Aug last year the airlines said the Bangkok-based Icc would be majority owned by THAI, however the Thai Transport Ministry had opposed the plan, given the flag carrier already had a large stake in Thai budger carrier, Nok Air.



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London fares for \$1622

VIRGIN Atlantic is offering fares to London Heathrow priced from \$1,622, valid for travel between 16 Jan and 31 Mar, when booked before Sat 10 Dec.



THE Australian Federation of Travel Agents held its final Board of Directors meeting in Sydney yesterday at the offices of Corporate Travel Management.

The meeting, which included some of the trade's top heirarchy, saw the AFTA Board reconfirm its current business plan along with a number of initiatives for 2012.

The Board also reaffirmed that travel industry reform is still very much on the agenda.

Qantas' head of industry and corporate sales Karen Tsolakis also provided an update to the Board on its recovery measures and industry apology initiatives which follow the carrier's entire fleet grounding in late Oct.

Pictured from left are Warwick

CCC Hobart race seats

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises has front row seats for the 2011 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race on Sydney Harbour aboard its John Cadman, Captain Cook and Matilda vessels on Boxing Day.

The 3.5hr Race Picnic Cruises are priced from \$79 per adult.

Blacker, Jetset Travelworld; Tass Messinis, American Express
Business Travel; Christian Hunter, Travellers Choice; Melvyn Almeida, Consolidated Travel; Graham Turner, Flight Centre; Karen Tsolakis, Qantas; Jayson Westbury; AFTA; Gary Allomes, Travellers Choice; Peter Lacaze, Jetset Travelworld Limited; Jacqui Timmins; Travelscene American Express; David Smith; Flight Centre and Craig Smith, Corporate Travel Management.

Marriott mobile app

MARRIOTT International has rolled out a new mobile app for iPhone and Android devices that enables users to locate and book hotels, as well as retrieve existing bookings - martiott.com/mobile.

United to add on Doha

UNITED Airlines has announced it will launch new daily services to Doha, Qatar from 01 May.

UA will operate the route using Boeing 777 aircraft via its already established Dubai gateway.

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Four Seasons WDW

THE first sod has been turned at the site of the new Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World in Florida this week.

The 444-room resort is being constructed within the Golden Oak enclave at WDW, and is expected to launch in 2014.

Norfolk 2012 retreat

NORFOLK Island has a seven night Tai Chi and Qigong Retreat being held at the Norfolk Island Health Retreat from 08 Apr 2012, priced \$969ppts.

Classes are being hosted by Australia's Master Zhang Hao. More at www.travelcentre.nf.

Emirates 19th A380

EMIRATES has taken delivery of its 19th Airbus A380 superjumbo, with the aircraft initially operating between Dubai and Paris.

A Club double points

ACCOR's hotel loyalty program A | Club is offering double points to members when booking its 'Summer Special Rate' for stays before 31 Jan 2012.

Hotels and resorts in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia are also offering members free daily brekkie for 2.

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- Be prepared to undergo a security assessment and meet the required standard.

Applicants must have the right to live and work in Australia. Applications close 16 December 2011.

Email your confidential application including the name and address of three (3) referees to John Valentak - jvalentak@flysolomons.com

We regret that only short listed candidates will be notified.



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AirAsia discount fares

AIRASIA has alunched a 'Hot-toglobe-trot' sale offering fares to Kuala Lumpur from Melbourne, Perth and the Gold Coast for \$199 one-way, when booked by Sun.

Fly-Thru fares to Singapore and Phuket start at \$238, or to Ho Chi Minh City from \$248.

MEANWHILE, the carrier has said reports that founder Tony Fernandes may leave the budget carrier some time "soon" are false.

Windstar Euro deal

WINDSTAR is offering cabins on Wind Spirit's Greek Island & Turkish Delights sailing on 14 Jul priced from \$3,135ppts, which includes a shipboard credit offer of US\$200 per person.

MEANWHILE, Windstar's *Wind*Surf is set to emerge from phase one of its refurbishment project this coming Sat ahead of its 2012 Caribbean season.

WA eco-touring focus

THE West Australian govt has adopted new flexible initiatives to ensure the sustainability of nature-based tourism activities on conservation lands & waters.

Changes will see commerical tour operators given access for up to 15 years in DEC-managed lands and waters where access is restricted (previously 10 years), while unrestricted licenses will be made available for 10 years, double the previous five years.

Tourism Minister Kim Hames said the measures provide greater certainty and flexibility for tour operators in the state.

Hong Kong visits up

HONG Kong Tourism Board has reported a 16.4% year on year increase in visitor arrivals in Oct to 3.8m, fueled by a 25% jump in mainland China arrivals.

Visitor figures from Australia, NZ and South Pacific were down 1.6% to 76,795 movements.

