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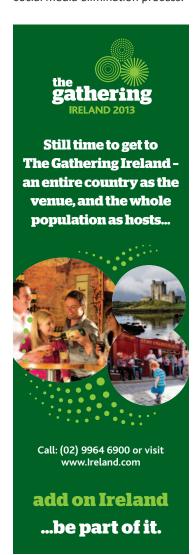
**WOLLONGONG** is counting down to the start of the first social media Symposium hosted outside of the United States, which will run from 17-18 Jul.

Progress can be followed through Twitter via #SoMeT13AU.

The event will see a number of presentations by social media strategists showing how the tourism industry can engage with audiences through the numerous global social platforms.

More than 100 attendees have registered to attend from around Australia and from as far afield as South Africa, Canada and Ireland.

Destination Wollongong's gm Mark Sleigh said the region was looking forward to the event after having won hosting rights via a social media elimination process.



## VA claims 60% of Tigerair

VIRGIN Australia and Tiger Airways Holding Limited have today confirmed the completion of the 60% acquisition of low-cost carrier Tigerair Australia.

With the completion, Virgin Australia ceo John Borghetti will be named as chairman of Tigerair Australia alongside Wendy Cheah as TT's chief financial officer.

VA Director David Baxby and chief financial officer Sankar Narayan were both nominated as new members of Tigerair's board.

"The acquisition of 60 per cent of Tigerair Australia enables Virgin Australia to re-enter the budget travel market segment," Borghetti announced.

"We are very pleased to partner with Tigerair in Tigerair Australia and we look forward to working together to expedite its growth".

Tigerair Australia ceo Rob Sharp backed Borghetti's comments, saying Virgin Australia would help Tigerair reach its goal of becoming a "sustainable and respected carrier in Australia".

"We are now well placed to build on the foundations of Tigerair Australia, ensuring it has the right scale to compete

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effectively," Sharp added.

Tigerair's Singapore based chief executive officer Koay Peng Yen said: "We can now look forward to a new beginning for our operations in Australia.

"We are confident that our partnership with Virgin Australia will yield a stronger Tigerair Australia".

MEANWHILE, yield continued to grow for Virgin Australia for the third consecutive month, according to official statistics for May released by the carrier.

The stats were delayed due to the integration of the recently acquired Skywest regional network and the launch of Virgin Australia Regional Airlines being factored into the results.

Taking these into consideration, revenue load factors decreased 6.8% year-on-year to 69.3%, with the carrier saying it is continuing its focus on high-yielding pax.

Domestic carriage numbers across the VA network fell 5.1%, while int'l numbers climbed 2.9% and available seat kilometres climbed 5%.

A total of 1,547,596 passengers flew with VA across the entire VA operation for the month.

**MEANWHILE**, Virgin Australia has applied to the International Air Services Commission for a five-year renewal of capacity determinations on its routes to the Solomon Islands and Fiji routes from 09 Jul 2014.

#### from China jumped 22.3% in May compared to the same month last year, new arrivals stats from the Australian Bureau of Statistics

Huge China numbers
SHORT-TERM visitor arrivals

released this morning reveal.

No other major market reported more than a single-figure increase, with the next highest arrivals

coming from the USA at 6.4%. Numbers from Japan were cause for concern, with arrivals down a significant 11%.

Australian residents temporarily departing recorded an increase of 5.8% year-on-year, with Singapore and the US both showing double digit growth of 21.5% and 10.7% respectively.

Thailand was the only country to record fewer departures this year than in 2012, with a 2.1% fall in Aussie travellers reported.









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#### Accor hotel rebrand

**ICONIC** Melbourne property The Victoria Hotel has been rebranded as the Ibis Styles Melbourne, The Victoria Hotel.

THE rebrand sees the property become the 41st in the upscale Accor brand in the Asia-Pacific.

