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## [1] HEAR beautiful Strauss melodies as you sip a coffee

Music and coffee are a combination made in that alternative heaven known as Vienna. The city's legendary coffeehouses not only delight the palate with their cream cakes and Mélanges, but many offer live piano music or string soloists tootling some pretty little waltzes that will set your toes tapping.

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## [2] SMELL the florals and oak of white wines beneath a ruined castle

Richard the Lionheart was held captive at Dürnstein Castle, but it's more likely you'll be captivated by the rolling hills and Danube River in the historic Wachau Valley. Head to the cellar door at Domäne Wachau, set in a stunning baroque mansion, and sniff wines and sunlight under frescoes of cupids.

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# [3] TASTE the variety in Austria's secret beer capital Four breweries, the oldest one dating back to 1492: indulge in Salzburg's vibrant beer culture where beer gardens and pubs dot the cityscape. Grab a beer stein in the Augustiner Bräustübl, Austria's largest beer garden, have it filled with the in-house brew and do as the locals do: have it with peppery radishes, Pretzels, all kinds of sausages, and cured fish.

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# **Zest Airways into Australia**

**PHILIPPINE** carrier Zest Airways has revealed intentions to add Melbourne to its network, with the Manila-based airline filing for 1,546 weekly seats with its local authorities into Australia.

Paperwork filed last week with the Phillipines Civil Aeronautics Board indicates the budget carrier wants to add Australian services "in the summer schedules of 2013," possibly as early as Jul.

It's understood Zest is seeking to operate five times weekly to

the Victorian capital initially.

If approved, Zest will compete with Philippine Airlines on flights to Australia, and also gain a jump on national carrier Cebu Pacific which has previously flagged its plans to add routes here next year (TD 01 Feb).

Zest currently operates a fleet of nine A320s and one A319 jets.

Aside from Australia, Zest is also wanting to add Saudi Arabia to its route network.

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## Hi from the QF sky!

Travel Daily today has been produced in-flight 35,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean using Qantas' A380 inflight internet service - details on p3 and 4.

Today's packed issue has eight pages of news and photos, a front full page for the Austrian National Tourist Office plus full pages: (click)

- TMS Asia Pacific jobs
- AA Appointments jobs
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## **Unique Austria awaits**

**AUSTRIAN** National Tourist Office is today promoting a new micro-site which highlights over 250 'unique experiences' on offer during the summer season.

See the **cover wrap** of today's issue for further details or go to www.unique.austria.info.

## Register for Fundi

**AGENTS** are being encouraged today to register to become a South African specialist through South African Tourism's Fundi program - see page 13 for info.



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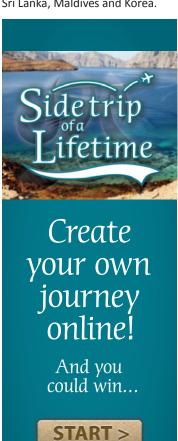


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## MH/JAL codeshare

MALAYSIA Airlines has signed a new codeshare agreement with Japan Airlines, covering flights between Japan and Malaysia as well as domestic operations in both countries plus India, the US, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Korea.



# **Industry joins PMC battle**

AFTA is "moving to the pointy end of the fight" against the proposed increases to the Passenger Movement Charge, with a planned major advertising campaign later this week to lobby MPs to vote against the move.

CEO Jayson Westbury will urge the industry to write to their local federal member about the tax, with the advertisements set to remind parliamentarians "just how fed up the travel and tourism industry is of being used as a cash cow" by the government.

Announced last month in the Federal budget, the PMC will increase by \$8 to \$55 per departure from 01 Jul - and will henceforth be indexed, meaning it will continue to increase.

However, the measure hasn't passed through parliament yet,

## **State of Origin comp**

IT IS all or nothing tomorrow night for the NSW Blues as they try to get the series back on level ground in Game 2 of the State of Origin series in Sydney against Qld.

**Travel Daily** is again asking readers to answer three questions, with two nights at the luxury Pullman Hotel Olympic Park up for grabs to the overall winner.

