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Longer Egypt curfew

THE hours of the nightly curfew enforced in Cairo and other cities in Egypt due to civil unrest (TD 15 Aug) have been lowered by 2hrs between Sat-Thu to 9pm-6am.

On Fri, the curfew is from 7pm-6am, the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade is advising.

AAX confirm capacity rise

BUDGET carrier AirAsia X says the introduction of double daily services from Kuala Lumpur to Sydney, Melbourne and Perth will "spur Australia's tourism sector" with a greater choice of travel times and connections.

As flagged previously by **Travel Daily**, AAX is ramping up frequencies to its three core capital city markets later this year.

AirAsia X's Melbourne route will move to a 14 weekly service on 01 Oct, followed by Sydney and Perth from 25 Nov (TD 24 Jul).

The commitment comes after a revised bilateral agreement was inked between the Malaysian and Australian Governments, coupled with AAX's gradual fleet size

increase to 16 Airbus A330-300s.

"The Sydney, Melbourne and Perth to Kuala Lumpur routes have performed extremely well and the new double daily services will help meet increasing demand," AirAsia X ceo Azran Osman-Rani said this morning.

Osman-Rani said the carrier had been lobbying to boost capacity to Australia for some time, adding that "Australians can expect to see us continuing to expand our operations in this vitally important market."

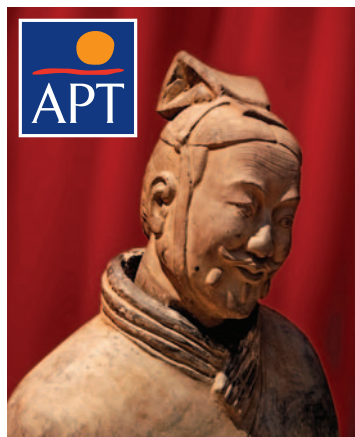
AirAsia X says the new capacity, and its new Adelaide service, will make it the 4th largest foreign carrier operating into Australia.

New GSA for TN

AIR Tahiti Nui will be represented in Australia by Discover the World Marketing, after switching from its former gsa, JTG subsidiary World Aviation effective from 01 Sep.

The move comes as TN ramps up its presence in the region, with a third weekly Auckland-Papeete flight to be added from Dec.

The airline's new agency support number is 1300 657 190.



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Webjet cfo resigns

WEBJET has this morning announced the resignation of chief financial officer Rob Turner due to "personal matters" which require "immediate attention."

MD John Guscic commended Turner for a substantial contribution to the business over the past year, including the integration of the Zuji business.

Guscic said Turner will provide "ongoing consultancy & advice" over coming months while the search for a new cfo begins.

An interim replacement will be appointed within the week.

MEANWHILE, Anne Griegg has been appointed as Webjet's company secretary and legal counsel, commencing today.

Nine pages of news

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news & photos, plus full pages from: (**click**)

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FC's "pre-early birds"

EARLYBIRD airfare season kicked off even earlier this year after Flight Centre late last week released a range of pre-earlybird Cathay Pacific airfares to Europe (TD breaking news).

Additionally, a bonus one-night accom in Hong Kong is available for fares ticketed by this Sat, with seats valid for travel next year.

Economy fares travelling in May to Rome start from \$1,629, with Premium Economy available from \$3,099 and Business from \$6,852.

Pre-earlybird fares for all three cabins have also been released for travel to Paris and London.

MEANWHILE, FC's corporate product division has launched a new program giving access to value-add offers including room upgrades, wi-fi, breakfast & more.

Entitled SmartSTAY, the program is available to corporate clients at a range of participating hotels if booked via FCL's corporate brands.

The program will be expanded from later this month as more participating hotels are added.

FURTHER, global dairy giant Fonterra has selected FCM Travel Solutions as its preferred travel management firm after tendering.

India next boom market

NEW research conducted by Tourism Australia has identified the Indian market as potentially being worth up to \$2.3 billion to Australia by the year 2020.

The figure comes ahead of a big week for Indian tourism into Australia, with direct nonstop flights by Air India from Delhi to Sydney and Melbourne set to resume this Fri.

TA will use the data to tailor its marketing initiatives for India.

