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## TN flight disruptions

**AIR** Tahiti Nui is advising passengers of industrial action by cabin crew is causing ongoing disruptions to its flights network-wide, including its Auckland-Papeete services.

A range of measures to mitigate disruption have been adopted, including cancelling/postponing flights over the next three days, such as TN102, with no penalty.

Agents & passengers are being advised to see [airtahitinui.com.au](http://airtahitinui.com.au) for schedule updates and info.

## TA urges one tourism voice

**TOURISTS** overseas are being confused by multiple Australian marketing messages coming from state tourism authorities, tour operators and airlines, with Tourism Australia chairman Geoff Dixon today renewing a call for a united marketing front.

Speaking at an event in Hobart, Dixon revealed that on recent visits to China, India and Indonesia both he and TA md Andrew McEvoy were "told point blank that Australia spoke with too many voices".

He said that most of these voices did not have sufficient resources to make a real impact, and urged collective promotion to promote Australia through "stronger and singular joint federal and state government

backed foundation campaigns".

Dixon told tour operators that Australia will never be a "mass tourism destination" due to the tyranny of distance, which sees it rank 42nd in the world for total visitor arrivals.

However, on key expenditure measures, Australia is eighth overall for total tourism receipts - and number one in the world for average spend per visitor.

He said that the reality is with the high costs of operating in Australia, "our unique natural experiences must be accompanied by first class service and first class facilities and products and the very best in marketing and sales".

Dixon highlighted the success of new investment in tourism - particularly Hobart's MONA which is already attracting almost 600,000 visitors annually.

## HK Airlines kk's cuts

**HONG** Kong Airlines confirmed today it would suspend its all-Business Class flights from Hong Kong to London in Sep (**TD** Mon).

The carrier said it was reviewing its European strategy as a result of the continuing weak economic outlook, along with the strength of its regional business in Asia.

Travel agents in Australia whose clients' bookings are affected by the suspension, effective 10 Sep, are advised to call 1300 889 190 for more info.

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## Six A330-300s for AAX

**AIRASIA** X is to boost its fleet of Airbus A330-300s after signing a Letter of Intent with International Lease Finance Corporation for the lease of six aircraft, scheduled for delivery between 2013 & 2014.

CEO Azran Osman-Rani said AirAsia X aims to use the leased jets (along with outstanding deliveries from Airbus) to become "the dominant market leader in the low-cost long-haul segment."

"We intend to deploy the additional capacity with a vision to solidify our positions in our identified core markets, including Australia, China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan," Ozman-Rani said.

Last month, he revealed plans to double capacity to Australia by as early as next year (**TD** 26 Jul).

The lease term of the six A330 deal with ILFC is 10 years.

## Six pages of news

**Travel Daily** today has six pages of news and photos, plus a full page of jobs from **AA Appointments** ([click](#))

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## Qld apartment furore

**THE** Qld Office of Fair Trading is probing a holiday letting firm called Stay Mint, after complaints from apartment owners about alleged "financial irregularities".

The company manages the Broadbeach apartment complex "Carmel by the Sea", with a spokesperson quoted in yesterday's *Financial Review* as saying that "revenue may have been incorrectly allocated".

The owners who made the allegations say they had found that people had stayed in their apartments but the rent for the visits had not been recorded on monthly statements.

## Skywest RPT spikes

**SKYWEST** Airlines has reported a 5.18% year-on-year increase in revenue pax kms (RPT) during Jul, as available seat kms surged 17.5% due to seven additional aircraft being added to its fleet.

However, passenger numbers slipped by about 3% to 36,000, coupling to pull load factors down 7.2% to 61.73%, according to XR's passenger operating statistics.

The WA-based carrier's charter traffic, measured by available charter seat kms, fell by 25% to 42,549,000.

## China Southern office

**CHINA** Southern Airlines House (*TD* yesterday) is located at 120 Clarence Street (on the corner of King St) in Sydney's CBD.

## Crown occupancy strong

**THERE'S** no wonder Crown Limited is planning new hotel developments in Perth and Sydney - the firm is continuing to see strong occupancies and profit across its existing portfolio.

According to the company's financial results released this week, Crown Towers in

Melbourne recorded a 91.3% occupancy level last year, with an average room rate of \$294, nearby Crown Promenade was 88.1% full, while Crown Metropol reported occupancy rates of 83.2% for the year.

