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KEA Spaceships partnership

A NEW agreement between **KEA Campers and Spaceships** Australia announced today will see the Spaceships operation expand into Perth, Adelaide and the Northern Territory.

Spaceships' unique orange campervans will share operations with the move claimed to offer independent travellers "a full spectrum of campervan and motorhome transport operations."

across KEA's Australian network,

Initially Spaceship vehicles will be offered from KEA's Darwin and Alice Springs depots from 01 Jul.

KEA ceo Grant Brady said the alliance would give both firms efficiencies in a number of areas, describing it as a 'fantastic fit".

And Spaceships director Greg Zammit said the pact would also "leverage joint marketing opportunities and position the brands firmly as the leading operators in each segment of the industry".

Disney's new rides

Resort in California last week.

Old favourite Star Tours has been given a total makeover, with guests now enjoying a space voyage in 3-D and the latest technology creating a range of scenarios meaning it's a new experience every time you ride it.

And the new Little Mermaid ride is sure to wow young and old alike - not to mention Mickey's Soundsational Parade which travels the streets of Disneyland to delight everyone.

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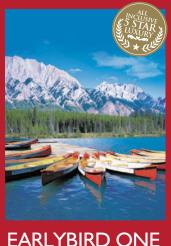
Seven pages of news

Travel Daily today has seven pages of news and photos, plus full pages from: (click)

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Turkish Airlines enters Oz

A NEW codeshare between Turkish Airlines and its Star Alliance partner Asiana has seen TK flight numbers offered from Australia for the first time.

The move is effective immediately, with TK codesharing on Asiana's daily OZ601/602 services between Sydney and Seoul, connecting onwards on Turkish Airlines metal to Istanbul.

It's the first concrete move towards establishing TK's own flights to Australia, with the carrier's ceo Temel Kotil last year indicating the possibility of Sydney services as an extension of Turkish Airlines flights to Jakarta (TD 20 Dec 10).

At the time he said that the Sydney route could launch as early as the last quarter of 2011.

The new TK/OZ codeshare is just one of several Star Alliance expansions now showing in GDS, with Asiana also boosting its joint flights with Singapore Airlines.

Under these changes the OZ code is now available on SIA's Perth flights, giving Asiana an additional Australian destination.

OZ is also codesharing on SQ

Tourism NZ joins ICCA

TOURISM New Zealand has the International Cruise Council of Australasia (Cruise Weekly surge in international cruise passenger numbers in 2011/12.

flights to Auckland, Jakarta and Cape Town effective immediately.

Vale Denise Coleman

THE travel industry is this week mourning the death of long-time Garuda Indonesia staffer Denise Coleman, who died last Sat after a long battle with cancer.

A funeral service was held last Mon attended by many friends and colleagues.

Coleman was part of the GA family for more than 30 years.

Donations to the Jane McGrath Foundation, Cancer Council or RSPCA can be made in her memory.



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THE snow flakes are falling, which means it's time for the return of TD's snow update column.

Throughout the ski season Travel Daily will provides a snap-shot of 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 23cm / 3 lifts
- Perisher 17cm / 2 lifts
- Thredbo 5-10cm / 5 lifts
- Mt Selwyn 25cm / 2 lifts
- Mt Hotham 13cm / 3 lifts
- Coronet Peak 1cm / o lifts

Minor lifts Oaks stake

THAI fast food franchisor and hotelier Minor International now holds 92.37% of the shares in its takeover target, Aussie firm Oaks Hotels and Resorts.

The move above 90% means that the suitor is now able to proceed to compulsory acquisition of all outstanding Oaks shares.

Minor said its 52c per share offer will not be increased, and that the 7pm on Fri 17 Jun closing date for the bid "will not be further extended".

The company warned that those shareholders who wait to have their shares compulsorily acquired will receive payment later than those who accept the offer.

SkyMiles Shopping opened to Aussies

DELTA Air Lines has opened a SkyMiles Shopping online site to Australian members of its loyalty program for the first time today.

Goods on offer include apparel, books, music & electronic goods.

GM of SkyMiles Asia Pacific and Latin America, Marc Ferguson says the shopping site is "another way we're adding value to the SkyMiles program in Australia.

"It enhances options to earn miles while strengthening our overall portfolio of SkyMiles offerings in Australia," he said.

See asiashopping.delta.com.

MEANWHILE, Delta ceo Richard Anderson has said the carrier is planning to consolidate a range of operations in the US.

Company training centres for flight attendants and pilots, along with engineering and technical support teams will be relocated from Minneapolis to Atlanta.

In 2008 DL bought Northwest Airlines which was headquartered in Minneapolis.