Answers must be received by 6:30pm tomorrow night, 13 Jun. Email your answers to us at soocomp@traveldaily.com.au. More information at bit.ly/tdsoo.

and AFTA is joining with the Tourism and Transport Forum, and other groups, in a last ditch effort to urge MPs to vote against the move.

Last Fri, TTF md John Lee slammed the tax before a Senate Committee (*TD* breaking news), saying the move will have a significant impact on short-haul markets such as NZ and "impact demand, reduce spending and regional dispersal".

## UL to join oneworld

**THE one**world airline alliance is once again expanding in Asia, with SriLankan Airlines to join Malaysia Airlines as a memberdesignate (*TD* breaking news).

The move was announced yesterday in Beijing, where IATA is holding its World Air Transport Summit, and UL's accession into oneworld is being sponsored by Cathay Pacific.

SriLankan already codeshares with Malaysia Airlines, which is currently undergoing integration into the alliance under its sponsorship by Qantas.

UL's membership is expected to be implemented late in 2013, with the move adding three cities in southern India to the oneworld map: Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram and Tiruchirapalli.

As well as serving SriLanka, UL is the largest international carrier operating to the Maldives.

## SA \$1,505 Jo'burg fare

**SOUTH** African Airways is offering fares on its new Fri service (*TD* 03 Jun) to Johannesburg, ex Perth, priced from \$1,505 all inclusive.

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# QF mile-high internet trial

QANTAS is surveying passengers about the potential deployment of in-flight internet access on short and long haul flights, including both domestic and international services.

**TD** is today participating in the ongoing trial of satellite-based connectivity on A380 Pacific flights, and a passenger survey on board QF93 asks travellers about their opinion of the service,



including how much they would be prepared to pay, what type of flights they would use internet on, online activities undertaken during the service and their overall impression of the system.

On the flight from Melbourne to Los Angeles internet access is free for first class passengers, while business class are offered paid options starting at US\$20 for 25MB, or US\$50 for 80MB.

Interestingly, prices are different for smartphones, with the login screen on an iPhone offering 15MB of access for US\$12.50, or 40MB for US\$30.

Users can also have unlimited access by choosing to pay for excess usage, but this could be expensive at up to US\$2 per MB over the plan limit.

The speed isn't super-fast but is certainly an adequate way for travellers to keep connected, with *TD* able to quite happily upload Facebook photos and even send an in-flight breaking news alert.

#### Carnival raises steaks

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Lines has announced a US\$5 increase in the fee it charges to dine at the onboard steakhouses which feature on 13 of its 24 vessels.

It will now cost US\$35 to dine at the extra-charge eateries, with the cruise line saying the price is "consistent with other alternative restaurant charges within the cruise industry".

Carnival Spirit, which will be deployed full-time in Australia from Oct, features one of the steakhouses but Australian dollar pricing for the venue hasn't been revealed at this stage.

## Peppers alpine signing

**PEPPERS** Retreats & Lodges has added Rundells Alpine Lodge in Mount Hotham to its porfolio - it's first property in an Australian ski region and 28th in the region.

It's the second acquisition by Peppers in 2012, after the iconic Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge.

The property has been renamed Peppers Rundells Alpine Lodge.



## Window Seat

A SAUDI Arabian princess has been accused of trying to sneak out of the Shangri-La Hotel in Paris without paying her bill - which apparently amounts to a stunning \$7.5 million.

Le Parisien revealed the story, claiming Crown Princess Nayef ben Abdel Aziz tried to leave at 3.30am on Thu 31 Mar without paying for the rooms she and her 60-strong entourage had occupied for the last six months.

Shangri-La isn't commenting on the matter, while London's *Daily Mail* wrote that the group had been offered "refuge from their troubles" at the Royal Monceau Hotel in Paris, which is owned by 'family friend,' the Emir of Qatar.

A DUTCH businessman who founded a unique chain of hotels specialising in quickie divorces has announced plans to expand the chain internationally.

The chain offers a range of services to facilitate a speedy transition into singledom, such as lawyers, real estate agents and child care services, with couples allocated seperate rooms and a suite to take care of the paperwork proceedings.

Now, founder Jim Halfens is planning on taking the concept around the world, and is in talks with hotels in the UK, USA, Italy and Germany, after already signing six properties in the Netherlands to cater to his idea.

