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NO, that's not a misprint - *TD* can exclusively reveal today that travellers booking a 2011 Insight Vacations or Trafalgar Tours holiday will be offered an amazing \$899 fully inclusive return Etihad Airways fare to Europe.

The deal is valid on bookings made 01-31 Aug for travel 01 Sep-24 Nov, on tours up to 31 Dec.

"There's really no excuse not to go," according to Trafalgar md Matthew Cameron-Smith, who told **TD** this morning the move will further stimulate the market which is already enjoying great value due to the strong Aussie \$.

"We believe there's still pent-up demand out there," he said, with the unprecedented fare valid to all of Etihad's online ports in Europe.

The offer also extends to LHR, with return economy EY fares from \$999 ex SYD, MEL or BNE.



CZ to double MEL capacity

CHINA Southern has signalled an aggressive push into the local market, confirming overnight it will launch a second daily service between Guangzhou-Melbourne.

According to agent GDS, CZ will alter schedules to allow a morning and evening departure, adding "more flexibility to the service".

Henry He, Regional General Manager Australia/NZ, told **TD** this morning the change would add an extra 90,000 seats into Melbourne each year.

He said the new A330 services (CZ343/CZ344) enable passengers to make the nine hour trip to CZ's main hub of Guangzhou either overnight or during the day.

Last year Tourism Australia forged a new deal with CZ to "help realise the potential of travel between China and Australia."

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Tourism Australia ceo Andrew McEvoy said China will play a major part in doubling overnight visitor expenditure to \$140 billion as part of its 2020 tourism vision.

"The full tourism potential of China will only be fully realised with a significant increase in aviation capacity between our two countries, which is why our expanding strategic partnership with China Southern Airlines is so important, and why these extra services are so welcome," McEvoy told **Travel Daily** yesterday.

Through its Guangzhou hub, CZ connects 80 Chinese cities and destinations in Europe to Australia.

Around 454,000 visitors from China arrived in Australia in 2010, up 24% on the year prior, and so far this year, Chinese arrivals are also up 20% year on year.

TA predicts the Chinese market may be worth \$9b to Oz by 2020.

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Tiger out of hiding

TIGER Airways looks likely to resume domestic flights by the end of next week, after issuing a statement last night confirming it would automatically refund passengers booked to fly between 01-04 Aug (TD breaking news).

The carrier said CASA had issued a "set of formal conditions that the airline must comply with. some of which must be satisfied prior to the reintroduction of their domestic flights.

"As a result of the progress made since 1 July 2011, Tiger Airways Australia is confident that it can comply with these conditions and expects to resume services in the near future".

Tiger said it would make a further announcement "concerning flights scheduled to operate from 5 August 2011 and the recommencement of sales" at the appropriate time.

CASA's Peter Gibson said issues included "pilot proficiency, the quality of management within Tiger, their ability to have robust safety systems.

"All those things have got to be addressed before they can go flying again," he added.



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the guarter finals worth NZ\$800,

according to a NZ Herald report.

Cruiseco agents for the same trip

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start at A\$3270pp (NZ\$4087) -

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World RWC charter of Holland

struggling to fill, the report says.

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a clause whereby the charterer.

must pay a penalty for empty

loss of onboard revenue.

charter agreements usually include

berths because of the anticipated

America's Volendam is also

Indicative prices on the

websites of some Australian

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Rhapsody of the Seas during its

charter are being offered to New

Zealand residents for an effective

price of just NZ\$88 per night once

the cost of rugby tickets is taken

Rhapsody has been chartered

three weeks in Oct, and has been

offering packages on two voyages

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Infants, transit pax and tickets

issued before 28 Jul are exempt.

the finals in Auckland.

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into account.

upcoming Rugby World Cup



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AC smoke situation

AIR Canada says there was no fire aboard its Boeing 777 service to Vancouver vesterday morning after pilots elected to dump fuel and return to Sydney after smoke was detected in the galley.

The aircraft was on the ground for less than two-hours before departing at 1:55pm with the same crew, but less one oven.