Formerly an All Seasons hotel, the new Ibis Styles general manager Peter Barker said the rebrand will see the property "enjoy strong visibility whilst keeping in with the hotel's own distinct personality and values".



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### PMC doesn't tell full story

**AUSTRALIAN** Tourism Export Council managing director Felicia Mariani has criticised last week's statement about the Passenger Movement Charge by Federal Tourism Minister Gary Grey, saying the tourism industry is receiving a fraction of its revenue.

Late last week, Minister Grey defended the implementation of the charge (TD Fri), saying that inbound tourism numbers had not been affected.

Mariani said although tourism was benefiting through grants such as the Asia Marketing Fund and the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund, budget forward estimates showed that \$3.74b would be collected over the next four years.

"Over that same period, the 2013/14 budget projects that the cost of servicing passenger facilitation by Customs and Border Protection will be \$901.5m out to 2016/17 - this creates a surplus of \$2.84b to consolidated revenue courtesy of the tourism industry," she added.

Mariani issued a call for a larger slice of the revenues gained by the charge, saying the industry was receiving less than 3% of the pie it was solely generating.

"While the industry is not foolish enough to think that

#### **Stay free in Honkers**

**PASSENGERS** depositing on new bookings on five selected Wendy Wu Tours China itineraries before 16 Aug can enjoy a free two-night stay in Hong Kong.

The offer includes two nights at the Metropark Hotel Kowloon with brekky - ph 1300 727 998.

this charge can be reduced, it would be fair to think that a greater proportion of the surplus could be committed back to the industry that has driven its success," Mariani pitched.

The ATEC head called for the establishment of a Research and Development Fund, similar to that of other industries, to assist the industry's long-term planning.

Mariani also implored the Govt to consider length of stay and regional dispersal as factors in assessing the overall success of the inbound tourism industry.

"The increase in numbers has largely been a 'substitution effect' with the growth switching from traditional markets of the West to the new and emerging markets of the East," Mariani said.

"With this transition, we have seen a decline in dispersal and, consequently, many of our tourism enterprises in regional and remote parts of Australia have struggled over the past several years as Eastern markets are less inclined to travel afar beyond the capital cities & major population centres," she added.

#### EK appeals to the kids

**EMIRATES** has expanded its ICE inflight entertainment system to offer a wider range of children's progamming including up to 50 movies, 30 kids TV channels, as well as activity magazines.

MEANWHILE, EK has released a new special fare to New Zealand for Aussies to take advantage of the ski season, with seats starting from \$401 return to Auckland and \$393 return to Christchurch, on sale until 09 Jul.

#### **Know your Jordan**

SPECIALIST accreditation will be awarded to agents successfully completing a new online training course released this morning by the Jordan Tourism Board being promoted as a "one stop shop to become a Jordan expert".

The program, available through www.academy.visitjordan.com is broken up into individual modules covering flight options, the range of hotel accom, things to do, currencies, weather and how it can appeal to different markets.











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### Ellen yields visitor increases

**INBOUND** ticket sales from the USA to Sydney climbed 22% compared to normal levels on the back of the visit to Australia earlier this year by US talk show queen Ellen Degeneres.

The initial results, released late Fri by NSW Tourism Minister George Souris, showed the joint marketing campaign to American audiences through The Ellen Degeneres Show was "delivering immediate benefits".

Through the show, Destination NSW and Qantas' "Dance Your Way Down Under" sales promo showcased Australia over three months from Apr to Jun, with segments starring Degeneres filmed locally and aired to fans of the show across the US.

"The campaign also features



online marketing in the US and to date has delivered more than 62 million impressions on Oantas websites and almost 220,000 total sales leads for business and services throughout NSW.

"Visitors from the United States who booked their travel with Qantas via the Dance Your Way Down Under campaign plan to stay 12 nights on average, enjoying the best that NSW has to offer and contributing to the NSW Visitor Economy," Souris added.