Additionally, the entrepreneur is negotiating with TV production companies to turn his idea into a reality television show.

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INSIGHT VACATIONS



Today's issue of TD is coming to you from QF93 en route from Melbourne to Los Angeles, as we trial the Qantas A380 inflight internet service.

**QANTAS** has been trialling OnAir internet connectivity on selected A<sub>3</sub>80 flights between Australia and the USA, as it evaluates its deployment across its fleet on an ongoing basis (see p3).

The trial launched in Mar, initially for an eight week period, but has now been extended, with Qantas continuing to invite feedback on the product from business and first class pax.

Six QF A<sub>3</sub>80s have the system, and Qantas is the first carrier to offer connectivity on direct flights between Australia and the USA.

The connection is provided using global Inmarsat satellite based connections, and becomes live as soon as the aircraft leaves Australian airspace.

Under the current trial, the system is free for First class pax, while there is a sliding scale of costs in business class depending on downloads and device type, with travellers asked to complete a survey on the product towards the end of the flight.

#### **VA/VX** codeshare

VIRGIN Australia has announced it plans to codeshare with Virgin America on services from Los Angeles to Portland, Washington DC, Boston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Chicago, Fort Lauderdale, Seattle & Philadelphia (TD breaking news).

The deal requires a tick from the US Dept of Transportation, and is in addition to a VA codeshare with Delta to 13 cities.

The Californian-based carrier said the arrangement was its first codeshare agreement.

## Luggage comp winner

**CONGRATS** to Vicky Steele of Infinity Holidays who was the winner of last week's Hawaiian Airlines comp, picking up a threepiece set of American Tourister luggage, valued at over \$700.

## Japan/Finland pact

**FLIGHT** restrictions on almost all services between Japan and Finland (apart from Tokyo airports) have been removed under a new bilateral air services agreement between the countries.

The restricted Open Skies deal includes unlimited fifth freedom traffic rights and cargo service, and will also see the removal of flight restrictions between Tokyo Narita and Finland from the Summer 2013 scheduling period.



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## ITP expands in Korea

**TMC** group International Travel Partnership has added Seoulbased Fides Travel as a member. In Australia ITP is represented by JTN affiliate Maxim's Travel.

# Relaxing in the wild outback



WILDMAN Wilderness Lodge in the Mary River wetlands hosted this group of inbound tour operators for a night following an ATEC workshop in Darwin.

The group took in Skytour Top End experience and a Davidson's Arnhemland Safari.

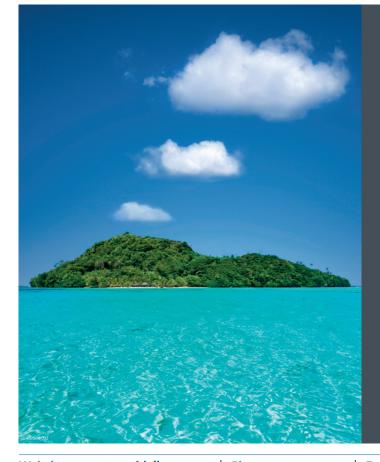
Pictured are Sandro Mariani, Tour East; Emilie Rodriguez, JCM Destination Australia; Luciana Verlardi, AOT Group; Helene Nancy, Across Australia; Maria Rouady, Southern World Australia; Sally Cope, Anthology; Sue Cornwell, Goway Travel and Max Davidson, Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris.

## **HRG merges Asia-Pac** with USA/Canada

**HRG** Asia Pacific managing director Greg Treasure has had his role expanded to also encompass the TMC's operations in USA and Canada, effective 09 Jul.

Treasure will be based in New York but will also continue as md of the Asia Pacific region which he has headed up for some years.

"By joining the two roles and working across regions as well as national boundaries HRG will be able to service the needs of our clients more effectively," he said.

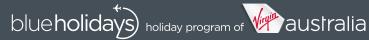


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#### Rakhine state unrest

**DFAT** has upgraded its travel advisory to Burma's Rakhine State to 'Reconsider your need to travel' following "ongoing civil unrest in several locations."

