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New TDTV video

TODAY'S issue includes details of an exclusive Travel Daily TV video from last weekend's historic final Scenic Railway trip - see pg 8.

Business fares stay low

DOMESTIC Business Class fares are hovering around record low levels this month, down about 15 index points on last year, govt data released today indicates.

The slide is due to Virgin adding new Business class routes.

Qantas Holidays Thailand 2013/14 Brochure

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AGENT-only online wholesaler Travel Agents Nexus has been placed into administration, with the Travel Compensation Fund today confirming its termination due to claims received.

TCF spokesman Gary Dellar told TD that "it's very early days," but based on current information he believes claims of around \$100,000 may be involved.

Etihad to Amsterdam

ABU Dhabi-based carrier Etihad Airways will introduce new daily Airbus A330-200 services to Amsterdam on 15 May, expanding its European network to 17 hubs.

EY will codeshare with KLM on the route, which itself is boosting its flight frequency to Abu Dhabi to daily in the Northern Summer.

Eight pages of news

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

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The company was headed up by Robert Hansell and Andrew Bates. both ex YQ4 Travel, and launched in Jun 2010 with a promise to be different from other online wholesalers because "we are travel people with years of experience in the industry, and not just software developers".

A CATO member, Travel Agents Nexus offered live availability on a range of product incl car hire, cruises, tours and transfers as well as "over 300,000 hotel rooms," displaying the best available price even when the same product was offered by multiple suppliers.

The company only allowed registered travel agents, tour operators and wholesalers to access its product.

TD has obtained minutes of a directors meeting held this week which reveal "concerns about the company's solvency which required immediate discussion and resolution."

The company is set to be wound up, with Brian Silva and Antony Resnick of BRI Ferrier appointed as voluntary liquidators.

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MORE than 55 Visit USA Organisation members will participate in next month's annual Visit USA Expos. which will include events across Australia.

Visit USA Australia president Geoffrey Hutton said it was the biggest ever contingent in the organisation's history.

He said interest in the US is continuing to grow, with 2012 showing a record number of Australian visitors.





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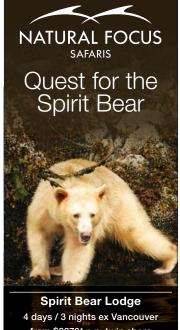
1.63m passengers in Dec, an increase of 6% on the previous corresponding period.

Capacity grew more slowly at 2.8%, with the overall figures showing a 2.6 point improvement in passenger load factor to 82.2%.

Loads improved across all regions, with SQ citing growth in leisure passenger traffic particularly on America and Europe long-haul routes due to strong holiday travel demand.

The load factor on South West Pacific routes was 86.4%.

However, the carrier warned of continuing challenges in the operating environment, adding that "promotional activities are expected to continue to place downward pressure on passenger yields" across the globe.



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Qantas upgrades BNE-PER

QANTAS has once again upped the ante on transcontinental flights, vesterday announcing the deployment of its upgraded Boeing 767 aircraft on all weekday flights between Brisbane and Perth.

The enhanced Queensland services to Western Australia mean that Qantas will offer widebodied plans on all weekday flights to Perth from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

The 767s will operate on all BNE-PER flights effective 31 Mar, and will see the route offer individual streaming in-flight entertainment as well as upgraded interiors.

QF domestic ceo Lyell Strambi also confirmed the roll-out of A330s on all weekday Sydney-Perth flights effective from Apr this year - a month earlier than previously planned.

Park Hotel wk1 winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Susan **Connolly of American Express** who was the Week 1 winner in our exclusive Park Hotel Group month long competition. Susan won three nights accom

at the Park Hotel Hong Kong. See page 8 to enter the comp.

All MEL-PER weekday flights will also utilise wide-body A330s from May 2013.

Strambi said the changes to the key East-West routes would help QF better serve the business and premium travel market.

"One of Qantas' key strengths in the domestic market is our widebody aircraft which are very popular with our customers."

Strambi touted other benefits of the Qantas offering, including meals and checked baggage for all passengers on all fares.

"Our fleet of aircraft, superior network, frequencies, lounges, on-time performance, and frequent flyer program, have seen us maintain our status as best for business and premium travellers," he said.

Qantas is refurbishing 16 Boeing 767 aircraft with new interiors and iPad-based 'Qstreaming' of inflight entertainment to all seats in business and economy class.