Qantas International ceo Simon Hickey said the campaign had also inspired US travellers to travel onboard a Qantas flight, with 205 of Ellen's audience members having now utilised their free Qantas holiday to Australia won through the program (TD 14 Jan).

According to the figures, one third of the winners brought at least one other person with them.

"The exposure of Australia in the important US market has been outstanding and it is obvious that team from The Ellen DeGeneres Show really enjoyed their time and experiences," Hickey said.

#### **PNG training launch**

A PLACE on an upcoming coastal famil of Papua New Guinea is on offer to agents who successfully complete a new online training course released this morning by the Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority by 08 Sep.

The second edition of the course, entitled 'Your Workshops", is designed to include background information on the destination as well as best tourism locations. how to get there & what to do.

For more details on the course, see www.bit.ly/pngtraining.

**MEANWHILE**, visitors to Australia from PNG can lodge visa applications online as part of a simplified process announced this morning by Immigration Minister Tony Burke, with complete applications assessed in 10 days.

#### **Apology from Asiana**

THE president of Asiana Airlines, Yoon Yong-doo, has stopped short of grounding its fleet of Boeing B777 aircraft while investigations into yesterday's plane crash at San Francisco International Airport are carried out.

Yoon apologised to pax onboard and to the families of those killed and injured in the accident, adding the airline had deployed its own investigation team to the US to assist in figuring out what exactly had gone wrong.

Boeing has also sent condolences to those affected, announcing it has sent its own technical team to provide additional assistance.

#### Taste of Ireland comp

**CONGRATS** to Debbie Halev from Andys World Travel, who was Fri's winner of Travel Daily's mini competition in conjunction with Tourism Ireland.

Haley has won herself a copy of Lyndey Milan's Taste of Ireland DVD, courtesy of Tourism Ireland.

#### Clean skies by Virgin

VIRGIN Australia has been named as the cleanest airline by carbon emissions in Australia & New Zealand according to travel search site JetRadar.com.

VA was found to be emitting 58.68 grams per kilometre of CO2 per passenger, coming out ahead of Air New Zealand (72.18g/km) and Jetstar (80.03g/km).

Emirates was named the world's cleanest airline by emissions.

#### **SCDL** branch closure

**SUNSHINE** Coast Destination Ltd has closed its brand outlet operating at Maroochydore Airport, according to a new Travel Compensation Fund update.

Hana Tour Australia, based in Melbourne has surrendered its branch license, the update reads.

Other agencies closed include Central Coast Cruise & Travel at Killarney Vale, NSW and Internet Bakpak Travel at Potts Point, NSW.



### Window Seat

WHY go around the world to see global landmarks, when all of them are now in Dubai.

Dubai is preparing to open a new tourist attraction boasting miniature versions of icons such as the Great Wall of China, the Empire State Building, Niagara Falls, the Colosseum and more.

Dubbed Mini World, the attraction is being developed as part of Dubai's Expo 2020 pitch, which is also set to include 60,000sqm of new beaches.

No details have yet been made available as to where the new mini world of wonders will be located or when it will be open.





#### **Industry Variety Bash**

AMADEUS, QBT, The Lido Group and AADX+ have added their support to a planned entry in the 2013 NSW Variety Bash, participated in by Gena Signorini from Amadeus as well as commercial aviation pilots Daniel Gray and Richard Loder.

The trio are aiming to engage the travel industry to help raise more funds for children's charity Variety ahead of their 4,425km trip via a special trivia fundraising night at 7pm on 25 Jul at GT's Hotel in Surry Hills, Sydney.

Tickets for the event are \$40pp and include canapes and a drink on arrival - for more information, see www.bit.ly/varietybash.

#### **SkyCity signs NZICC**

**SKYCITY** Entertainment Group has formally signed for the rights to design, build, own and operate the New Zealand Int'l Convention Centre in Auckland, currently slated for a 2017 completion.

#### Theme parks & shops

**DESTINATION** guide producer ArrivalGuides has introduced two new extensively researched guide segments focusing on worldwide theme parks and the globe's best shopping available.