CONGRATS to Sophie Fremaux

of Travel by Wyndham who was

the winner of last week's Hard

Rock Hotel Penang comp which

a three night package for two.

Volcano disruptions

caused further chaos in South

American aviation today, with scores of flights cancelled in

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BNE design shortlist

BRISBANE Airport this morning announced the three construction companies which have been shortlisted for its national Property Master Plan design competition.

The winning bid, to be announced in Aug, will help create plans for the 1000 ha of developable land at the airport.



NATURE gives...and takes away. A storm in central Ohio in the USA has destroyed a landmark tourist attraction which has been in place for over 500 years.

The white oak tree, thought to predate the 1492 arrival of Christopher Columbus in the New World, was a popular place for visitors to the town of Lancaster, about 50km from the city of Columbus.

Locals said wild winds caused the ancient tree to "split as easily as a banana".

YOU certainly have to admire the ingenuity of teenagers at a school in Hamilton, NZ.

Passengers in planes travelling over Fairfield College haven't commented on graphic images in the school's playing fields, which appear to have been etched using weedkiller.

The giant phallic symbols, pictured below, are also clearly visible on Google Earth.













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DJ Premium taste test

VIRGIN Australia is offering passengers who have purchased a domestic flexi Fare the option to upgrade to its Premium Economy product for just \$35 or 3,900 points.

Dubbed the Premium Economy Taster Upgrade, guests who have not checked in within 3 hrs to 45 mins of their flight departure, can request the upgrade.

Guests are offered all the trimmings of Premium Economy, including lounge access in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, and Cairns, complimentary food and beverages onboard the flight and a free 'live2air' movie.

Blue Train free night

THE Africa Safari Co is offering a free night's pre or post accom at the Sheraton Pretoria for guests booking a Blue Train journey from Pretoria to Cape Town, or vv.

The deal represents a saving of around \$700 per couple and is available for travel to 31 Jul.

Luxe South America

CONNOISSEUR'S Choice by Scenic Tours has launced its South America tours for 2012, with a 24 or 31 day itinerary on offer.

Trips include exclusive group experiences, such as a helicopter flight around Rio's Christ the Redeemer and an invitation to a polo match in Buenos Aires.

Earlybird discounts of up to \$1,700 per couple are available for bookings made by 31 Oct - see www.scenictours.com.au/cc.

Venetian hotel bed tax

VENICE is set to join the likes of fellow Italian city, Rome, with the Commune of Venice announcing plans to impose a hotel bed tax from 01 Jul, aimed to generate about €20 million annually.

If approved, hotel guests will be slugged €1pp/night per star or category for up to five nights.

In May, city officials in Florence said they were looking to apply a similar accom tax (TD 25 May).

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Stars come out for Air NZ

RUGBY league star Benji Marshall, singer Guy Sebastian, Air New Zealand country manager Cam Wallace yes, all the celebrities were out in force on Wed night for a special winter themed party on the rooftop of Air NZ's Sydney headquarters.

The event launched Air NZ's 'Just 3 Hours Away' winter campaign, with guests also including team members from Air NZ's new alliance partner Virgin Australia.

"This winter we're not only increasing our own capacity into New Zealand, but with Virgin Australia as our Tasman Alliance partner we're offering even more choice for travellers keen to visit Australia's finest and best value ski fields," Wallace said.

Air NZ is also targeting Aussie



ski aficionados with a special exhibition of New Zealand winter photography, which is on display at Martin Place railway station in Sydney until 19 Jun, and at Melbourne's Southern Cross Station until 06 Jul.

Wallace is pictured above with Wests Tigers star Benji Marshall.





ABOVE: The Africa Safari Co recently hosted a group of agents on an educational to South Africa.

During their stay they dined in splendour in the vineyards of Franschhoek and discovered the game reserves bordering the Kruger National Park.

Dinner was not the only highlight with the group also treated to mating leopards, charging elephant and sightings of the rare black rhino.

Pictured here basking in the beauty of the Cape on Table

Mountain from left are: Linda Hogan, Jetset Chatswood; Samantha Pedley, Travelworld Daisy Hill; Vivienne Zaarour, Northshore Travel; Narelle McNicol, Nationwide Travel; Brodie Poole, The Africa Safari Co (rear row); Natalie Montgomery, Jetset North Melbourne; Jillian Twigg, RACQ Eight Mile Plains; Sherry Straatman, Travelworld Carindale (rear row); Jennifer Phillips, Moss Vale Cruise and Travel; and Leanne Mensink, Travelworld Sandgate.

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Applications close 15 June 2011.