Virgin trains growth

VIRGIN Trains in the United Kingdom said it is expecting to carry 30 million passengers in the current year, a figure that's double the mark achieved 7 years ago.

Virgin Group founder Sir Richard Branson said the firm would like to be involved in talks about developing the UK High Speed service, "for urgently needed extra capacity."

Health survey on TD

A TRAVEL Industry Health Survey of 111 travel & tourism professionals (including travel agents) has found that 9 in 10 are offering health advice to their clients, but of those about 40% were aware how to reduce the risk of the most common illness traveller's diarrhoea (TD).

Also known as Bali belly, Delhi belly, Montezuma's revenge or the trots, TD remains the highest-reported illness in people travelling from developed regions to less-developed countries.

According to professor Roy Robins-Browne of the Dept of Microbiology & Immunology at the University of Melbourne, good hygiene measures to prevent the chances of catching TD may be insufficient to avoid contact with the bacteria responsible.

The specialist said products such as Travelan "may provide travellers with up to 90% protection" against the bug which is the cause of traveller's diarrhoea.



THE Kia Orana Cook Island Forum began its official program yesterday with discussion sessions for the three main markets - New Zealand, Australia and North America as well as a keynote speech from Chris Flynn, Regional Director, Pacific Asia Travel Association.

A number of keys issues were raised during the sessions on how to improve service and ways to make the destination "unique" to the Australian market.

The international delegation have experienced both Aitutaki and Rarotonga and for some this is the first time to the Cooks so local hoteliers and tour operators were given a fresh perspective on what the island does well and what can be improved upon to bring in the Australian market.

Pictured at Trader Jacks on Rarotonga for a cocktail event are the Australian delegation.

From front are: Kerryn Cook, Cook Island Tourism Corp.
Australia office; Dennis Basham, Blue Holidays; Renae Loro, Omniche Holidays; Donna Rodios and Anna Delaney, Wotif.com; Gaynor Stanley, CIT Australia; Tina, CIT; Lee Wilson, World Travel Group; Caleb; Genevieve O'Toole, Infinity Holidays; Mark Cario, marketing revolution; Graham Boan, The Travel Corporation; Mandy Jacobs,

Fusion Holidays; Daniel Hewlett, PMA communications group; Nicole Watson, GTA; Chris Flynn, PATA; Annaleen Chacon, Crown Beach; Jean Kouriel, Select Vacations and Mereana Tarvia, Cook Island Tourism.

CIT Syd office traffic

THE new Cook Island Tourism Office in Australia (*TD* 23 May) has seen a steady increase in sales since its inception six months ago.

"Agents are more positive about the destination due to training and additional support," Karla Eggleton, CIT sales and marketing manager said.



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Cook Is. mega famils

TWO travel industry mega famils are planned for the Cook Islands in 2012 with a mixture of media and trade invited from all the major international markets.

The first mega trip has been scheduled for Apr.

Currently Cook Island Tourism is offering one famil a month on average with between four to six participants, a figure double that of two years ago.

Agents get stiched up at WDW



ABOVE: Qantas Holidays led this lucky group of agents on a fun filled 10 day famil to Fort Worth, Dallas and Walt Disney World (WDW) Resort in the US recently.

The group flew on Qantas' newest international route from Sydney to Dallas/Fort Worth and spent time exploring parts of The Lone Star state, before heading to Orlando where they visited all four Disney themeparks - Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom and Hollywood Studios, as well as Typhoon Lagoon Water Park.

Pictured above finding Stitch, from the Disney film Lilo & Stitch front middle are Megan Harris, Harvey World Travel Traralgon.

Second row from left: Kathy Thomaidis, Jetset Moonee Ponds; Kerrin Poupos, Jetset Moe; Amanda Ridsdale, Flying Colours Travel; Jennifer Jones, TravelManagers; Stacey Baker, The World @ Braeside Travel; Sarah Wilkinson, Young Travel; Talitha Leenman, Travelworld Richmond; and Alice Vasovic, Harvey World Travel Weston.

Third row: Kerry Fedele, Jetset Central Melbourne; Jessica Musgrove, Capricorn Travel; Natalie Cue, Qantas Hols sales; Kellie Stevens, Harvey World Travel Wagga Wagga; Kristi-anne Butel, Complete Travel Solutions; Carole Sartori, Travelscene Wonthaggi @ Allworld; Lahnie Coster, Travelscene Bairnsdale; Sarah Young, Travelworld

Bonnyrigg, Karen Way, Harvey World Travel Alexander Heights and Felicity Simpson, Qantas Holidays marketing.

Back row: Matt McCarl, Disney; Sean Harrigan, Disney; Angela Brasacchio, Modica Travel Service; Colin Rourke, Harvey World Travel North Perth; Bradley Schell, Jetset Joondalup; Susan Paul, Travelscene Swansea; Grant Mason, Travelworld Salamander Bay; Marnie Welbourne, Peter Milling Travel; Catriona Hodges, Travel Counsellors; & Sarah Gott, Harvey World Travel Reservoir.