Legoland in Denmark is the first park added to the new program, with the first shopping guide due out later this month.

**MEANWHILE**, lifestyle platform www.lifestyle.com.au has joined forces with ArrivalGuides to launch a new look website with a World City Guide utilising content from the online guide firm.

#### Falls Creek expanding

**GREATER** than expected snow falling in recent days has seen Vic skifield Falls Creek announce the opening of more lifts & ski runs.

The Highway 83 runs, along with Broadway, Last Hoot, Fast Hoot and other terrain at the front of the resort is now open, with more lifts being opened this week.



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### Virtuoso agents at Banyan Tree

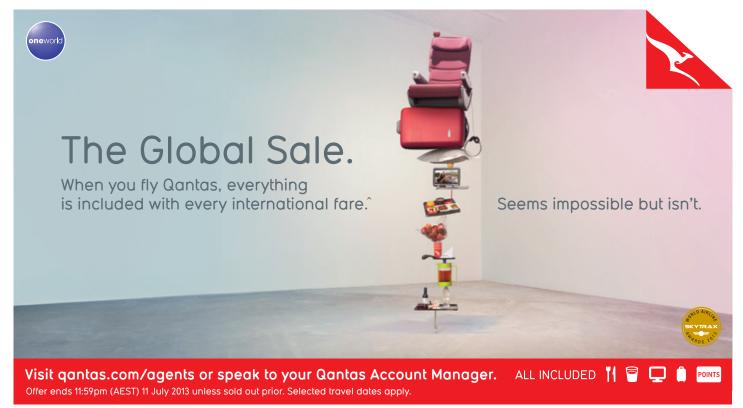


**GLASSES** were raised and numerous toasts made as this group of Virtuoso agents kicked back and enjoyed a luxury visit to the Banyan Tree Lang Co Vietnam.

The trip, co-hosted by Travel Indochina, saw the group inspect the property and some of its 49 pool villas, with the resort located near Danang in Vietnam's east.

Banyan Tree Lang Co Vietnam is the newest luxury resort to open in the region and the property received a resounding thumbs up from the luxury specialist group.

Pictured above from left around the table ahead of a fine Thai meal at the resort's Saffron restaurant is the group, which consisted of Cathy Megale, MTA; Belinda Ward, Spencer Travel; Victoria Hobbs, Banyan Tree Sydney; Albert Lafuente, DOSM Banyan Tree Lang Co; Gretel Spiegel, Mary Rossi Travel; Janette Trinder, Retreat Travel Auckland and Donna Kranas from Luxury Travel Concepts.



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### Rail tracks out of building blocks



**SYDNEY** gallery & performance venue Carriageworks recently served as the scene for a unique breakfast update session for local agents on the European railways.

Hosted by Rail Tickets in conjunction with Rail Europe, the agents were able to discuss all things ticketing & service related before competing against each other in a fun Lego building comp.

The task, set to each group, was to construct, out of Lego, the best train set out of the toy bricks.

Using a selection of pieces and accessories, one group's design was judged by Rail Europe

#### Milestone set by TL

**NORTH** Australian regional airline Airnorth has celebrated its 35th anniversary of operations.

A number of special events will be conducted to mark the occasion, including 350 seats at \$35 to be released from midday on 23 Jul at www.airnorth.com.au.

Australasia manager Richard Leonard as supreme over all others, declared as the winners.

Leonard is **pictured** above front row left hand side with the team of Angela Clarke, Shire Travel; Silvana Manoski, Twin Wings Travel and Janice Lee from TravelManagers.

Back row: Tom Gacquin, Reena Lal; Karen Magee, Diploma Travel; Melissa Devlin, Travelworld Penshurst and Adam Joseph from Rail Tickets.

#### Peru food on wheels

**PERUVIAN** restaurant Morena will offer a selection of its wares to Sydney commuters this month via a Peru food truck to mark 50 years of diplomatic relations between Australia & Peru.