In Burswood, the Crown Promenade Perth saw 93.2% occupancy, while the former InterContinental - now Crown Metropol Perth - also did well.

The rebranding to Crown Perth will take place next month as refurbishment projects near completion, allowing Burswood to "utilise the internationally recognised Crown brand in order to increase the number of international and interstate visitors to Perth".

Crown's total profit after tax was \$513.3 million, up a hefty 52.8% on the previous year.

## QF rejigs SYD crew

**QANTAS** international crew at Sydney Airport will have their base relocated from its current airside position, under new requirements being imposed by the Australian Customs Service.

Effective from 01 Oct, crew will be barred from going airside to Terminal 1, and will need to clear customs, bringing Sydney into line with other ports.

A new base will be developed opposite Gate 24 - in the location of the former interim First Lounge.

## Kennett ATEC address

**THE** Australian Tourism Export Council has announced former Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett as the keynote speaker for Meeting Place 2012 members conference.

Kennett will speak about his vision of Australia's place on the global stage.

Early bird registrations for the annual event, being held at Hilton Sydney from 27-29 Nov, will save \$250 per delegate - [atec.net.au](http://atec.net.au).

## Goodbye & good luck

**TOURISM** Queensland ceo Anthony Hayes has announced his resignation effective today, after seven years with the firm, five of which in the top job.

Leanne Coddington has assumed acting ceo duties while the TQ board sources a replacement.

## Fiji Casino on target

**FII's** first ever casino project is set to begin construction this month on Denarau Island after developers raised \$400 million for its first phase of development.

The builder, One Hundred Sands, told *Fiji Times* this week the firm had surpassed its target of \$290 million in funding for the complex - which includes a resort, 1,600-seat convention centre, a casino and pool - given the nod from the Fiji Govt last year (*TD* 22 Dec).

Phase one of the original plan covers a 190-room hotel, three restaurants and a sports grille.

The five-star casino is expected to open in Oct next year and employ between 600-850 staff.

## Qatar Air/Porter deal

**QATAR** Airways has signed an interline agreement with regional Canadian carrier Porter Airlines.

The pact will allow an expansion to the number of destinations offered by Qatar Airways, with pax from Doha able to connect onto regional flights from Porter's Toronto and Montreal hubs following its debut on the route last year (*TD* 28 Feb 11).

QR flights to Dulles Airport in Washington DC will also permit connections onto Porter flights.

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## OTA's defy slowdown threats

**ONLINE** bookings in the Asia Pacific region, particularly China and Japan, continue to soar despite threats of an economic slowdown, according to the latest research from PhoCusWright.

A report by the firm due out next week will show that while APAC hotels continue to expand, new properties & room inventory generally increased across the market, changes in consumer behaviour are set to force yet another industry rethink.

Independent hotels are slowly disappearing from the region as global, regional and local chains boost their presence with new builds and investments into more

upscale properties to attract high-end business travellers and luxury seekers, according to the report and echoed by PhoCusWright senior researcher Douglas Quinby.

"As the hotel market's makeover continues unabated, all signs indicate that there is enormous headroom for very high growth rates in the region's online hotel market," Quinby said.

## Digging in to a Filipino delicacy

### PHILIPPINE

Airlines is revamping its onboard dining options across its domestic and int'l network, enlisting the efforts of five celebrated chefs to design a range of exciting new menus.

Each of the five foodies will use their expertise in a variety of specialist cuisine from Filipino, Western, Chinese, Japanese and Thai to serve as their inspirations as they create the new offerings.

Last night saw the opening night of the annual "Flavours of the



## TripAdvisor like NT ad

**TOURISM** NT has been declared the winner of TripAdvisor's US\$1.5m Creative Ad Challenge, with US\$800,000 in click-based advertising media value awarded to the department.

The winning entry was created by Sydney's Visual Jazz Isobar, who designed Virtual Tour Guides to educate travellers of the benefits of holidaying in the region in a fun, informative way.

## HA Auckland deals

**HAWAIIAN** Airlines has released a range of tactical special return fares starting from NZ\$1,075 for flights ex Auckland to Honolulu - valid upon the start of services scheduled for Mar - while Business Class fares start from NZ\$3,316.

Seats to neighbouring islands of Maui, Kauai and the Big Island can be added for an additional NZ\$6.

Fares are on sale until 31 Aug & valid for travel 16 Mar - 30 Jun.