According to the latest arrival numbers, India is already one of the fastest growing markets to Australia, with 164,000 visitors adding \$804 million to local coffers in the year ending Jun 30 - a jump of 7.8% year-on-year.

From the launch one year ago of Tourism Australia's India 2020 Strategic Plan, leisure spending from the Indian market has grown 25%, managing director Andrew McEvoy said.

"India is one of the world's fastest growing outbound travel markets, with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation predicting 50 million outbound travellers by 2020.

"Tourism Australia has been very active in the market for a number of years and now has a 4% share of medium to long haul travel," McEvoy added.

Business relationships with India are set to be developed further from this week also, as a delegation of 40 Australian tourism representatives heading to the beach resort destination of Goa for a week-long series of networking meetings with Indian travel agents and tour operators.

Tourism Australia's research found Australia is rated by Indian travellers as an "aspirational destination", with Aussie beaches, wildlife and iconic landmarks high on individual travel wish-lists.

"This research provides some really valuable learnings into the Indian consumer, their purchasing intentions and desire for experiencing travel".

"India is already Australia's tenth largest source market and has the potential to grow strongly in coming years if we get the marketing, product, distribution and aviation access right," the Tourism Australia boss concluded.



Window Seat

AUSTRALIA'S harsh outback roads have claimed many in the history of the Variety Bash, however the 1972 Mini Minor captained by Amadeus' Gena Signorini and pilots Dan Grey & Richard Loder fought on and last night rolled into Birdsville.

With many cars withdrawing around them, the Mini has seen a loose fuel hose, slipped shock absorber & even required some emergency roadside welding in a "disastrous" day yesterday.

This morning, the trio will take part in a street breakfast for a school of 12 children, at which Variety will donate a new shade cloth for their playground, before continuing on to the town of Leigh Creek today.

The trio are pictured right in Birdsville.



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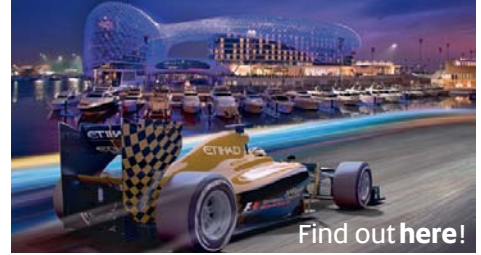
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SICEEP scores govt approval

THE NSW State Government has granted planning approval for the proposed redevelopment of

Sydney's convention, exhibition and entertainment facilities.

The \$1 billion project "will ensure Sydney continues to successfully compete on the national and global stage for major events," according to NSW Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner.

The State Govt is partnering with the 'Darling Harbour Live' consortium which includes Lend Lease, Capella, AEG Ogden and Spotless to develop, build, operate and maintain the new facilities in a 25-year contract.

A hotel which forms part of the facility is being developed by Lend Lease under a separate commercial agreement.

Stoner confirmed that the temporary exhibition facility at Glebe Island would open by Feb.

Accor day spa revamp

ACCOR has rebranded five of its hotel's day spas in Australia, from Mii Spa to Vie Spa ('Life Spa').

About 12 months in the pipeline, Vie Spas debuted at Pullman Resort Bunker Bay, Quay West Resort Magenta Shores, Pullman Cairns International, Pullman Palm Cove Sea Temple Resort & Spa and Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa.

Two NSW Accor properties as well as locations in the Pacific will have their spa's rebranded to Vie Spa before the end of 2013.

More at www.viespa.com.au.

Viva! takes Today to LA

VIVA! Holidays is showcasing the best of Los Angeles on the Nine Network's *Today* show this week, in partnership with Virgin Australia & Harvey World Travel.

Weatherman Steve Jacobs will be taking in the sights, activities and attractions of LA, beaming coverage from Tinsel Town back to Aussie viewers from 5:30am.

A five-night package priced from \$1,557ppts ex Melbourne to LA is also being promoted - more info at www.qhv.com.au/agents.

1st 787-9 completed

AIRCRAFT manufacturer Boeing announced the completion of its first 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft on Fri - the second member of its "super-efficient" 787 family.