# More Aussies up, up and away

**AUSTRALIAN** and international airlines flew more than 82-million passengers into, out of and within Australia in 2011, according to the government data released over the weekend.

The figures from the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport & Regional Economics revealed int'l passenger numbers rose more than 5% on the year prior, with Sydney the busiest airport while posting the slowest growth rate as concerns about the facility reaching capacity continue to swirl.

Melbourne and Adelaide were the fastest growing airports in Australia, posting 9.9% and 9.5% improvements in int'l passenger movements respectively.

More than 38% more passengers travelled between Australia and China, with Asia posting the five fastest growing countries for air

travel worldwide.

Results remained strong despite setbacks from groundings of Tiger Airways and Qantas, and natural events such as volcanic ash clouds blowing over from South America.

Domestically, the world's busiest air route of Melbourne - Sydney far and away remained the busiest in terms of available seats, despite a 2.2% year-on-year load decrease against 2010.

Traffic into and out of Perth saw massive growth on routes between the WA capital and Brisbane and the mining sites of Port Hedland and Newman, with the latter posting a 25% spike.

On the reverse side, numbers between Adelaide and the Gold Coast dropped by 30%, likely due to Tiger Airways' route withdrawal.

## **AMA up French itins**

AMAWATERWAYS will offer two new French itineraries in 2013, announcing the addition of both a seven-night Paris & Normandy cruise on the Seine River and The Jewels of France voyage on the Rhone River, aboard *AmaLegro* and *AmaDagio*.

Sailings will operate from late Mar to late Oct/early Nov 2013.

AmaWaterways cruises are sold in Australia through APT.

## Perisher's five-day tkt

**PERISHER** has released a new ski lift ticket package allowing skiers & snowboarders to hit the slopes on five days of their choice.

The ticket, which retails for \$499 per adult and \$275 for children, also offers a 10% discount on single-day tickets and is on sale at Perisher ticket offices.

#### **New Italian rail fares**

**THE** Italian Railways has launched a new series of fares to be phased in for the northern summer.

Three new fare levels - Base, Economy and Super Economy, are all fully electronic and are available in Australia through International Rail, with a million discounted seats on sale each month.



## **AFTA UPDATE**

The latest insights from AFTA's Chief Executive, Jayson Westbury

**AS THE** debate over the passenger movement charge (PMC) heats up this week now that both houses of federal parliament have heard directly from the tourism industry about why the proposed increase and CPI indexing is not welcome nor helpful, we will move to the pointy end of the fight to stop these changes.

For the first time, the travel and tourism industry will come together with an outcome in mind - that is, to have an impact on the legislation that is being put forward to bring about these changes.

AFTA along with several of the major representative associations will hit the national newspapers this week with an advertising campaign to remind Federal Members of Parliament and Senators just how fed up the travel and tourism industry is in being used as a cash cow by the Australian Government.

The PMC tax has a significant impact on both inbound and outbound travel and any suggestion that the Federal Government or the Federal Opposition thinks that we will just be polite, shut our months and be stuck with the proposed increase is wrong.

Even more arrogant is the proposed annual automatic increase to the PMC which would be enshrined in legislation and forgotten for ever.

Many of you who read this column each week often say to me that you think I am negative, or my opinion is slanted one way, or I get things wrong. You may be right, but I urge that anyone that cares about the future of the Australian Tourism Industry and closer to my heart, the Australian Travel industry, will write a letter along the lines of the newspaper advertisement that you will see later in the week to their local federal member regardless of the political party they are from to galvanise the fury that this tax (PMC) and the automatic increase, along with the other budget measures that impact on our industry will have a material impact and bring a sting to the tail of what already appears to be a softening of the market.

You know, there comes a time in this type of thing when you have to put a stake in the ground and say enough! The details of the letter will be available at www.afta.com.au from Thu.

If you care, you'll write the letter.

For contact details for federal MPs go to www.aph.gov.au/Senators\_and\_Members/Members

## **Tour NASA firing room**

**KENNEDY** Space Center is for the first time in 30 years giving visitors to the facility a chance to tour the Launch Control Center.