The upgraded 767 product will also be deployed on all QF flights between Sydney and Honolulu from next month (TD 21 Dec).

QF's focus on its Western Australian operations also includes the expansion of the Perth Qantas Club lounge.

EK A380 to Mauritius

EMIRATES will operate one of its flagship Airbus A380 aircraft to Mauritius, ex Dubai, on a return one-off basis on 12 Mar. replacing its regular B777-300 service.

The special flight marks the 45th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Mauritius.

JTB slashes land prices

JTB Australia is offering a 10% discount on all ski land packages, tours and accommodation for departures through until 28 Feb.

Japan Railpasses are excluded. **MEANWHILE**, Japan National Tourism Organisation has seen a 16% year-on-year increase in the number of Aussies travelling to Japan in Nov. up to 14,000.

Over 181,000 Aussies travelled to Japan from Jan-Nov, up 25%.



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Wotif.com, Jetstar top online hits

ONLINE travel agency Wotif.com was the top travel website in Australia based on traffic during Dec 2012, according to the latest data from Experian Hitwise.

Wotif.com held a 13.24% share of web traffic, followed closely by Webiet, while Expedia was third with an 8.79% stake.

Flight Centre, Lastminute.com.au, Best Flights, Zuji Australia and

Skyscanner Australia rounded out the top 8, all retaining the same ranking as the month prior.

Travel.com.au saw its position drop from 9th to 10th place.

MEANWHILE, Jetstar has leapfrogged parent Qantas to be the most popular Australian airline website searched.

Virgin Australia, Tiger Airways & AirAsia finished 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Tassie campaign coming together

TASMANIA is seeking a range of interstate and local promotions to lure visitors to the state after recent bushfires, with a campaign team having met this week to plot strategies to reinforce that Tassie is 'open for business'.

Scott Bacon said the aim of the campaigns would be to attract visitors "to support businesses in those areas affected by fires, and ensure the industry can continue to have confidence in their future." The campaigns are in addition

to TT's ongoing marketing efforts.

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Delta ups LAX/SEA

DELTA Air Lines in Australia is spruiking three additional daily services which have been added between Los Angeles and Seattle, commencing 08 Apr 2013.

Pax ex Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane using Delta and DL codesharing services operated by Virgin Australia can fly to LAX nonstop (from SYD), with a simple same terminal connection to SEA.

The new flights will be operated by Delta Connection carrier SkyWest Airlines, utilising dualclass CRJ900 regional jets.

Aurora social tracking

AURORA Expeditions has rolled out a social media tracking system on its remote voyages to the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

Dubbed 'Track My Trip', the system keeps tabs on the position of Aurora's Polar Pioneer vessel, allowing followers to check the progress of the voyage and view special destination images, which is updated every 15 minutes.

Passengers can register for the free service prior to their voyage.

SA Armstrong refund

SOUTH Australia Premier Jay Weatherill on Tue reiterated that defamed cyclist Lance Armstrong should repay appearance money the state used to entice the fallen superstar to the Tour Down Under between 2009 and 2011.

The TDU, partially funded by SA Tourism Commission, is believed to have paid Armstrong up to \$3 million/year to attend the race.



UNITED Nations...eat your heart out at this worldly effort.

Les Roches International School of Hotel Management has set a new Guinness World Record for the highest number of different nationalities all in a swimming pool at the one time.

Students representing 82 nations participated in the effort, which included countries such as Seychelles, Georgia, Cyprus, South Africa and many others.

The attempt was organised by the school's social committee to demonstrate the diversity of its global education program.

ALASKA Airlines has chosen an entry by a 16-year old Hawaiian boy as the winner of a "Paint the Plane" contest across Hawaii.

School children across the US state were eligible to enter the contest, which offered a trip for four to any destination in the Alaskan Airlines network and a \$5,000 scholarship as top prize.

The winning artwork will be adorned across one of the carrier's Boeing 737-800 aircraft as a promotion to the Hawaiian Islands across the AS network.

Incidentally, with Hawaii being a tropical destination, the prize winner said he would like to take his family to New York as he wants to see snow for the first time.





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Canberra visitor guide

AUSTRALIAN Capital Tourism has rolled out its 2013 Visitor Guide, providing a full listing of Centenary celebrations taking place throughout the year.