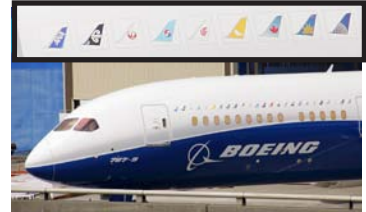
The aircraft, now sporting the tail-fin livery of its customers (pictured below inset) has now been rolled out to the flight line, ahead of its first test flight.

Boeing said the 787-9 variation is "on track" with a second and third model in final assembly.

Air New Zealand will be the first customer of the aircraft, although the Air NZ tail-fin is after ANAs.

AA/US court defence

AMERICAN Airlines and US Airways have filed a motion to set a trial date supporting brief in the US District Court to defend a lawsuit filed by the Dept of Justice (TD 14 Aug) on 12 Nov.



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France is top of the pops



ATOUT France and the fabulous Hotel George V in Paris hosted an intimate celebration in Sydney last Fri, updating the industry on the latest developments at the prestige Four Seasons property which is perfectly located on the Champs Elysee.

Attendees were welcomed with a glass of Dom Perignon Champagne which set the scene for a sparkling luncheon.

George V sales manager Pauline Ehrhard told guests the upmarket hotel has seen continuing growth out of the Australian market, with popular features including its exceptional cellar comprising more than 50,000 bottles.

There's also a two Michelin star restaurant run by "culinary artist" Eric Briffard, while the George V artistic director Jeff Leatham has set the trend for lavish floral displays, lovingly dressing the hotel lobby with 12,000 blooms shipped directly from the Netherlands each week.

A hidden secret for guests at the George V is complimentary

monthly food experiences run by Briffard, where he takes guests to the market to source fresh ingredients prior to an in-house cooking lesson.

The luncheon was addressed by Atout France director Patrick Benhamou, who confirmed that in 2012, one million Australian tourists visited the country.

"We are in for a fabulous bumper year in 2014," he added, with a huge marketing drive planned including 'remembrance trails' with the commemorations of the centenary of World War I; French gastronomy to coincide with the visit of Alain Ducasse to Australia; and the biennial French Workshops which will take place 01-05 Sep next year, themed on 'Monaco' in Melbourne and Sydney, and 'Tahiti' in Auckland.

The French regions of Provence, Cote D'Azur and Paris will also be coming to visit Australian travel professionals in 2014, he said.

Benhamou is **pictured** above with George V's Pauline Ehrhard in her Aussie Akubra hat.

Wet'n'Wild blow-out

THE cost of Village Roadshow's new Sydney-based water park has increased nearly 40% to that of initial proposals three years ago.

Wet'n'Wild Sydney is under construction in Prospect in the city's west and will feature 42 slides and rides, while being touted by its owners "the best water theme park in the world."

When the project was officially announced in Sep 2010, Village Roadshow put a price tag of \$80 million on the theme park.

But according to last week's 2013 Financial Year report (**TD** Thu), Village Roadshow's investment in Wet'n'Wild Sydney has now soared to between \$125 million - \$130 million.

The report also revealed the attraction will feature "new night time illuminations" and an "explosive launch campaign."

VRL said the new theme park is still on track for a Dec opening.

Arcadia to Darwin

P&O Cruises World Cruising's adults only ship *Arcadia* will make its maiden call to Darwin during a 106-night world voyage in 2015.

Darwin is among five first time ports of call for *Arcadia* on the cruise, with other new stops planned for Bitung in Indonesia, Lahaina in Hawaii, Manila in the Philippines and Sanya in China.

The Southampton return cruise is priced from \$20,249ppts and incl an extended call in Sydney.

Expedia, Travelocity jv

ONLINE travel agents Expedia and Travelocity have signed a long-term commercial pact which will see Expedia product feature in Travelocity search results for its US and Canada based websites.

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EY alliance jet order

ETIHAD Airways is considering purchasing new aircraft in a joint consortium with equity partners.

The Gulf carrier is negotiating a deal, leveraging the combined purchasing power of its alliance partners which include Air Berlin, Air Seychelles, Aer Lingus, Air Serbia and Jet Airways.

"We can confirm that Etihad, together with some of its equity alliance partners, are presently in discussions with both Boeing and Airbus to finalise our joint additional fleet requirements from 2020 onwards," an Etihad spokesperson told **TD** yesterday.

"We expect this process to be completed in the coming months, following which we will be in a position to provide more information."