QIC open next Mon

THE Qantas Industry Centre will be operating with reduced staff levels next Mon due to a Bank Holiday in NSW, but normal hours of 0900-1800 AEST will apply.

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released today, the number of

from 66.7% to 67.5%.

18,000 pax to 398,324

which had 8.8% in May.

8,531 passengers.

seats made available on overseas

flights rose 8.8% to 3.113m, while

seat utilisation rose 0.8 points, up

The Qantas Group has seen its

share of international traffic dip

2.5%, but QF mainline was up

passengers, which at 19.2%, is

closest carrier, Singapore Airlines

The BITRE statistics reveal that

more int'l pax during the month,

and Jetstar Asia's slice of the int'l

market was 0.4%, accounting for

Full service carriers, Emirates,

Air New Zealand & Cathay Pacific

had their share of international

traffic decrease, with EK down 1

percentage point to 7.7%, Air NZ

down 0.5 points to 7.5% and CX

Virgin Australia's Pacific Blue

had numbers swell by 23.6% to

now account for 6.8% of the total

market, fueled by Fiji & Thai flights.

had their percentages increase in

May, up 0.8 points to 4.6% and

0.4 points to 3.1% respectively.

Low cost carriers are continuing

to carve out a significant chunk of

overseas travel as Jetstar, Jetstar

Asia, AirAsia X, Indonesia AirAsia,

Pacific Blue, Polynesian Blue and

fifth (19.7%) of all traffic, up 1.1

percentage points on last year.

Tiger Airways now hold about one

Malaysia Airlines & Thai Airways

down 0.4 points to 4.8%.

Jetstar picked up 8.2% (13,000)

more than double the next

International traffic takes off in May

ALMOST 200,000 more pax boarded international scheduled air services in and out of Australia in May, a 10.3% year on year increase, to 2.079m movements. According to government data

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Star offers iPhone app

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Users can get flight status updates, search flight schedules, access airport info & city guides, and research the lounge options of all the member carriers in the Star Alliance.

The app is available at present in English only, while Android and other smartphone operating systems are being planned for release at a future date.

QF prostate support

QANTAS has announced a new partnership with the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, under which it will fly nurses from cities and towns across the country for specialist training.

QF ceo Alan Joyce, who was treated earlier this year for an "aggressive form of prostate cancer," said he hoped to raise awareness among the public as well as the Qantas workforce.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australia, with the awareness campaign to include advertising

and on-board messages as well as special livery on a QF 737 (right).





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THE luxury Athenaeum Hotel in London is now home to its very own Hundred Acre Wood.

A new partnership with The Walt Disney Company has seen the creation of the UK's first ever Winnie the Pooh playroom complete with lots of Poohflavoured toys, games, musical instruments, Lego and colouring.

And it's not just for kids - adult guests are also treated with special honey-flavoured 'High Tea' complete with honey made by bees in nearby Regent's Park.

Families staying in the Athenaeum's newly refurbished apartments can also take an outing with a special Winniethemed Family Picnic Hamper.

ADVENTURE in Canada isn't just in the wild, with a new adrenaline pumping attraction set to open at a skyscraper in the centre of the city of Toronto.

The CN Tower will debut the EdgeWalk - an "excursion around an open-mesh metal walkway almost a quarter of a mile above the ground".

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Another gong for the Hoff

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Australian travel agency Phil Hoffmann Travel was inducted into the Family Business Australia (FBA) Hall of Fame this week at the FBA tenth annual Hall of Fame Dinner.

PHT was just one of three South Australian companies to

receive the honour, which recognises first generation family businesses that excel in their area of expertise and contribute significantly to the state.

Chairman of the South Australian Chapter of Family Business Australia, Kent Aughey, said Phil Hoffmann Travel had achieved the feat in 20 years,



compared to what "typically takes family businesses several generations."

Phil Hoffmann himself is pictured above (left) accepting the gong at the event from Tom Koutsantonis, Minister of Industry & Trade and Kent Aughley, SA Chapter of Family Business Australia.