The 68-page guide is available online at www.bit.ly/ACT13guide.

Jetstar close MNL/NRT

JETSTAR Airways has closed off reservations on its four weekly Manila-Tokyo Narita route on and beyond 31 Mar, according to current GDS displays.

Bullo, Cicada package

BULLO River Station and Cicada Lodge in the Northern Territory have joined forces to release a special five-night luxury offer.

Departing Darwin, the package includes private Cessna charter flights between Bullo Station, Katherine and back to Darwin, three nights at Bullo River Station in a homestead room, two-nights at Cicada Lodge, airport transfers, many meals, scenic helicopter flights and more.

The deal is priced from \$5,825ppts for a stay up to 30 Apr, or \$6,070ppts staying up to 31 Oct. More info - ph (08) 8354 2719.

Ascott signs 3 in China

THE Ascott Limited is bumping up its presence in The Republic of China, signing contracts to manage three additional properties in the country.

The new apartment contracts include the 90-unit Ascott Heng Shan Shanghai, scheduled to open in 2014, the 250-unit Ascott Emerald City Suzhou (2015) and the 194-unit Somerset Baitang Suzhou (2017).

Sonaisali bargain

SONAISALI Island Resort in Fiji has slashed prices for stays up until 31 Oct by half, based on a three-night minimum.

The offer includes a free upgrade to an oceanview bure, return private car transfers, buffet brekkie daily, a sunset cruise for two, a welcome cocktail, along with kids under 18 stay free while kids under 12 eat & play for free. A six-night package is now

priced from just \$550ppts. Agents have until 28 Feb to take advantage of the offer being promoted with Viva! Holidays.

QVH Norfolk set dates

QANTAS Holidays and Viva! Holidays have introduced set departures to Norfolk Island for sale during Jan.

The Norfolk trips are offered at a reduced price, and are based on a minimum of 10 passengers to ensure a group's departure. To book phone 1300 139 747.



MALAYSIA and the luxurious Club Med Resort in Kuantan saw a visit from this group of ten homebased TravelManagers agents, who popped in as part of the firm's seventh exclusive famil trip of 2012 recently.

Club Med's sizeable pool and bar received a workout during the stay, with the PTMs also visiting the resort's turtle sanctuary.

The group also tried their hands at the Tree Top Challenge, a walk through the rainforest on a specially designed series of platforms around the trees. Bookending their Club Med allinclusive stay were high-intensity shopping experiences in Kuala Lumpur, also enjoying inspections of the Parkroyal Hotel & Parkroyal Suites while in the capital city.

The group, **pictured** at the front of the resort, from left in the back row consisted of Adam Ferraro, Club Med with TravelManagers Stephanie Fung, Katy Hurd and Emma Prosser.

Front row: Suzanne Hallas from Malaysia Airlines, with Travel Managers Naomi Peel, Zie Balfour, Merran Wiggins, Kristin Carter and Yvette Kelly.

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Tigerconnect launch

TIGER Airways Singapore will launch its Tigerconnect transfer program in conjunction with the 'Changi Connect' system, taking effect from 01 Feb.

The system, first implemented by Scoot in Nov (TD 16 Nov), will allow passengers to transfer through Changi Airport to other flights, bypassing immigration, baggage collection and without requiring a visa to enter the city.

MEANWHILE, Tiger Airways Australia has reported a 90% jump in traffic and 95% capacity uptick during the month of Dec.

The increase on 12-months earlier also included a 126% spike in pax numbers to 258,000, but all statistics were compared to a period where TT was operating at a significantly reduced capacity and on a limited schedule.

For the 12 months to Dec 2012, Tiger's number of passengers carried in Australia grew 6% yearon-year to 2.1 million.

TNT grand slam promo

TOURISM NT has partnered with Qantas Holidays to launch a new three-week campaign aimed at luring visitors to the state, with 15-second TV commercials being shown during the Australian Open tennis grand slam in Melbourne.



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Top APAC airline nosh

TRAVEL search site Skyscanner has announced the winners of its first Asia Pacific Airline Food Awards, chosen by a panel of 200 travellers and bloggers.

Tiger Airways Singapore claimed the title of best low-cost airline food, closely followed by Scoot and AirAsia.