The daily tour, offered from tomorrow until year's end, incls a visit inside Firing Room 4 from where the last 21 space shuttle launches have been controlled.

## MAS tick for flydubai

MALAYSIA Airlines says it won't object to the proposed codeshare alliance between Emirates and flydubai on services to Australia, should the ACCC determine the pact will benefit consumers.

MAS has also stated recently it won't block the planned Etihad and airberlin alliance (*TD* Fri).

**MEANWHILE**, flydubai will add thrice weekly flights to Bucharest on 01 Oct and five times weekly services to Skopje from 18 Oct, boosting its Central & Eastern Europe presence to 15 cities.

## IATA warn downturn

**CONTINUED** passenger growth and an ease in oil prices has led IATA to avoid downgrading its profit forecast for global airlines, keeping its outlook figure stable at US\$3-billion for 2012.

Losses in the European sector will be offset by improved regions in the US and Latin American carrier markets.

**MEANWHILE**, the global body has called on governments to play a greater role in maximising social and economic benefits driven by success from the aviation industry.

Director general Tony Tyler called for "an agenda to achieve tax regimes that do not kill growth [and] regulation that facilitates [further] growth".

**AND**, IATA members have united in calling for a "globally-agreed" approach to climate change, denouncing the EU emissions trading scheme as "creating discord when we need harmony".





## EY social milestone

**ETIHAD** Airways has surpassed a milestone of 100,000 fans on its Facebook page, with the carrier thanking its 'likers' by creating a special Thanks video on Youtube.



A DELEGATION led by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Nevada Commission on Tourism was in Australia last week, showcasing the many attractions and accommodation options of the well known US convention and

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casino capital and its state.

Last year, Las Vegas welcomed almost 39 million visitors, with the ongoing development of the destination now seeing it offer 151,000 rooms in total.

And access to the city is also expanding, with the first flight into the brand new 14-gate \$2.4 billion international terminal 3 at Las Vegas McCarran International Airport set to arrive on 27 Jun.

The visiting delegation presented the depth and diversity of the Las Vegas and Nevada experience, which is so popular with Aussies that Australia is its number two international market.

Melanie Mayer, LVCVB account manager for Australia and New Zealand said that "with the strong dollar and value in travel that both Las Vegas and Nevada offer, we're predicting the interest will stay strong for some time to come".

The 'Come Play' roadshow took place in Melbourne and Sydney and concluded with a special dinner at the Sydney Opera House where the above photo was taken, **featuring** from left: Peter Hession, Mandarin Oriental; Mynor Guerra, Maverick Helicopters; and Brandon Reed, gm Graceland Wedding Chapel.

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## 100 jet order for DY

**NORWEGIAN** Air has confirmed it has placed an order for 100 Airbus A320neo aircraft, with the order valued at approx US\$21.6-billion at list prices.



## Brochures of the Week

**WELCOME** to Brochures of the Week, **Travel Daily's** regular feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure of which you'd like to make the industry aware, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including an image of the front cover pluscontact details to brochures@traveldaily.com.au. **And don't forget our FREE brochure listing service at www.traveldaily.com.au/brochures.** 



#### Topdeck - Europe Gap Year 2013

Three new trips for school leavers have been added to the Gap Year brochure, including the 18 day European Treasures; 27 day European Explorer and 32 day European Escapade. The tours are catered towards the 17 to 19 year olds who have just finished school and are 'specially designed so that the vibe is fun and youthful'. For more information visit - topdeck.travel.



#### Sunlover Holidays - Hot Deals to Cool Places Queensland Package Holidays 2012/13

The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Parker Travel Collections Queensland Holiday packages brochure with Sunlover Holidays has been released, featuring eight holiday package options at over 20 different accom options. Also on offer are specially designed packages for both couples and families that will suit every budget. For

more information, email - sales@trav.com.au.



#### Travelmarvel - Canada and Alaska 2013

New local activities, insider experiences and a series of multi-day north-east US and Canada tours form the main highlights of the new brochure. Additional features include Mike Wiegele's Heli Village at Blue River with Safari Cruise, Fairmont Banff Springs, Kelowna, a dinner experience at Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre in Whistler, Via Rail's 'The Canadian

train between Vancouver, Jasper and Calgary plus longer tours.