Commuters will be able to enjoy lunch and dinner amidst a Peruvian street party atmosphere via the truck's location in Wynyard Park from 22-23 Jul.

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#### Oman course deadline

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The training consists of eight modules over two workshops and enables agents to improve their knowledge of the destination, from the capital of Muscat to the deserts and mountain regions.

Forty agents from Australia and New Zealand will be selected to participate in a mega-famil to the country as recognition of the successful completion of the course, with the trip running from 04-13 Nov.

More information on the course and the famil can be found at www.bit.ly/omantrain.

**MEANWHILE**, officials from the Sultanate of Oman say they are hoping recent investments in tourism mean the industry is able to contribute 3% of the country's Gross Domestic Product, up from the current 2.4%, by 2020.

#### **Expedia Global sales**

**DISCOUNTS** of up to 50% are available on millions of rooms via Expedia's Global Hotel Sale, which launched late last week.

Bookings are open until 25 Aug for travel until 30 Sep.

#### Adventure on ropes

AUSTRALIA'S largest ropes course - The Trees Adventure River Challenge - has opened in Yarramundi, near the Hawkesbury River in Sydney, offering 110 challenges via four daily sessions - see www.treesadventure.com.au.

#### Sell TNQ now open

**REGISTRATIONS** are now open for Platinum, Gold and Silver members of Business Events Cairns & Great Barrier Reef to sign up for Sell TNQ 2013.

The event, aimed at promoting the region's range of event products & services, will be held in Port Douglas from 01-04 Nov.

#### **Packages racing away**

VIRGIN Australia Holidays has released a range of packages incl flights, accom and general admission passes to the Armor All Gold Coast 600 V8 Supercar race weekend on the Gold Coast.

Three-day packages for the event, running from 25-27 Oct, start from \$515ppts ex Sydney, with stand upgrades available, on sale until 30 Sep - ph 13 15 16.

#### Philippines workshop

**AGENTS** wishing to boost their knowledge about the Philippines as a destination can undertake a new online e-learning course.

The training is available until 16 Aug, with successful applicants entered into a draw to win a trip to the Philippines courtesy of PAL and Shangri-La Hotels - more details at www.bit.ly/learnfilo.

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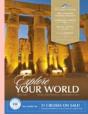
To win, be the first person to send in the correct answer to the question below to: candlecomp@traveldaily.com.au.

Name 3 of DC's neighbourhoods



#### **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.



Oceania Cruises - Explore Your World Jul-Sep 2013 Currently being distributed, Oceania Cruises' third release for the year of tactical offers feature within the line's latest brochure, offering 31 voyages at a discount. Among the offers available to all cruisers are 2-for-1 deposits, onboard credits of up to US\$500 per stateroom and free unlimited internet packages on select departures. Cruise fares have also been cut on some sailings, even by as much as \$5,650 per person

twin share. Deals are valid for departures up to 31 Mar next year.



#### Travelmarvel - Canada & USA 2014

A massive 16 new itineraries make their debut in the latest Travelmarvel touring brochure for North America - effectively doubling in size from last year. Also new are 17 Insider Experiences to allow quests to customise their holiday. River cruising on the Mississippi River makes its debut as well as new journeys on Canada's VIA Rail and Alaska's Scenic Railway. For those seeking a festive holiday, two new Christmas in Canada tours

have also been launched, as well as new features on returning itineraries.



Travel Indochina - Asia River Cruising - 2013-15 Building on strongly growing Indochina cruising numbers, the latest TI brochure in the region boasts 64 colourful pages adorned with scenic photography and 13 new itineraries boasting cruising options on the Mekong, Yangtze, Ayeyarwady and Chindwin Rivers. Two new vessels have been added in the form of the 28-pax Mekong Sun and Orcaella with its 25 cabins. Itineraries range in length from 4-22 days. Full deck

plans, shore excursions and onboard cuisine is also featured in the guide.