Singapore Airlines took out top gong for short-haul inflight meals, also polling in third place on longhaul, with Garuda Indonesia and Korean Air making up the top three in both polls, the former winning for Best Long-Haul Meal.

A recent Skyscanner survey of 1,500 travellers revealed 54% of air travellers rated current inflight meal options as good or better. Skyscanner market development manager for Australia and NZ

Dave Boyte said regular flyers can be won over with a quality meal. "Airline food used to have a

reputation for being bland, but the quality of in-flight meals has improved massively as airlines place greater importance on serving good food at altitude".

AA/Travelport deal on

TRAVELPORT and American Airlines are close to reaching a new content-sharing agreement, which is currently set to expire today, the companies have said.

The carrier added it intends to continue to provide agents using Travelport's Galileo, Worldspan & Apollo GDSs with uninterrupted fare and inventory content while a new deal is hammered out.

Elsewhere, American has not yet reached agreement with Travelport on its antitrust violation lawsuit or its counterclaims, which has been on a stay-of-trial since last month.

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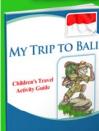
WELL-KNOWN travel writer Rob McFarland will hold another workshop for aspiring authors, with just 12 spaces available at the sessions on 23 Feb and 02 Mar in Sydney, costing \$399. See www.robmcfarland.org.

Jameson into Choice

CHOICE Hotels International will add 46 hotels in the United States to its portfolio under a deal with Colony Capital, all of which were operated as Jameson Inns.

The properties are spread across 12 states, including Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana.

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Novotel for Jeddah

ACCOR has inked a deal in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to manage the new-build Novotel Jeddah, slated to opens its doors to guests by late next year.

THAI incentive tempts Cheryl



ABOVE: THAI Airways Int'I has presented the first consultant claim for a \$50 iTunes voucher, rewarded as part of the carrier's \$22,000 THAI Temptations travel agent incentive (*TD* 12 Jan) - see thaiairways.com.au/temptations.

Pictured here is Cheryl Scanlon from Cruise Express Sydney with THAI's sales executives Aaron Gilden and Angela Tanis.

Tourism Aus appoints

TOURISM Australia has named Karen Halbert as its new general manager corporate affairs and strategy, effective 29 Jan 2013. Halbert replaces Simon Westaway who departed TA in Dec to take up a post at Orica (*TD* 17 Dec). Most recently, she was Principal Media Relations Advisor for mining giant Rio Tinto.

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10 new TCF additions

THE Travel Compensation Fund had 10 new head office locations sign up to the organisation in Dec, as well as three new branches.

The new HOs include **United Tours** (ABN: 25 159 944 573) and **Two Hats Travel** (ABN: 86 160 629 685) in Sydney; **Mega Holidays** (ABN: 50 160 646 480) in Lindfield; & **Chris Bray Photography** (ABN: 35 142 238 720) in Avalon Beach; and **Riche Travel** (ABN: 68 159 830 529) in Woonona in NSW.

Others offices incl **Bestjet.com** (ABN: 71 155 965 601) in Fortitude Valley and **Swallow Holidays Travel** (ABN: 73 158 989 863) in Southport, in Qld; **Happyvisit** (ABN: 13 838 094 949) in Thornlie in WA; **Travelzone Holidays** (ABN: 98 159 619 691) in Blackburn South, Vic and **Yuvi Travels** (ABN: 26 146 431 277) in Brooklyn Park, SA.

The new travel agency branch offices are Harvey World Travel (Maitland) in Newcastle West, NSW (part of the Hunter Global Travel Services group), Business Jet Travel in Taringa in Qld and Australia China Travel Specialists in Auburn, NSW.

La La Land visits soar

OVERSEAS visitor numbers to Los Angeles set an all-time high in 2012, with the city receiving 41.4 million overall arrivals - six million of which were foreign, up 1.2% on the year prior.

Total visitor numbers rose 2.5% from 2011's 40.4 million result.

For the first-time ever China was the top int'l market for LA, jumping from a top five source two years ago to be the number 1 market, the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Bureau said.

The organisation also revealed it would be beefing up its marketing efforts into countries including Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada this year.

It will also focus on international meetings & convention business.

LATCB is forecasting 41.9 million visitors for 2013.

Air China kks Houston

AIR China has confirmed plans to launch a new Beijing-Houston service, as flagged by **TD** on 07 Jan, using Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, effective 11 Jul.