Getaway tomorrow

TOMORROW'S episode of *Getaway* on Channel Nine, to be broadcast at 5.30pm, features stories on Boracay, a travelling AC/DC exhibit and river cruising between Budapest-Amsterdam.

MEANWHILE, Scenic Tours will showcase the *Scenic Pearl* 'Space-Ship' over four weeks on the GEM digital channel, starting this Sunday at 5:30pm.

Episode one previews a range of top tourist spots in Budapest, incl the Central Market, the Szechenyi Spa & Baths and Hero Square, then sails down the Danube to spectacular Vienna, with a visit to Palais Liechtenstein for a concert.

Akatsuki opening

THAILAND's Akatsuki Resort has soft launched on the west coast of Koh Samui, with prices at the Small Luxury Hotels of the World property priced from US\$2,000 per night for a group of 10 guests sharing valid until 31 Dec.

Vegas visits surge 40%

AUSTRALIAN visitor numbers to Las Vegas in the USA surged 40% year on year in 2010, to be just under 200,000, according to new Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority (LVCVA) data.

The Australian market was one of five key foreign markets that saw double digit growth, along with Canada, Germany, France, China and South Korea.

The LVCVA is hoping to raise the international visitor market to Las Vegas from the current 18% to 30% over the next decade.

SQ 747s back to MEL

SINGAPORE Airlines is set to boost capacity to Melbourne, with the deployment of 747s on one of its daily flights to MEL from late Oct, replacing a 777-300 on SQ237/228.

SQ also today reported an 82% drop in first quarter profit, which dived to SG\$45m (vs G\$253m for Q1 last year) due to high fuel costs.



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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 96cm / 15 lifts
- Perisher 1.6m / 46 lifts
- Thredbo 1.5m / 13 lifts
- Charlotte Pass 1.6m / 5 lifts
- Mt Selwyn 35cm / 8 lifts
- Mt Hotham 95cm / 13 lifts
- Mt Buller 76cm / 22 lifts
- Coronet Peak 1.15m / 7 lifts
- The Remarkables 75cm / 7
- Cardrona 1m / 6 lifts
- Treble Cone 65cm / 4 lifts

Mid-Winter sale ends

NEW Caledonia and Air Calin are reminding agents that its 'Mid-Winter' escape fare of \$577 return is expiring today.

The deal incl a return Economy fare to NOU ex BNE, when booked in M/T class - call 02 9299 8867.

Agents Cup incentive

KEITH Prowse is offering agents the chance to win a trip to the Melbourne Cup, with an entry in the draw automatically placed for any KP product booked between 20 Jul and 30 Sep.

The prize includes two reserved seats in the Lawn Stand, entry at a pre-Cup Cocktail Event, 2 nights accom at the Stamford Plaza & transfers - keithprowse.com.au.

MCVB appoints CEO

THE Melbourne Convention and Visitors Bureau has appointed Keith Herdman as its Acting Chief Executive Officer, following the departure of Sandra Chipchase, effective 04 Aug.

The MCVB Board is continuing to search for a new CEO.

Auto upgrades in Aug

HOLIDAY Autos is offering free upgrade offers on Aussie car rental hire in August at select locations. A Compact 4 door automatic is

available for the price of an Economy and a Fullsize 4-door automatic is charged at the price of an Intermediate 4 door auto. Pick up locations incl Brisbane

Airport, Gold Coast Airport; Sydney Airport and city; Adelaide Airport and city; and Perth, Hobart & Launceston Airports.



FOOD has clearly been very much on the mind of Qantas ceo Alan Joyce recently.

On Wed he topped off a recent appearance on Channel 10's *Masterchef* with another culinary highlight - the launch of the new \$72m Q Catering Centre at Brisbane Airport.

The project, due for completion late next year, will create the first new Qantas catering facility in more than two decades.

Qld Premier Anna Bligh, who's pictured above helping Joyce and two other staff hand around the nibblies, said the project was a vote of confidence in the Queensland economy.

It will boost Q Catering's annual production capacity in Brisbane by 25% to almost 11 million meals.