#### World Expeditions - South America 2013-14

Active travellers have an expanded range of hiking and adventure options available in the new Americas guide from World Expeditions, including a tree-top walk in the Amazon and iconic treks along to Machu Picchu. Thrill seekers and history buffs can wander among ancient Aztec ruins. North of the border, the USA's scenic beauty awaits, with treks available in dense bushland, granite peaks and scenic coastlines, with lots

of wildlife able to be spotted including Grizzly Bears, Elk and Bald Eagle.



#### APT - Russia River Cruising 2014

Aussie interest in Russia continues to grow, with APT, now in its fourth year in the region, expanding its range to suit. Twelve new itineraries have been developed, ranging from 10-41 days duration, highlighted by the 35-day Baltic Treasures & Cruising with Trans Siberian, which visits some former Soviet strongholds in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania to take in their immense beauty and rich natural history. New Signature Experiences

make their debut including a visit to a chocolate workshop in Riga.



Royal Caribbean Int'l - Royal Class Cruising 2013-15 Bigger than ever before, the new guide from Royal Caribbean offers more voyages and more departures on a total of 55 itineraries. Among the new cruises is a 14-night South Pacific and Fiji voyage. Three ships offer departures from Australia during the season including Rhapsody, Radiance and Voyager of the Seas, with the guide also offering full deck plans, glossy photographs of destinations visited and details on available shore trips.

#### **Hyatt sign SiteMinder**

**GLOBAL** hotel chain Hyatt Hotels & Resorts has engaged SiteMinder as its online distributor and manager of its worldwide sales channels.



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### **Qld agts visa free in Guangzhou**



**CHINA** Southern Airlines teamed up with Air Tickets and Creative Holidays recently to show off the airline's hub city of Guangzhou to this group of travel agents from Queensland.

The group were experiencing the city as a stopover destination - now much easier to do for Australian travellers thanks to the city adopting a 72-hour Visa free policy, bringing it in line with Beijing and Shanghai.

While visiting Guangzhou, the

#### Watch bags inflight

TRAVEL insurance company SureSave has issued an advice to travellers, advising to be aware of the belongings carried onboard an aircraft in the wake of rising instances of inflight theft.

SureSave executive general manager Michael Callaghan said items stolen accounted for 21% of claims received about carry-ons.

"Ensuring your luggage can't move around and get damaged during a flight, putting a lock on your bag and, where possible, making sure your valuables never leave your sight are a few simple precautions you can take to keep your belongings safe," he added.

#### **CIT Access Online**

**ITALY** wholesaler CIT Holidays has launched its new 'real-time' Trenitalia connection, allowing Australian agents access to live Italian rail fares of up to 70% off.

Point-to-point sectors can be instantly confirmed & e-ticketed from five major Italian cities incl Rome, Milan, Naples & Venice. More info at www.citaccess.com.

group delved into part of the city's excellent shopping district along Beijing Road.

Other activities enjoyed included an evening cruise along the Pearl River.

The group are pictured above checking out some of the famed bronze statues of Shamian Island during a beautiful day in China's third largest city.



#### CONGRATULATIONS

from Orba Travel Brokers

Karen is the top point scorer for Round 15 of *Travel Daily's* AFL industry footy tipping competition and has won a \$50 Coles/Myer voucher, courtesy of Compass Car Rental.



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#### **OZO Hong Kong open**

**ONYX** Hospitality Group brand OZO has opened its first property in Hong Kong's Wanchai district, with the 251-room hotel offering free wi-fi connectivity throughout.

#### reative select incentive winner



**TRAVEL** House Hindmarsh in North Adelaide put in the hard work and was selected by **Creative Holidays and Travellers** Choice as the winners of a recent



#### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **Scott Banes** from BCD Travel

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incentive run by the wholesaler. Available exclusively to South Australian agents, the coveted prize was a place on an upcoming Creative Holidays famil trip.