#### 50 Degrees North - Winter 2012/14

Nordic travel operator 50 Degrees North has launched its new winter brochure featuring trips tailored to maximise opportunities to see the Northern Lights. The winter trips include Russian Winter tours and Finnish Christmas tours. The 'brick' system has also been introduced to allow travellers to customise their own unique 'Scandinavian ciy tour'.

## Club Med sales strong

**CLUB** Med has reported a significant rise in profits for the first half of the fiscal year for 2012, announcing a 72% spike in net income to €17-million.

The all-inclusive resort operator noted a 4.6% increase in overall business volume to €798-million.

The strong results also enabled the company to pay €42-million down off a €165-million debt.

#### Have a whale of a time

**ORION** Expeditions are inviting guests to take advantage of its exclusive Kimberley sailings, including opportunities to witness pods of whales as they head north.

10-night packages ex Darwin or Broome, inclusive of airfares are available from \$9,510ppts - a 10% saving on normal brochure prices. More info at bit.ly/orionwhales.

#### **Emirates boosts KUL**

**EMIRATES** is clearly seeing strong demand for travel between Dubai and Malaysia, with a four-day period at the end of this month seeing EK operate double daily A380 services to the Malaysian capital.

The second daily A380 will operate as EK342/343 for flights ex Dubai from 25-29 Jun.

#### Coral's new itinerary

A NEW, 25-night voyage circling the Spice Islands, Raja Ampat and New Guinea aboard its flagship vessel *Oceanic Discoverer* are part of a new 2013 brochure released today by Coral Princess Cruises.

The guide also includes a series of 10- and 12-night PNG cruises ex Cairns, in addition to journeys to the Melanesian archipelago - more info at bit.ly/coralprincess.





## **Supplier Updates**

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## AirAsia Japan 1st jet

**FLEDGLING** low-cost carrier AirAsia Japan has taken delivery of its first Airbus A320, as it readies to launch services in Aug.

Three more A320 jets are slated to be delivered by the end of 2012. All smiles for MH gift winner



ABOVE: Jigisha Patel from Fantasy Travel found herself with 10,000 reasons to smile after winning a recent Malaysia Airlines incentive and taking home \$10,000.

Further winners of \$1000 gift cards were Julie Challenor from **World Travel Professionals** Brisbane; Dilni Abeyweera, Ingwest; Anna Dziopa; Corporate Traveller Gold Coast; Manuri Palliyaguru, Target Travel & Tours; Kathy Wassman, Let's Travel; Nikki Daking, Corporate Traveller Gold Coast; Jenny Gill, HWT New Farm; Shaun Remington, FC Albert St; Javed Rahman, Best Deal Travel and Colin Dooley, Corporate Traveller Brisbane.

Jigisha is pictured (centre) with MH Brisbane area manager Muzakir Shah Abdul Rahman and MH sales rep Sue Watts.

## AUH set for expansion

ABU DHABI Airport has selected a consortium made up of local, Turkish and Greek construction businesses to proceed with a massive expansion of the airport.

AUH traffic has been growing at an approximate rate of 19.7% over the last five years.

Once finished, the new midfield terminal, currently scheduled for completion in 2017, will be able to serve 30 million pax annually, rising to 47 million by 2030, will be able to cater for Airbus A380 and Boeing 747 aircraft, and is expected to cost US\$3.2 billion.

## AF/KLM inflight wi-fi

AIR France and KLM will jointly trial an inflight wi-fi internet service on long-haul routes from Feb next year, in partnership with Panasonic Avionics.

#### **Double mile discounts**

WORLDHOTELS has released an earlybird offer of 20% off normal rates at 500 hotels in 250 destinations across 65 countries.

Further, members of 24 different frequent flyer programs will be able to earn 1,000 miles (or points) per stay.

Bookings must be made 20 days prior to arrival, and valid for stays between 01 Jul and 31 Aug.

To book, visit bit.ly/dblmiles.

## WINADINNER FOR FOUR



This week *Travel Daily* has teamed up with Hawaii Tourism and is giving one lucky reader the chance to win a table for 4 people at any session during the Flavours of Hawai'i Food Event at the Grace Hotel Sydney from 15-30th June 2012.