ANA pilots 787 ready

10 OF All Nippon Airways' pilots have this week concluded their training on the first ever 787 *Dreamliner* aircraft in the skies over Washington state.

This particular crew are ANA's senior training pilots who will conduct simulator and airplane line training in Japan, as well as fly the first 787 commercial flights.

Marriott AC Hotels

SPANISH hotel group AC Hotels has unveiled new co-branding after forming a joint venture with Marriott International.

The group, which has over 80 hotels spread across Spain, Italy and Portugal is now known as AC Hotels by Marriott.

Delta/Aeroflot c'share

DELTA Air Lines and Aeroflot-Russian Airlines have requested authority to begin a codeshare relationship as soon as possible.

Delta is seeking to display the SU airline code on its services and that of subsidiary Comair, from New York and/or Atlanta and 25 US cities, including Boston, Las Vegas, Chicago and Orlando.

In turn, Aeroflot wants to place the DL code on flights from New York, Los Angeles and Washington DC to Moscow and from Moscow to 12 domestic Russian cities, Tashkent in Uzbekistan and Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan.

Dunedin garden tour

BLUE Holidays, the vacation division of Virgin Australia, is offering a four day 'Go Natural, Go Dunedin' tour that visits Dunedin on NZ's South Island.

The package explores gardens, wilderness and wildlife of the region, with visits to Dunedin's key attractions including Larnach Castle, the Chinese Gardens and the Otago Farmers Market.

The trip is priced at \$461 and was recently hosted by TV star and former stripper, Jamie Durie - info at flypacificblue.com.au.



Travel Daily has teamed up with SWISS to give a SWATCH —every day this week, to each of the two daily lucky winners.

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Asiascene closure

THE Travel Compensation Fund has advised of the voluntary withdrawal of Asiascene Travel of Hurstville, NSW (ABN: 66 380 623 355) effective 09 Jun.

Nusa Dua to Summit

BALI'S Nusa Dua Beach Hotel & Spa has signed on with the Preferred Hotel Group's Summit Hotels & Resort brand.

The property recently completed phase 1 of a 3 stage renovation & is the first Bali hotel for Summit.

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Another Blu in Istanbul

THE Rezidor Hotel Group has announced it's adding a fifth property in Istanbul, with the 133-room Radisson Blu Golden Horn Hotel to open in Q1 2013.

CTC after support to lure Aussies longer

THE Canadian tourism authority believes it may be necessary to garner support from its nearest neighbour and the cruiseline industry in order to extend the length of stay Australians spend in Canada.

According to the Canadian Tourism Commission's 42-page Market Insights report on Australia that was released this week, research from a recent consumer study indicated that 20%-25% of travellers are transiting to Canada by cruise.

The report suggests "that Canada should not only work with the US and trade in

MEL pet hotel opens

PET hotel and dog training service Hanrob has expanded its ops from Sydney to Melbourne Airport and is offering free membership (valued at \$197/year) for a short time - hanrob.com.au.

VS/CY plot US-UK c/s

VIRGIN Atlantic and Cyprus Airways have told the US Dept of Transportation they wish to begin a codeshare agreement on service between the US and UK.

VS says its initial plan is to have the CY code placed on flights from London to New York's JFK and EWR, Los Angeles and Boston as soon as possible.

Getaway moves to Sat

TOMORROW night's episode of Channel Nine's dedicated travel program *Getaway*, which is now aired on Gem at 5:30pm features stories on: Machu Picchu, Peru; Auckland and the Philippines.

CPT-LVI direct flights

ZAMBEZI Airlines will offer new non-stop thrice weekly flights between Livingstone (Victoria Falls) and Cape Town, from Jul.

The service will be operated using a Boeing 737-500 and offers connections from Livingstone to/from Zambia's capital, Lusaka.

promoting dual itinerary holidays, but with cruise lines in extending passenger stays before and after their cruise."

Airfare pricing to Canada is also an area that the CTC classes as "concerning" due to "the number of Aussies citing that cost considerations, such as air, play a major role in preventing them to travel to Canada altogether, with 76% citing general high costs as a barrier," the report states.

Silkair to Kolkata

SINGAPORE Airlines has announced a new Singapore-Kolkata route to be operated by its regional offshoot SilkAir.

The SilkAir flights will operate four times a week, complementing SQ's thrice weekly services to create a daily frequency.

New TCF participants

THE Travel Compensation Fund admitted six new travel agency head office locations in the second half of May.