Philippines" festival, which will be held at Sydney's Grace Hotel until 26 Aug, with a variety of delectable dishes whipped up by its own chefs and a number of guest cooks visiting from Manila.

The new menus will soon debut on the carrier's services between Sydney, Melbourne and its Manila hub on its new Boeing 777-300ER jets, already flying on the routes.

**Pictured** above at opening night of the Philippine Food Festival is Brett McDougall, Rakso Australia - GSA for Philippine Airlines; Anne Jalando-on Louis, Philippines Consul-General Sydney and Consuelo Garcia Jones, Tourism Attache to Australia, Philippines Department of Tourism.

## Minor adds HKT hotel

**BUNDARIKA** Villas & Suites in Phuket has been acquired by the Minor Hotel Group, with a THB\$3-billion investment being delivered before the property is rebranded as the Anantara Phuket Layan Resort next year.

## Window Seat

**WHAT** is one way for an airline to build brand loyalty to your customers in an image of being a hip, young, vibrant operation? Why, host an inflight bikini beauty pageant of course!

That's what Vietnamese low-cost carrier VietJet yesterday did in celebration of the launch of its new route between Saigon & the tourist town of Nha Trang, as it paraded a bevy of scantily-clad young women up the aisle of the jet in a Hawaiian theme.

Unfortunately, the buzzkills at the Civil Aviation Administration of Vietnam didn't take kindly to the inflight show, fining the carrier US\$1000 (AU\$945) for putting on inflight entertainment that had not first been approved.

The women, all candidates in a local beauty pageant, performed a three minute routine which was recorded by multiple camera phones and later posted online.

## Scenic to Botswana

**SCENIC** Tours has introduced new Scenic Special Stays, a range of luxury hotels and lodges, plus a brand new destination to its just released Africa 2013 program.

Escorted tours travel to South Africa, Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania, and now Botswana, with early booking discounts of up to \$1,600 per couple available until 31 Dec.

## Horizon fine dawns

**US CARRIER** Horizon Air is facing a civil fine of \$1,005,000 from the US Federal Aviation Administration for operating 186,189 flights that didn't meet regulations.

The FAA alleges 22 Bombardier turboprop aircraft of Horizon's were operated with the incorrect rivets on new security flight deck doors over a 3.5 year period.

The error was discovered by the FAA when another modified turboprop experienced an inflight wiring damage incident.

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## Snow conditions

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Here's the latest snow reports:

- Falls Creek - 115cm / 4 lifts
- Perisher - 165.5cm / 47 lifts
- Thredbo - 165.5cm / 13 lifts
- Charlotte Pass - 165cm / 7 lifts
- Mt Hotham - 136cm / 11 lifts
- Mt Buller - 59cm / 15 lifts
- Coronet Peak - 42cm / 8 lifts
- The Remarkables - 66cm / 7 lifts
- Mt Hutt - 120cm / 4 lifts
- Blue Mountains - 2cm / TBA

## Banksia goes bush

**THE** Travel Compensation Fund has this morning advised of the non-voluntary termination of Banksia Adventures of Parafield Airport of SA, effective 09 Aug, after liquidators were appointed.

## Wind Star relaunch

**WINDSTAR** Cruises has completed the full renovation of *Wind Star*, the first of its three sailing yachts to receive upgrades as part of an \$18m fleet-wide enhancement project.

The work included a redesign of staterooms & owner's suites, and enhanced public areas.

The refit of *Wind Surf* and *Wind Spirit* is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

## PAL Asia fare sale

**PHILIPPINE** Airlines has special fares priced from \$1,122 return to Beijing & Shanghai ex Melbourne as part of an Asian network sale, running until the end of Aug.

Lead-in fares start at \$1,118 in Economy class to Taipei.

The promotion includes free stopovers for Australian pax in Manila, with other destinations including Hong Kong, Bangkok, Nagoya, Fukuoka, Osaka, Macau, Ho Chi Minh City and Xiamen.

## Lee, Sherry at TIA '12

**TOURISM** & Transport Forum chief John Lee has been named as part of the Australian contingent attending the 2012 Tourism Industry Association New Zealand Summit, to take place in the NZ capital of Wellington on 02 Oct.

Lee will speak on how Australia's industry leaders are responding to the future and if industry leaders are "thinking outside the square".

He will be joined by Carnival Australia ceo Ann Sherry, who will address the conference on why tourism must embrace the cruise industry and the opportunities it presents to the industry as a whole.