Discover Hawai'i's interesting culinary history, from traditional to contemporary dishes,

Hawaiian cuisine mirrors the Islands cultural diversity with European, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Polynesian influences.

Hawaiian chefs take advantage of the bounty of the sea and land, using the freshest ingredients to showcase the unique Flavours of Hawai'i".

Click here for more info.

For your chance to win, simply send in an answer to the question below by COB on Friday.

Hawai'i has an interesting culinary history and for your yourself tell us in 25 words or less what you love most about Hawaiian Food

Send your entry to: hawaiifood@traveldaily.com.au

The most creative answer will win & the winner will be announced in Travel Daily next week.





## Tiger take SEAir stake

TIGER Airways (TR) in Singapore has acquired a 40% stake in Southeast Asian Airlines for \$7m. SEAir currently operate domestic services within the Philippines as well as shorthaul int'l flights to Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong

The investment continues a recent trend by Tiger, who bought a 33% stake in Indonesian carrier Mandala Airlines in Apr.

and Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia.

Following the purchase, SEAir will adopt the TR business model and plans to expand its operation to new routes in addition to the acquisition of new A320 aircraft this financial year.

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- Increase profitability through meeting and exceeding sales budaets
- Continual development of product knowledge

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- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- Exceptional customer service ethic
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Applications Close 19 June 2012 at 5pm.





## CONGRATULATIONS **Julie Llambias**

from Carnival Australia

Julie is the top point scorer for Round 14 of *Travel Daily's* NRL industry footy tipping competition and has won 3 days car rental in Australia, courtesy of Compass Car Rental.



#### **Major Prize Sponsors**

1st Prize: 4-night holiday to Dubai, courtesy of Emirates and Holiday Inn





2nd Prize: 5-night holiday to Vanuatu, courtesy of Air Vanuatu & The Grand Hotel and Casino Vanuatu





#### **Great Ocean iPad app**

**INFORMATION** on where to stay, eat, shop and how to explore the Great Ocean Road in Victoria form part of a new iPhone application released this weekend.

Creators also secured the online domain of greatoceanroad.com.au which contains tips on how to safely view wildlife as well as how tourism impacts the local ecosystem across the 240km driving route.

The app is now available for download from the iTunes store.

## Swagman set up camp

**SWAGMAN** Tours has released a special on a 16-day Kenya & Tanzania camping itinerary ex East Coast for \$4,990ppts.

The tour includes airfare, most meals, accom, transport and game sightseeing in national parks. Info at swagmantours.com.au.

#### Warwick conf. centre

**CONSTRUCTION** has been completed on a state-of-the-art conference and exhibition centre at the Warwick Port Vila, Vanuatu.

The facility, opened today, features 1000sqm of conference space with seating for up to 800 people banquet-style.

## Travelport sign up MS

**EGYPTAIR** has become the latest carrier to implement its fares, schedules and availability into the Travelport GDS as part of a fullcontent agreement for Galileo, Worldspan and Apollo users.

## Shongololo savings

**EARLYBIRD** booking discounts on Africa's Shongololo Train of up to \$1000 per person are available on journeys from now to 30 Sep with the Africa Safari Co.

Additionally, cabin upgrades, free nights and value add bonuses can also be redeemed on a number of different journeys.

Details at africasafarico.com.au.

## Alaska self-bag tagging

**ALASKA** Airlines has introduced a self-service bag tagging option for pax departing from Seattle Tacoma Airport.

Pax print and attach their bag tags via automatic kiosks before taking them to bag drop counters.

**MEANWHILE**, the carrier has announced two new routes to be launched, with nonstop services from Seattle to San Antonio, Texas operating from 17 Sep, and flights to Orlando, Florida available from 11 Oct this year.

Both routes will be operated by two-class B737 aircraft.

# Aussie PCO's Fijian sunset



PICTURE perfect would be the way this group of Australian professional conference organisers would describe Fiji's Natadola Beach as they relaxed at the end of a famil trip hosted by the Intercontinental Fiji.