Dining on Radiance

GUESTS travelling on Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas will have 10 dining options to choose from, including six specialty options.

The Radiance Dining Packages include Chops Grille, Giovanni's Table, Izumi and Samba Grill (for US\$70), and the Chef's Dining Package, priced at \$120, adds the Chef's Table to the package.

AirTran MDW-CUN

AIRTRAN Airways has filed with the US govt to launch a new year round daily services between Chicago Midway and Cancun, Mexico, using 737-700 aircraft, to begin no later than 11 Mar.

The carrier said its services would facilitate new low-fare competition between the points.

Ukraine tourist city

THE Ukraine will develop a new tourist city to be built on the Crimean peninsula by 2014, the country's vice PM has announced.

The new city will be built from scratch and offer a range of hotel accommodation, with two new airports to be built in the central and southern parts of the region.

787 sets new records

BOEING's 787 Dreamliner has set two new world records for both speed and distance.

It set a distance record (for its class) on a 19,835km flight from Seattle to Dhaka, Bangladesh on 06 Dec, departing at 11:02am.

And after a two-hour refueling stop in Dhaka, the 787 continued around the world, back to Seattle, arriving at 5:29am on 08 Dec to create a new eastbound speed record of 42hours and 27 mins, carrying a total of 13 people.



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Expedia tablet app

ONLINE travel agency Expedia.com has launched a free hotel app for iPad and Android tablet users that enables them to book accom in four "quick taps".

Expedia Hotels offers real time availability for more than 130,000 hotels globally and the app is available in 16 languages.

OzExperience freebie

GREYHOUND Australia's OzExperience Bruce Cobber pass is offering travellers from Cairns to Sydney two free night's hostel accom and transfers to Magnetic Island, for stays before 31 Mar.





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Are you an experienced Galileo agent who is looking for part time and after hours work? If you have strong fares and ticketing knowledge then we have a new and exciting role located in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne. This role will see you working every Tues 6pm – 11pm, every second weekend both Saturday and Sunday and every 6th Friday 6 pm – 11pm. Minimum 3 years exp and fares and ticketing a must.

CRUISE INTO A FANTASTIC NEW ROLE SENIOR TRAVEL CONSULTANTS BRISBANE CBD – SALARY PACKAGE UP TO \$50K + Bonuses

Love selling travel but want to escape face to face consulting? Located in CBD this unique leading travel agency is looking for cruise experts and sales superstars to join them. You will handle all enquiries from clients via phone and email. You'll sell a range of products including cruises and high end tailored itineraries. Not only will you enjoy educational allowances and travel discounts but will have the security of a strong base salary plus earn more with the generous incentive scheme in place.

TREAT YOURSELF TO THIS GREAT ROLE! WHOLESALE RESERVATIONS CONSULTANT SYDNEY CBD – SALARY \$55k OTE +

Want to join one of Australia's mostly highly regarded wholesale travel companies? Get set for training that is at the forefront of the industry, exciting career opportunities as well as excellent earning potential. You will be well traveled and have a minimum of one year industry experience, great systems knowledge as well as great customer service and sales skills. If you are looking to make a change for the better this is your chance. Apply now or miss out.....

CALLING ALL TICKETING GURU'S TICKETING CONSULTANT PERTH (CBD) - SALARY PKG TO \$42K+ INCENTIVES

Are you an experienced ticketing agent or a travel agent who loves fares and ticketing? With this role you will be able to put your skills to good use. Located in the CBD of Perth and staff retention is high, so if you want to move into a ticketing role now is your chance. You will be responsible for assisting agents with fare enquires BSP reconciliation and the processing of refunds! A fantastic salary package is on offer.

GET IN BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS RUSH! RETAIL TRAVEL CONSULTANTS

PERTH (SOUTH) - SALARY PACKAGE TO \$42K+ COMM

Are you an experienced travel consultant wanting to give yourself an early Xmas present? We have an exciting role located in South Perth which will see you dealing with loyal repeat clients in a busy shopping centrel This large company is looking for an experienced agent to join their growing team, with your min 2 years experience; you will access exclusive fails and bonus structure! Apply now!

WANT A LONG WEEKEND EVERY FORTNIGHT? SENIOR TRAVEL CONSULTANT GLADSTONE – SALARY PACKAGE UP TO \$50K

Are you looking to start 2012 with a fresh start? Want to make a sea change? Then here is your chance. We currently have the opportunity for an experienced retail travel consultant to jump in and join this large and successful team. Handling leisure clientele you will sell a range of destinations and products. The benefits of being part of this agency are endless s but include a strong set salary, educationals and best of all you will enjoy a 9 day fortnight!