The underlying theme of the summit is "Think Differently", a message encouraged by new NZ Tourism chief Martin Sneddon.

## MEL Airport Watch

**MELBOURNE** Airport and the Australian Federal Police have introduced the national 'Airport Watch' program this week.

The initiative debuted last month at Brisbane Airport (**TD** 25 Jul), and operates in a similar manner to the 'Neighbourhood Watch' scheme, allowing travellers & airport workers to more easily report suspicious behaviour.

## Enta ticketing deal

**CAIRNS** Civic Theatre and its ticketing agency Ticketlink have signed up with Enta Ticketing Solutions to provide ticketing services for entertainment, sporting & other events in Cairns and North Queensland.

## Swissotel portal rejig

**SWISSOTEL** Hotels & Resorts has relaunched its website with a fresh new look, improved navigation and functionality.

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## DJ Isa making its presence felt



**THE** north-west Queensland town of Mt Isa now has a second choice of airline on travel to Brisbane after the debut Virgin Australia service landed in the mining town on Wed morning.

Services to the town come as a result of a recent deal between the carrier & mining giant Xstrata Mount Isa Mines to provide weekday Embraer E190 flights to the Qld capital city (**TD** 18 May).

DJ Group sales executive Judith

Crompton expressed her pleasure at the launch of services.

"Our weekday services provides for the business & leisure traveller with convenient connections onto the Virgin Australia domestic, international and partner networks," Crompton said.

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**Grand Mercure Mount Lofty House**, along with a number of high-end Adelaide businesses, has launched a "**Discover The Hills**" package valid for stays until the end of Oct. Priced at \$299 per room, the package includes accom in a deluxe room, continental brekkie, lunch at the stylish Locavore Restaurant in Stirling, and a choice of either a Wine & Cheese tasting excursion, 18-hole round of golf at Mount Lofty Golf Course or two Adult tickets to Cleland Wildlife Park. Book by 31 Aug at (08) 8339 6777.

With Thailand's **Phi Phi Island Village Beach Resort** set to be rebranded as an Outrigger property in Nov, the resort is throwing one last hurrah offer of 50% off room rates for stays in Sep and Oct this year, inclusive of brekkie and a 10% discount on spa treatments. To book, mention the codeword "Funfall" in an email to [sales.phiphi@outrigger.co.th](mailto:sales.phiphi@outrigger.co.th).

## Thailand says thanks



**REPRESENTATIVES** from Thai hotelier Siam@Siam are visiting Australia and New Zealand this month to thank the local travel trade for their support, which has seen Aussies as one of the top markets for the group.

As well as the flagship Siam@Siam hotel in Bangkok, the group operates a high end luxury property at Crown Lanta about 85km from Krabi.

Siam@Siam also plans to open the new 201-room Mode Sathorn in Bangkok this Dec, as well as another 268-room property in Pattaya within two years and future developments in Hua Hin.

And it's not just hospitality, with the group also including a representative from the Siam Niramit attractions in Bangkok as well as Phuket.

Australia is a key market, with Siam@Siam executive director, Sanya Saengboon, telling **TD** that he was very grateful for the support of groups such as Infinity Holidays, Jetset Travelworld Wholesale and Creative Holidays.

The Siam Niramit attractions present daily theatrical presentations of the history and culture of Thailand, with the Phuket Siam Niramit having opened earlier this year after a US\$66 million development.

Siam@Siam is represented in Australia by Randall Marketing, and **pictured** at a function yesterday are, from left, Randall Lui, Randall Marketing; Sanya Saengboon, Siam@Siam; Tourism Authority of Thailand PR manager Pongsak Kanittanon; and Suriya Songsomboon, Siam Niramit.

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### IJ Kakadu cab promo

**INSPIRING** Journeys & Tourism NT this week teamed up to offer a unique promotional opportunity to unsuspecting Sydney commuters.

A special black taxi, dubbed the "Kakadu Cab" drove thru Sydney offering chances to win a three-day Inspiring Journeys Kakadu adventure holiday, with the catch being that winners had to be able to leave immediately.

Two winners were found in Erskineville and Rockdale, with both choosing to drop everything and head to the Top End on their Kakadu Adventures.

### Alberta local website

**THE** Canadian province of Alberta has launched a new website in Australia showcasing packages and experiences, currently themed for winter.

The [www.travelalberta.com.au](http://www.travelalberta.com.au) portal features a three-minute 'remember to breathe' video of Alberta's tourism experiences.