CATHAY PACIFIC

Call Centre Supervisor Customer Sales Office, Sydney

Cathay Pacific Airways is looking for a highly motivated and skilled Call Centre Supervisor to join the Central Customer Sales (reservations & ticketing) team.

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Customer Sales Manager, Australia, tricia_goodwin@cathaypacific.com Closing date for applications: 31 January 2013.

Please note, only those applicants who are successful in gaining an interview will be notified.





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P&O catering to Mum

P&O CRUISES has released a special Mothers Day offer, with cabins on a special three-night Mum's sailing priced at \$419ppts.

Featuring numerous restaurants and relaxing spa options, P&O senior vice president Tammy Marshall said the offer provided an early opportunity to spoil mum's on their annual special day.

Special Indonesia fare

GARUDA Indonesia has launched special return fares from Sydney and Melbourne to Denpasar and Jakarta starting from \$761, based on MEL to DPS, inclusive of taxes.

Seats are on sale until 31 Mar.

CATHAY PACIFIC

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- Proven ability to manage existing accounts to maximise revenue opportunities.
- Demonstrates a solid sales background with proven results
- Good analytical skills
- Excellent negotiation, presentation and communication skills
- Proven ability to manage own time, with minimal supervision
 Excellent problem solving skills including evaluation, analysis, information gathering, interpretation
- A competitive salary will be offered to the successful candidate.

If you have the above skills and are confident of achieving complete success, please send your CV, detailing salary expectations to: Business Development Manager NSW/ACT email: richard_jones@cathaypacific.com

Applications close 25 January 2013.

Please note: Only those applicants who are successful in gaining an interview will be notified.

UA offer satellite wi-fi

UNITED Airlines has fitted one of its widebody B747 aircraft with wi-fi internet connectivity as part of a US\$500m fleet upgrade project currently underway.

The aircraft will fly transPacific and transatlantic routes, with usage plans priced between US\$3.99 and \$19.99 depending on flight duration and download speeds required.

Sydney tops Wotif poll

FIVE destinations in NSW have been voted on to Wotif's annual list of Australia's most popular destinations, with Sydney topping the poll for the 10th year running.

The results were based on more than 260,000 bookings processed per month on the Wotif website. Other NSW hotspots to make the list were Newcastle (13th), Coffs Harbour (15th), Port Macquarie (17th) and Byron Bay, which polled in 18th place.

Accommodation Updates

WELCOME to Accommodation Updates, **Travel Daily**'s Wednesday feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description to accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au.



New cabins, site accom and new parkland activities form part of a \$10m development at the **BIG4 Caloundra Holiday Park** on the Sunshine Coast. Guest cabin options range from one- to three-bedroom with waterfront views. New park facilities include a new pool with waterslide, camp kitchen,

amenities block, jumping pillow and a new children's playground. Future enhancements on the drawing board include a kids club for school hols.



One of the resorts on Hawaii's Big Island is boasting a fresh look, with the completion of works at the **Fairmont Orchard**. The multi-million dollar renovation saw updates made to all 495 guestrooms, along with new sofas, carpet, chairs, headboards, lighting and installation of marble in each bathroom.

The property's 54 suites also feature new dining areas and coffee tables.



Marriott Hotels & Resorts has opened its newest property in China with the unveiling of the **Shanghai Marriott Hotel Pudong East**. The group's newest hotel offers 323 rooms and suites with views of nearby parkland. A full array of technological facilities sees the hotel ideally positioned or cituated close to Shanghai's Bureipars Park

for business travellers, and is situated close to Shanghai's Business Park.



Newly opened last month, the **Sheraton Bali Kuta Resort** has unveiled its new Shine Spa for Sheraton facility. The new spa offers a range of services including massage, body treatments, facials and couples treatments. Each room is decorated with classic yet contemporary elements, with vibrant colour

schemes, metallic materials, with relaxing music wafting in the corridors.

LHR breaking records

LONDON Heathrow has reported its busiest Dec on record, with passenger numbers up 2%, and a total of 5.6m pax utilising the facility during the month.

Total passenger volumes for the year reached nearly 70-million, with the facility handling 471,341 flights throughout 2012.

New Flinders accom

A NEW 40-room boutique hotel, has opened in the Mornington Peninsula region of Victoria.