EY also have a vested interest in Virgin Australia (holding a 10.5% stake in the Aussie airline), however a VA spokesperson told **Travel Daily** on Fri "we're not involved" in any joint plane order.

TNZ appeal to interest

TOURISM New Zealand has rolled out a new TV commercial marketing the country to special interest travellers including hiking, golf, cycling & luxury enthusiasts.

The organisation's interest in pitching to niche traveller markets was flagged by **Travel Daily** earlier this year (**TD** 29 Apr).

TNZ chief executive Kevin Bowler said research has found niche travellers spend close to NZ\$4,000 per trip compared to \$2,500 for all other visitors.

The new TVC will appear in print, online & cinema in key markets.

Canada arrivals up 5%

THE Canadian Tourism Comm. has reported a 5% year-on-year upswing in Australian overnight arrivals to a shade under 34,000 during the month of Jun 2013 - more than double the global overall increase of 2%.

Jan to Jun arrivals are up 0.7% on the same time last year.

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ABOVE: MTA Travel of Robina in Queensland was this month recognised at the 25th annual Virtuoso Travel Week in Las Vegas taking the gong for Top Australia/New Zealand Production.

Also taking out the accolade for Most Admired Advisor (Aus/NZ) at the event was Beverly Cohen of Sydney's Wentworth Travel.

Winners were selected based on outstanding performance over the past 12 months and peer-to-peer assessment within the group.

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Insight's Elite in Portugal

INSIGHT Vacations recently hosted a famil of Portugal for its Elite qualifying agents, hosted by Insight's global ceo John Boulding and Australian md Joost Timmer.

The 23 guests were treated to 10 days exploring the buzzing capital of Lisbon, the medieval streets of Porto, the UNESCO world heritage listed Convent of Christ in Tomar (pictured) and exploring the 14th century walls in one of Portugal's beautifully preserved towns, Evora.

Pictured 1st row from left are: Michelle Brett, Escape Travel Brookside; Maria Slater, Maria Slater Travel; Sue Milosova, iTravel; Carly O'Bryan, Travelscene Belrose; Sue Corvasce, HWT Lower Templestowe and Maria Miller, Travel Managers.

2nd row: Rita Carlini, Jetset Belmont; Samantha Tamba, Flight Centre Australia Fair; Julia Humberstone, Our Vacation Centre; Felicity Bright, Best Flights; Vanessa Solomon, Flight Centre Woden; Leanne McGovern, MTA Travel and Joost Timmer, md Insight Vacations.

3rd row: Gaynor Vasant, Travel Focus International; David Farrar, Insight Vacations; Jenny Thomas, Flight Centre Springwood; Jill Rimmer, Phil Hoffmann Travel; Les Sher, Global Travel Directors and Bey Carver-Lincoln, Yarra Valley Travel.

4th row: Simon Clynick, Insight Vacations; Melinda Pigott, TravelManagers; Yvette Gray, HWT Sylvania with Andrew Billows and Darian Foot from Phil Hoffmann Travel.



Accor/VA group deal

ACCOR & Virgin Australia are offering conference organisers free flights and accommodation on the Gold Coast for one delegate for every ten delegate packages booked by 31 Dec.

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STOMP comp winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Eimme Altre from Qantas who was the lucky final winner in **TD's** STOMP mini-comp last week, picking herself up a double pass to see the production in Sydney next month at Theatre Royal.

Spirit of ZQN arrives

SOUTHERN Discoveries' newest vessel, *Spirit of Queenstown*, has arrived at its home in NZ.

The 26m multi-million dollar high-speed catamaran cruised into Queenstown late last week, berthing at O'Regans Wharf.

Carrying up to 150 passengers, *Spirit of Queenstown* will start operations on Lake Wakatipu in Nov, offering "authentic and nature-based experiences" to Mt Nicholas Station, the firm said.

Hyatt all-incl in Mex

HYATT will debut its all-inclusive Hyatt-branded concept (**TD** 22 Jul) in Mexico later this year.

On Fri, Hyatt Hotels Corporation announced it would transform The Royal Cancun and Barcelo Los Cabos properties into Hyatt Zilara Cancun and Hyatt Ziva Los Cabos.