### IHG's Euro expansion

**INTERCONTINENTAL** Hotels Group added 2,337 rooms to its inventory under its Holiday Inn & Holiday Inn Express brands in the first half of 2012.

New properties within the group were opened in the UK, Germany, France, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, Poland and Holland, with management deals signed for hotels in Algeria and Azerbaijan.

### Russia solo savings

**RUSSIAN** Travel Centre is offering savings of up to \$984 for solo travellers by dropping the single supplement on select cruises, when booked by 29 Oct.

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### NCL Jackson tribute

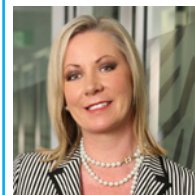
**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line will bring back a Michael Jackson tribute artist for its Legends in Concert show aboard *Norwegian Epic* from 03 Nov.

He joins a Donna Summer and Jimmy Buffet impersonator in the popular stage show.

## Technology Update

Today's Technology Update is brought to you by Sabre Pacific.

### AgentStream has the answer



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AgentStream now also allows agencies to create private groups to contact and communicate with others within their own group. We would like to welcome the Orient Express Travel Group as the first group to set up their own private sub-community known as "Express Chat".

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## Schoolies with a cause

**SCHOOL** leavers looking for a way to celebrate the end of their secondary education in a more meaningful way are being invited to sign up for a new TNQ venture through Journeys For A Cause.

The Schoolies Rainforest and Reef Rescue Adventure is set to run from 17-23 Nov & will include accom, meals, and a schedule full of social activities and guides.

Info at [www.bit.ly/jfacsschoolie](http://www.bit.ly/jfacsschoolie).

## Quark's new message

**QUARK** Expeditions has revealed early details about its upcoming Antarctica season for 2013/14, hinting at three new itineraries to debut for the year.

To be launched next month, the new brochure is tipped to include three new itineraries including a 22-day voyage which will host the first ever floating film festival, screening documentaries from the Hot Docs US film festival.

Other journeys have been renamed, while the *Clipper Adventurer* vessel will be renamed as the *Sea Adventurer*.

Earlybird deals of up to 25% off suites & 20% off other cabins for early booking made before 30 Sep.

## More Aussie gold from Radisson



**AUSTRALIA** continues its late surge up the medal tally, with the most recent gold-medal efforts coming from Radisson Blu Edwardian as reward to its key sales partners for keeping its rooms full of happy customers.

The Olympic Games will this weekend wind down for another four years, before the world again gathers in Rio De Janeiro in 2016 when the pursuit of gold medals and world records resumes.

World records have been broken both inside and outside of the Olympic venues, with London Mayor Boris Johnson praising the rise in visitor numbers to tourist and shopping districts of the city.

**Pictured** above at their medal ceremony, representing FCM Travel Solutions & with "Advance Australia Fair" blaring in the background is Christie Grech, Holly McFarlane, Diane Selar and Benjamin Gregory.

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Throughout August, **Travel Daily** is giving readers the chance to win a fabulous Mauritius holiday package for two valued at \$5300, courtesy of **Beachcomber** and **Air Mauritius**.

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Every day **Travel Daily** will ask a different Mauritius-related question – just read the issue and email us your answer. There will be 23 questions in total, which will also be posted on our website.

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## AC rekindles LCC plan

**AIR** Canada has said it plans to launch its low-cost offshoot as soon as next year, slowly building to a 50 aircraft operation in an effort to return to profit.

The company this week revealed weaker than expected financial results for the second quarter, posting a CAD\$96m (AU\$91m) loss, double that of one year earlier.

## New cruise company

**A NUMBER** of former Pandaw River Cruises executives have jointly formed Haimark Travel, a competing river cruise operation in Myanmar and India, according to reports in the United States.

Based in Colorado in the US, the new operation will sell Ayravata Cruises to the North American market, with Ayravata owning three ships operating in Myanmar.

The new operation will also handle land operations for other Mekong River Cruise operations including Uniworld and Avalon.

## Delano hitting Vegas

**MANDALAY** Bay's high-end Las Vegas sister property THEhotel will be rebranded as the Delano Las Vegas from late next year.

The deal comes following the signing of a licensing agreement between Mandalay Bay owners MGM Resorts Int'l and Delano owners Morgans Hotel Group.

Delano currently exists only via its flagship property on Miami's iconic South Beach in Florida.

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