The new agents include; *Reef International Group* of Bonbeach (ABN: 84 138 461 980) and *Silk Road Adventures* of Brighton East (ABN: 87 744 799 601) in Victoria; *Specialised Travel* of Goolwa North (ABN: 38 357 863 298) and *Holidays of Australia* of Adelaide (ABN: 44 148 001 969) in South Australia; and in NSW; *Cruise Savers* of Narrabeen (ABN: 71 149 932 785) and *Travelscene Nowra* (ABN: 32 150 420 063).

Three new travel agency branch locations were also signed up - *Egan & Turner Travel Associates* in Cairns; *Travel Associates Lewis & Turner* in North Adelaide and *Cardigan Touring Services* of Strathalbyn in South Australia.

Priority Pass app.

INDEPENDENT airport lounge program, Priority Pass, has launched a new BlackBerry app, providing a convenient option for members to locate over 600 airport lounges when travelling.



ABOVE: Skimax hosted Brisbane travel agents to a breakfast seminar at The Riverview Hotel late last month to learn about ski destinations in the USA & Canada.

A similar event was also held in Sydney at The Grace Hotel.

Representatives from ski resorts including Whistler Blackcomb, Sun Peaks, Big White, Silver Star, Banff Lake Louise, Steamboat, Vail Resorts and Aspen Snowmass were in attendance.

Some of the reps are pictured here with Skimax's Queensland representative, Sean Flint of FTM Australia.

Tanzania yellow fever

TRAVELVAX Australia is advising Aussies travelling to or from Tanzania via South Africa will soon need to show proof of vaccination against yellow fever.

The move follows a similar occurence in Zambia (*TD* 31 May) and is expected to come into effect from 01 Jul.

The new regulation affects all pax who are travelling to or from some of Africa's most popular tourist destinations incl Zambia's Victoria Falls and Tanzania's Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and Mount Kilimanjaro, Travelvax says.



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Synthetic fuel launch

TOURISM and energy minister Martin Ferguson yesterday opened Australia's first synthetic fuel facility, the \$5m Synfuel and Catalysis Research Facility in Perth.

10 A330s for Jet Airways

INDIAN carrier Jet Airways is set to place an order for ten new Airbus A330s at the upcoming Paris Air Show this month.

The *Economic Times* also said Indian LCC GoAir is also planning to buy 50 new A320s at the show.

HKG Local Deals

TRAVELZOO Asia Pacific has launched its new voucher-based Local Deals service in Hong Kong.

Travelzoo says its Australian Local Deals product has sold over 7000 vouchers worth a total of almost \$1m since its Apr launch.

QR targets tourism

QUEENSLAND Rail Travel is citing a new "more commercial, customer focused approach to tourism" for a 14% increase in passenger numbers this year.

GM Max Kruse says the company is now focusing on new markets and expanding business with existing customers as well as "transforming its operations to become more efficient".

Kruse said new low price fares on offer aimed to help tourism operators facing competition from overseas destinations, with other initiatives including a *The Sunlander* culinary package.



ABOVE: Australian cruising pioneer Sarina Bratton this morning presided over the official naming ceremony of Orion Expedition Cruise's new *Orion II*.

The event took place in Seattle, USA, with Bratton selecting three Godmothers from Orion's legion of highly satisfied past guests.

Jill Bennett, Laurel Norris and Shirley Turtle, pictured above, are the most travelled females on *Orion*, having between them enjoyed more than 50 voyages on the flagship.

Speaking at the launch, Bratton contrasted Orion's style with that of the huge cruise ships operated by other lines.

"Instead of a theatre with wide screen movies we offer the real thing: 3D outdoor 360 degree panoramas to far horizons, with surround sound emanating from cascading waterfalls or the rhythmic beat of drums," she said.

Orion II departs Vancouver today for a 24 night voyage taking in Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, Kamchatka Peninsula and Kuril Islands, heading for Kuril, Japan.

Many guests who travelled on *Orion*'s first voyage from Tahiti to Australia in 2005 are also onboard the *Orion II* inaugural.

VA to codeshare to Bali, South Pacific

THE International Air Services Commission this morning confirmed a series of applications from Virgin Australia which will further the consolidation of operations under its new brand.

The carrier is seeking a variation of determinations on the Indonesia route to allow V Australia to code share on Virgin Blue services to Denpasar.

"Although Virgin Australia's services on this route are currently operated by Virgin Blue, we are attending to the relevant regulatory arrangements which will see all our domestic and international services operated by Virgin Australia by the end of 2011," the application says.

Virgin is also seeking to vary its capacity allocations to enable V Australia to code share on Pacific Blue services to Rarotonga, Honiara, Nuku'alofa, Port Moresby and Port Vila.

The carrier said it's recently sought to have V Australia designated under the air services arrangements with the Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu.



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