The Hyatt Zilara will focus exclusively on adults, while Hyatt Ziva will concentrate on families.

"Hyatt Ziva resorts will capture the fun and vitality of a vacation, encouraging families to celebrate life's pleasures and foster lasting connections," Hyatt said in a statement.

Each of the Mexican-based hotels will receive multi-million dollar renovations as part of the rebranding project.

Hyatt has previously earmarked three all inclusive resorts to debut in 2014 and 2015.

Jetstar HKG chair

YET to launch carrier Jetstar Hong Kong has named Pansy Ho - the daughter of business magnate Stanley Ho - as its chair.

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Korean lifts fuel levy

KOREAN Air has announced it's increasing fuel surcharges across all international routes on 01 Sep.

Revised levies to Australia will rise US\$9 to US\$126 per sector.

The SkyTeam carrier currently operates services between both Brisbane and Sydney from its Seoul Incheon home.

China dinosaur tour

ODYSSEY Travel has teamed with the Australian Museum to present a new 12-day tour that explores dinosaur fossils in China.

Departing Australia on 15 Oct, the Chinese Dinosaur Odyssey includes a first-hand experience at a palaeontological dinosaur dig in Dinosaur Valley in Lufeng in the province of Guangdong.

The trip is priced from \$6,490ppts and a single supplement of \$480 - for more info call 1300 888 225.

BA winter fare sale

BRITISH Airways has slashed fares to the UK across all cabin categories for travel over select dates between Sep and Mar.

Flying to London via Singapore, World Traveller Economy fares start at \$1,899, World Traveller Plus Premium Economy \$3,305, Club World Business \$6,999 and First \$9,999 if booked by 16 Sep.

See www.bit.ly/bafaresale for specific seasonality of fares.

MEANWHILE, GDS displays show British Airways will boost A380 frequencies between London Heathrow and Los Angeles from its current five weekly services to daily, effective 18 Feb 2014.

Zambia website rejig

THE zambiatourism.com portal has received a major overhaul with browsers now able to access an interactive map that provides links to attractions, activities and lodgings in the country.

New features include a news portal providing information on the latest tourism developments and sightings from safari guides.

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ON THE Go Tours' team of Tough Mudders came and conquered the 17km challenge of the same name earlier this month on Queensland's Sunshine Coast at Caloundra Downs.

Tough Mudder courses are renowned for pushing the limits with entrants needing to endure obstacles such as the Cage Crawl, Arctic Enema, Berlin Walls, Mud Mile and Electroshock Therapy. The OTG team finished the

event with one casualty, Manda Harrison from Harvey World Travel Chermshire, but they were fortunate to score some helping hands along the way, with some fellow Mudders assisting her to the finish line.

Pictured post race with their new friends in black, from left are Tracey Olsen, On the Go Tours; Suzanne Keogh, Andrew Moore, with Jade Stevens and Manda Harrison of HWT Chermshire.



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Accor caters to Indian needs

HOTEL giant Accor says it is anticipating a return to double-digit growth figures from the Indian market as a result of new services launching this week.

Similar to an initiative launched to cater for the Chinese market, Accor's Optimum Service Standards program for India (*TD* 04 Apr 2011) now has 12 hotels accredited under the scheme.

Properties practicing the service standards are located in both Sydney and Melbourne - the two cities Air India will be flying to, as well as Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Cairns & Sydney's Blue Mountains.

The first property accredited under the scheme, the Mercure Sydney Central, says it estimates Indian travellers will book 5000 room nights in 2014.

"The key is building relationships with Indian tour operators and

then ensuring the hotel suits the needs of Indian travellers," general manager Greg Brady said.

"We have a number of tour series confirmed for next year, and we have a 300 delegate incentive group coming in this October, and we hope that is the first of many

Under the program, hotels will offer Indian foods at breakfast and on room-service menus, welcome kits translated to Hindi, Indian TV channels & newspapers, electricity adaptor plugs & tours/activities with Indian catering.

Urban Adv Jul record

THREE new tours and two new destinations helped Intrepid Urban Adventures set a new sales record for Jul, with over 5,000 bookings set for the first time.

The company also said it took a record number of agent bookings and an overall average feedback score of 4.66 out of a possible 5.