In an action-packed few days, delegates were greeted by

friendly Malomalo Primary School children, were entertained by contemporary Fijian dancers, dined on delicacies prepared by chef Gerard Marr and enjoyed canapes at sunset on the 4th hole of the Natadola golf course, where the group were pictured for this photo.

## **WIN A TRIP TO GREECE**

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Throughout June, *Travel Daily* is giving one lucky travel consultant reader the chance to win an amazing 7-day escorted "Highlights of Greece" tour, courtesy of Sun Island Tours.

The prize includes two return economy airfares to Athens with Etihad, airport transfers, six nights' accommodation, six breakfasts, three dinners, tours with licensed guide as per itinerary, entrance fees and local taxes.

Every day *Travel Daily* will be featuring a photo of a Sun Island Tours' staff member enjoying a different destination from their brochures. You just have to identify the city or landmark and email us your answer. There will be 20 questions in total, which will also be posted on our website. In the final (20th) day you will be asked a creative question. At the end of the month the



Email your answers to: sunislandcomp@traveldaily.com.au

Hint! Go to Sun Island Tours' Facebook page or visit www.sunislandtours.com.au

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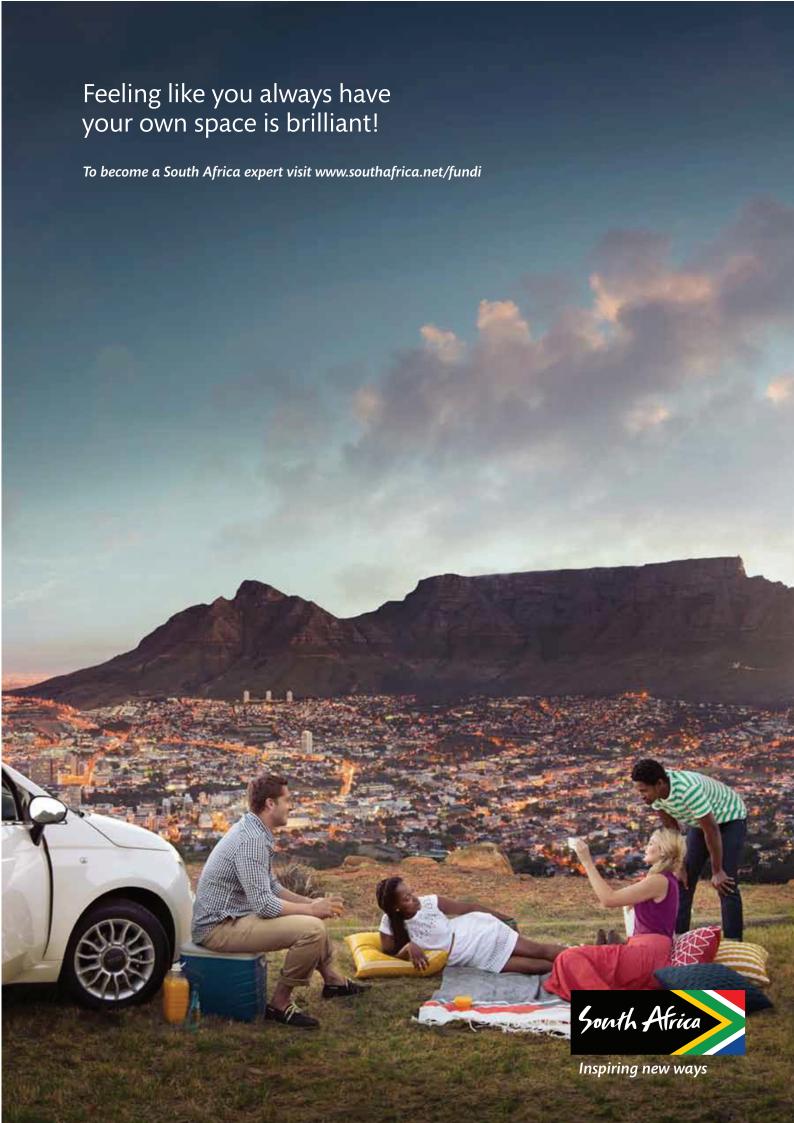
















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