Entitled Quarters, the property offers 40-rooms spread across four wings named after explorers Bass, Bauer, Westall and Flinders.

Oberoi Grp president

THE Oberoi Group has named Kapil Chopra as its new president, accountable for all The Oberoi and Trident Hotels in India.

Serving up the NT

TOURISM NT has partnered with Qantas Holidays to launch a new three-week campaign aimed at luring visitors to the state, with 15-second TV commercials being shown during the Australian Open tennis grand slam in Melbourne.

Get talking on board

SMALL-SHIP cruise operator Seabourn has launched a new onboard entertainment concept based around bringing its guests together through conversation.

Titled "Seabourn Conversations", the company will recruit a series of special guest speakers including celebrities, authors, scholars, chefs and performers to share their stories and participate in Q&A sessions with passengers.

Over the course of a voyage, pax will have opportunities to interact with the special guests through specially themed events.



ANA grounds 787s

JAPAN'S All Nippon Airways has grounded its entire fleet of 17 Boeing 787 aircraft following an emergency landing of one of its *Dreamliners* in Takamatsu today.

End of an era at Scenic World



FABLED Blue Mountains tourist attraction Scenic World brought the curtain down on a key part of its storybook history last weekend with the final day of operation for its Scenic Railway attraction.

After 68 years of operation in its current form, the 52-degree climb up and down the mountain alongside the Three Sisters has been operated nearly 700,000 times since 1945, and will now gracefully step aside to make room for a brand new state-ofthe-art set of carriages.

The new Swiss-designed train, which was delivered last month, is now being installed and will be in operation by mid this year, however other attractions at Scenic World are open as normal.



Supplier Updates

WELCOME to Supplier Updates, Travel Daily's new regular feature. Agents can now access the latest special deals and promotions being offered by suppliers, simply by CLICKING HERE.

Supplier enquiries for notices: advertising@traveldaily.com.au For third-generation managing directors Anthea and David Hammon, who grew up around the family-run railway, the final operation day felt a bit like saying goodbye to a family member.

"The train really feels like it has a personality in a lot of ways, from the noises that it makes and the way it twists and moves, and you feel all of that," David said.

Scenic World has played a huge part in the development of the Katoomba and Blue Mountains area, and the new train will be seen as a new beginning for the popular attraction.

"I've really come to know it quite well, so it'll be sad to see that go," Anthea added.

Travel Daily TV was on site at Scenic World for the final running of the

Scenic Railway, and has produced a special video for the day, which can be viewed by clicking on the logo above.

The Hammon family is **pictured** above, with Anthea back row left, David front row right, with their elder and younger generations of the family, including patriarch and former managing director himself, Phillip Hammon, aboard the Scenic Railway as it prepared for its final journey of the day.

Inspiring webisodes

A UNIQUE promo campaign run in Aug last year (*TD* 10 Aug), by Inspiring Journeys, which saw unsuspecting Sydney commuters picked up in a black taxi and offered a free trip to the Top End, provided they leave immediately, has been turned into a series of webisodes on the destination.

Entitled "Kakadu Cab", the series documents the adventure of each selected winner, as well as highlighting the scenery of the region as can be discovered on an Inspiring Journeys itinerary.

To view the series of five videos, visit www.bit.ly/kakaducab.

Arkaba Home stay

PRIVATELY owned Flinders Ranges property Arkaba Homestead will serve as the final night accommodation provider for Wild Bush Luxury's popular three-night Arkaba Walk itinerary.

The stay at the homestead will replace the Merna Merna Camp, effective from 14 Mar.

Cambodia palace shut

THE Museum and Royal Palace of Cambodia will be closed to visitors from 01-07 Feb for the Royal Funeral and Cremation Ceremony of the King Sihanouk.

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Park Hotel Group is also giving away three weekly prizes of hotel stays in Singapore and Hong Kong.

To win the second weekly prize, simply answer Question 2 (below) by close of business on Friday 18th Jan 2013. The subscriber with the most creative answer will be the weekly winner.

There will be three questions throughout the month. At the end of January the *TD* reader with the most creative responses to **all three** questions will win the grand prize of a holiday for two people to Singapore, flying British Airways.

Q2: Aussies love Clarke Quay. Apart from location, what do you like about Park Hotel Clarke Quay?



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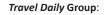


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