Tour operator needed

TELEVISION production firm Late Night Media Productions is seeking expressions of interest from Australian tour operators to star in two newly commissioned series' of its popular lifestyle & travel series Tour The World.

The series, which screens on free-to-air digital channel 74 4ME, joins groups of Aussies enjoying different types of touring, from high-end luxury to budget, and the destinations being visited.

Currently in pre-production, the two seasons are slated to screen in Nov and in Jun next year, and for more information, email adam@tourtheworldtv.com.au.

Hotel for Dollywood

TENNESSEE theme park Dollywood, named after country music star Dolly Parton, will see a new 300-room hotel constructed on its grounds, to open mid 2015.

To be named the DreamMore Resort, the property will feature a restaurant and spa & forms part of a \$300m renovation which will include a new rollercoaster.



Brochures of the Week

WELCOME to Brochures of the Week, *Travel Daily's* Monday feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure you'd like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including a PDF of the front cover, and contact details to brochures@traveldaily.com.au.



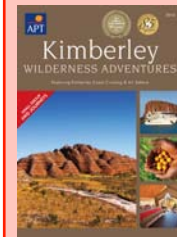
Bunnik Tours - Europe 2014

Eleven varied, yet comprehensive small group tours comprise the Bunnik Tours Europe range for 2014. Among them are the popular mainstays Moscow to Prague, Jewels of Dalmatia and Spain, Portugal & Morocco, along with itineraries covering Turkey, Italy and Scandinavia. New for 2014 is the concept of back-to-back touring, launched by the company for the first time, which allow guests with more time the ability to seamlessly join a new tour to continue their travels once another ends.



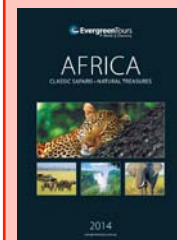
Rocky Mountaineer - Life Changing Experience 2014

The excitement and experiences enjoyed onboard the Rocky Mountaineer is palpable, and summed up in the new guide to holiday itineraries incorporating a journey on the fabled train. Several new holidays have been developed for 2014, with a five-step process on how to build the perfect trip. Details of the three new routes now offering SilverLeaf service are included, along with information on the new partnership with Norwegian Cruise Lines, allowing pax to mix a rail journey with a cruise.



APT - Kimberley Wilderness Adventures 2014

Insatiable demand for APT's Kimberley program for next year has seen the touring firm release its brochure one month ahead of schedule. The 20 itineraries within vary in length from 2-28 days, one of which - Pilbara and Exmouth - is brand new. Seven other tours have been extended by one extra night, and five new hotels make their debut including the luxury Cicada Lodge. On the water, APT has exclusively chartered *Coral Princess* and *Oceanic Discoverer*, while a host of new Signature Experiences also feature.



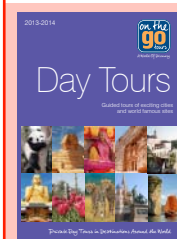
Evergreen Tours - Africa 2014

A brand new 29-day Ultimate Africa tour highlights the new Africa range from Evergreen Tours. This tour can be broken up into two shorter journeys in the Kenya Safari or the South Africa & Victoria Falls tour. Both tours offer numerous game drives allowing guests to be immersed in local wildlife, while resting each night in a quality lodge or hotel and enjoying a sumptuous meal. Game reserves visited include Kruger, Chobe and Addo, as well as the Masai Mara, Amboseli & Lake Nakuru National Parks.



Aurora Expeditions - Antarctica 2014/15

The frozen continent is again thoroughly covered for travellers keen to venture there next year, with ten exciting tours available to the Antarctic Peninsula, the Antarctic Circle, the Weddell Sea, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. Also featured are explorations of Puerto Williams, one of Aurora's new departure points in South America. Numerous activities including photography, kayaking and camping are also on offer.



On The Go Tours - Day Tours 2014

For those seeking to fill their spare days away with interesting and exciting things to see and do, this new guide offers a vast array of single-day touring options. All day tours are privately operated and guaranteed to depart once booked, with no minimum number of passengers and all led by English-speaking guides. Tours are available in a vast number of countries incl China, Turkey, India, Kenya, Jordan, Russia, Tanzania, Vietnam & more. Entrance fees to major landmarks are included in prices.