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Pictured above presenting the prize to the winning store is Travellers Choice SA business development manager Andrea Moore; Sally McCallum of Creative Holidays Sales Manager SA and Travel House Group owner and manager Rosie Tripodi.

#### Lawn bowlers holiday

**GRAND** Pacific Tours has launched an 18-day all-inclusive itinerary to New Zealand aimed at lawn bowls enthusiasts.

Currently scheduled for a onetime departure on 09 Apr 2014, the itinerary includes a number of opportunities for a friendly game against locals in Christchurch, Queenstown, Rotorua & Auckland as well as airfares & many meals.

Priced from \$4,714ppts, the tour is aimed at players of all skill levels - phone 1800 622 768.

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Q.6: APT is the only River Cruise Line inducted into which prestigious culinary organisation?

#### **Eurostar investment**

**NEW** routes into Switzerland, new trains and timetables will progressively be rolled out by Eurostar as part of a US\$1 billion investment in its rail network.

From 2015, the operator will take delivery of new, faster trains seating an additional 160 people per trip, and designed to run on routes to Amsterdam and a fivehour trip from London to Geneva.

Eurostar is also investigating the potential of permanently implementing a number of routes it has recently been trialling including St Pancras to Lyon, Aixen-Provence and Avignon.

#### **Ticketing at Harrods**

**QATAR** Airways has opened a reservation and ticketing outlet on the ground floor at UK department store Harrods.

The facility within the iconic retailer offers passengers the ability to combine an air booking with regular shopping of the regular Harrods luxury brands.

"We are opening our ticket office in central London at Harrods as it is a place that not only reflects the high level of service we offer, but is where our most discerning customers can be found," Qatar Airways CEO Akbar Al Baker commented.

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## USE YOUR POWERFUL INFLUENCING SKILLS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER SYDNEY – SALARY PACKAGE OTE \$80K +

The thrill of the chase, the excitement of the win, these are the things that excite a true Sales person. If you love the B2B sales process and have a proven track record of developing pipelines and winning new business, bring your talents to this rapidly growing corporate travel agency. You will be handsomely rewarded with a fantastic salary package including lucrative incentives. Represent a truly professional organization.

## A MIX OF CULTURAL FUN REGIONAL HEAD OF PRODUCT x2 SYD & BNE - SALARY PACKAGE UP TO \$100K+

Looking for a challenging new destination to market? This industry leader requires the skills of an adaptable Head of Product. You will be well organised and have the ability to managing a team sourcing for new and unique products to your competitors while being able to develop brochures that stand out from the rest. With your talents you will have a creative flare and an eye for detail.

## TAKE YOUR CRM SKILLS TO GLOBAL! CORPORATE ACCOUNT MANAGER – APAC SYD OR MEL - SALARY PACKAGE UP TO \$120K+

As APAC Corporate Account Manager you will be responsible for the global program with the objective of growing revenues, increasing revenues, increasing margins and retaining the business. To do this, you will have a thorough knowledge of corporate travel as well as the professional communication & negotiation skills to deal with people at all levels up to executives.

### CALLING ALL EVENT DIRECTORS EVENT DIRECTOR

#### SYDNEY BASED - SALARY PACKAGE \$90k

If your experience lies within conference & incentive program management and you have managed event teams, this is a rare opportunity to join an industry leader. You'll be well versed in the creation and delivery of unique, motivational and exciting events for corporate clients, including incentive groups, conferences and launches. This is the role everyone wants.

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## Finding talent within the Australian Travel Industry

#### **Travel Consultant**

NE Brisbane - \$40-45K + Uncapped OTE - Ref 696SJ1

Are you a travel industry professional looking for a fresh challenge? I have a dream Travel Consultant position based in North East Brisbane. Uncapped earning potential with recognition and rewards for your hard work are offered with this fantastic travel role. You will ideally have international and domestic travel industry experience, be well travelled and have the passion to find the right holiday for your clients. Call me today for a confidential chat!