AirAsia X boosts Oz

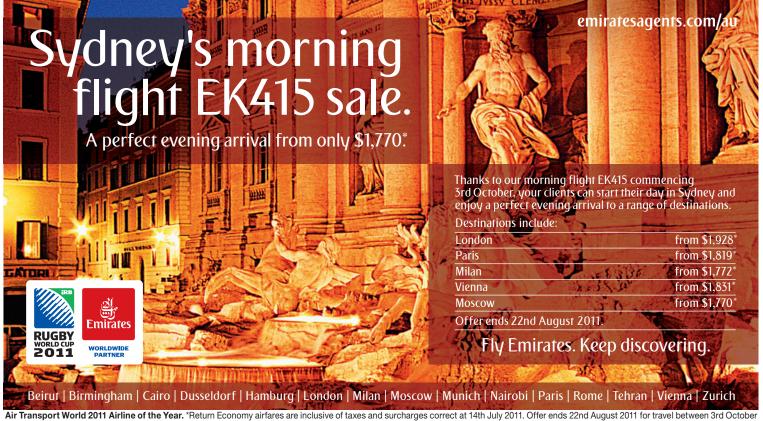
AIRASIA X says it's responding to "soaring demand" by announcing a significant boost to peak season capacity on its Australian flights.

Two extra Melbourne flights will be added, bringing frequencies to 12 per week in Dec and Jan, while AirAsiaX will also add a sixth weekly Gold Coast flight and three more Perth services.

The additions will take effect over various timeframes from 01 Dec 2011 to 14 Jan 2012.

"Loads have been consistently strong year-round on the Melbourne and Perth routes," said local chief Darren Wright.

The move will restore some of AirAsia X's recently withdrawn Gold Coast capacity.



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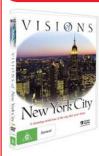
Archipelago for Datai

ARCHIPELAGO Hotels & Resorts has been appointed to manage The Datai Langkawi in Malaysia. The property is represented here by Betsy Pie Int'l Comms.

Virgin Aust expands regional network

PERTH-based Skywest Airlines will operate East Coast services from Oct this year when it begins flying to/from Brisbane, Sydney, Port Macquarie, Gladstone and Canberra under its regional alliance with Virgin Australia. Using new DJ branded 68-seat

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ATR 72-500 turbo-prop aircraft, the flights will operate double daily from Brisbane to Gladstone, with the move also including a new daily Brisbane to Port Macquarie service (TD breaking news yesterday).

The turbo-prop will also be used to boost frequencies between Sydney and Canberra (up to 6 daily return flights), and replace DJ's Embraer E170s on the double daily Sydney-Port Macquarie run.

DJ's Group Exec of Alliances, Network & Yield Merren McArthur said the push into "unique" regional markets will provide pax with more choice and more convenient schedules," to appeal to corporate and leisure travellers.

The Brisbane-Port Macquarie service on the single class planes will eliminate the need for midnorth coast pax to transit in SYD to reach the Queensland capital. In Jan, Virgin Australia and

Skywest Airlines announced their strategic alliance, which would see DJ introduce a fleet of up to 18 turbo prop aircraft to be operated by XR, with four to be in the air by Dec (TD 11 Jan). At that time, DJ chief John

Borghetti said the partnership would "allow us to access untapped opportunities."

Skywest currently operates as far east as Melbourne ex Perth via Kalgoorlie using Fokker F100s.

Hilton Breckenridge

HILTON Worldwide and Vail Resorts have partnered to open the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Breckenridge in Colorado, USA.

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Question 21: In 25 words or less tell us what wildlife would you most like to spot from the **Rocky Mountaineer train and why?**



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Businesses warned of dodgy City Guide

THE FEDERAL court has ordered the Spanish-based firm European City Guide, trading locally as Industry and Commerce, not to claim or seek payment for online directory services from any Australian business that signed up to its online business directory.

The ACCC said today the firm had misled small businesses that completed one of the ECG forms between 2006-2009, charging up to \$1600 to be listed in its directory for three years.

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Starwood Spas grow

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