AFL Rd 22 Results

CONGRATULATIONS
Geoff Rutherford
from *Rheom Travel P/L*

Geoff is the top point scorer for Round 22 of *Travel Daily's* AFL industry footy tipping competition and has won a double pass to Event Cinemas, courtesy of *Cruise Weekly*.

CRUISE WEEKLY

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 & Iririki Island Resort Vanuatu

Emirates **Holiday Inn**
Air Vanuatu **Iririki**



ABOVE: Qantas Holidays, in conjunction with Fiji Airways, recently hosted a group of Travellers Choice agents from Victoria to the delights of the islands of Fiji.

The agents visited properties in

the Mamanuca Islands including Plantation Island Resort, Castaway Island Resort, Likuliku Lagoon Resort and the new Tropica Island Resort.

Participants also experienced some time along the Coral Coast visiting the Warwick Fiji Resort & Spa, the Naviti Resort and Sonaisali Island Resort.

Pictured enjoying the hospitality of Lomani Island Resort from left are Laura Haverkamp, Qantas Holidays; Sharon Richardson, Travellers Choice; Simone Kelly, Travel Bound & Cruise; Elaine Williamson, Jetaway Travel; Julie-Ann Silvey, Chelsea Travel & Cruise; Kerrie Walker, Y Not Travel; Sue Blyth, Bay Travel; Jackie Neilson, Somerville Travel & Cruise; Susan Hoban, Numurkah Travel & Cruise and Grace Luccitti, Minna Travel & Cruise.

Chinese warm to Aus

AUSTRALIAN hoteliers are reporting an increased level of overall travel confidence as well as a firmer grasp of the English language among Chinese travellers compared to five years ago.

The findings are according to the latest Chinese International Travel Monitor report, conducted by Hotels.com and which saw 3,000 Chinese travellers and 1,500 hotel operators surveyed.

Local hotels are also increasingly catering to the cultural demands of Chinese travellers, with nearly 40% of those polled saying they offered some sort of training on Chinese expectations to staff.

Hoteliers claimed this was an essential element of attracting higher numbers from China as the split between independent and group travellers begins to shift more in favour of the former.

The poll also revealed an ability to accept Chinese payment methods was the single most important offering a hotel could provide, with 26% of respondents saying adopting this facility would be key to a hotel's improvement.

ST first into new BER

PRIVATELY owned German carrier Germania will become the first airline to operate services into the much-delayed Berlin Brandenburg Airport from 01 Nov.

The announcement serves as the best indication yet that the problem-plagued airport will finally begin operations after four delays to its official opening.

Germania operates a fleet of 18 aircraft on scheduled and charter services to destinations in Europe and the Middle East.

Amari deals in China

TWO Amari branded resorts will open in China in 2016, with Thai parent Onyx Hospitality Group announcing its expansion into the country late last week.

The properties will be located in emerging leisure destinations in the Guangdong and Yunnan provinces in the country's south.

Developments at EDI

TERMINAL expansions, new retail and an expanded security area will be the major parts of a £150m renovation project to be undertaken at Edinburgh Airport.

Work is expected to begin in Oct with the first stages to be ready to open late next year.

Abu Dhabi teeing off

A NEW range of travel packages aimed at golf lovers has been launched by Abu Dhabi Tourism and Cultural Authority.

The packages centre around the upcoming Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, which takes place from 16-19 Jan next year.

The event saw 61,240 attend in 2012, and organisers are hoping for an increase of 15% this year.

Three, five and seven night packages, creatively titled "Tee for Three", "Five Beats Fore" and "Week at the Tees" can be tailored to include ground requirements as well as access to other nearby golf courses.

See www.golfinabudhabi.com for more package information.

WIN A HOLIDAY TO PERU



Throughout August *Travel Daily* is giving readers the chance to win a holiday for two people to Peru, courtesy of Aerolíneas Argentinas and Peregrine Adventures.

The prize includes two return economy fares on Aerolíneas Argentinas between Sydney and Lima via Buenos Aires and Peregrine Amazon & Inca Heartland tour for two people.

Each day *Travel Daily* will ask a Peru-related question - just read the issue and email us your answer. At the end of the month the subscriber with the most correct entries and the most creative response to the final question will win this amazing holiday to Peru.

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