For more information, please call Sarah on (02) 9113 7272 or click <u>APPLY</u>

#### **Travel Consultant (South Pacific)**

Sydney CBD - \$45K + Perks (\$100K OTE) - Ref 472LB2

Are you an experienced Travel Consultant looking to specialise and earn big money? This dream role is selling the sensational South Pacific. Use your passion for this beautiful and popular part of the globe to entice email and phone callers to book dream vacations with you! Fantastic product available. This role is based in modern offices with supportive management and the chance to enhance your pay packet with the top billers on over \$120K!

For more information, please call Lynsey on (02) 9113 7272 or click <u>APPLY</u>

#### **Experienced Travel Consultant**

Melbourne - \$Base + Incentives - Ref 458DB1

Are you an experienced Travel Consultant looking to get into the corporate world of travel? Do you want to be earning \$70,000? A fantastic opportunity has arisen within an amazing global company for a sales enthusiastic who loves travel! It's an exciting time to join this company as they grow and to take advantage of their wonderful benefits along the way. If you have experience on a GDS and want to be on uncapped commission then don't delay, apply today!

For more information, please call Deborah on (02) 9113 7272 or click <u>APPLY</u>

#### **Cruise Travel Consultant**

Adelaide - \$Base + Commission - Ref 593NC2

This is a rare and fantastic chance to grow the cruise department for this independent company. If you have a true love for cruise, are fully accredited and have fantastic travel consulting experience, this is the role for you to make your own! Earn a fab base and excellent commission. If you have brilliant cruise and product knowledge, are well travelled, fantastic airfares, an eye for sales and GDS knowledge - what are you waiting for? Call me now!

For more information, please call Natalie on (02) 9113 7272 or click <u>APPLY</u>

#### **Ski Travel Specialist**

Brisbane - \$Competitive + Bonus - Ref 562SJ1

If you want to combine your two loves of travel and the snow, then this is the role for you! Sell ski packages and tailor made ski itineraries every day. If you have a travel background, are an avid skier and enjoy uncapped earning potential, this is the perfect role for you. In a CBD location with a fantastic team, this rare opportunity is sure to be snapped up soon. Show your interest now and apply with your CV outlining your passion for ski.

For more information, please call Sarah on (02) 9113 7272 or click <u>APPLY</u>

#### **Senior Corporate Travel Consultant**

Sydney - Base Starting \$65K + Super - Ref 576LB1

A really unique opportunity to work in Corporate Travel Management. This role is with a company who really set the pace within the corporate travel arena. Senior Corporate Travel Consultants are sought to work for a fast paced and dynamic company who treat their staff extremely well. Excellent travel industry perks available. Join a really supportive and social team as a Corporate Travel Consultant. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

For more information, please call Lynsey on (02) 9113 7272 or click <u>APPLY</u>

#### **Cruise/Travel Team Leader**

Bendigo Victoria - \$Base + Incentives - Ref 678PC1

Team Leader is needed to manage a team of cruise travel consultants. This role will be to primarily help, support and develop the team. Be the lead point of contact within the business and with clients when required. You would have previous experience as a Team Leader, have completed academies for the Cruise lines, and have the ability to use Polar Online/Proficient in using a GDS. Your expertise would lie in cruising & everything that comes with it.

For more information, please call Patrizia on (02) 9113 7272 or click APPLY

#### **Travel Consultant (Temp)**

Perth - \$Excellent Hourly Rate - Ref 0698NC1

This is awesome temp role - 7 week contract as a full time Travel Consultant. If you have a minimum of 2 years local experience and would be looking for an excellent temp role - this is for you! Work in this Monday to Friday role, with a great mix of corporate and leisure bookings provide some outstanding customer service and exceptional product knowledge. You will be well supported with a fantastic manager and be the extra pair of hands to cover holiday leave!

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