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### Tourism Vic mktg role

**TOURISM** Victoria has today advertised for a new Marketing Director, offering a fixed term of up to five years for the "strategic key leadership role in tourism".

The organisation is seeking someone with postgraduate qualifications in marketing or a related discipline, as well as "extensive senior leadership experience in contemporary destination marketing and tourism strategies."



# SIA OK to boost VA stake

**THE** Foreign Investment Review Board has today confirmed that it will not object to Singapore Airlines increasing its stake in Virgin Australia to 19.9%.

The approval by the FIRB will see SIA complete the \$122.6 million purchase of an additional 255.5 million Virgin Australia shares, with the transaction now expected to be finalised by the

end of next week.

Singapore Airlines last year acquired its initial 10% stake in the carrier by injecting funds into Virgin Australia Holdings (TD 30 Oct) as part of a wide-ranging deal which has also resulted in the acquisition of 60% of the shares in Tiger Airways Australia by Virgin, and the VA takeover of WA-based Skywest Airlines.

Today's announcement will see a further 9.9% of VA acquired from Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group by Singapore Airlines, which is one of several carriers to be involved in a long-term partnership with Virgin Australia.

Other major foreign shareholders in Virgin Australia include Air New Zealand, which recently boosted its voting power to 22.99%, Branson's Virgin Group at around 13%, and Etihad which holds around 10% of the airline.

## One month to NTIA

MORE than 1200 guests have now been confirmed for the sell-out National Travel industry Awards, with the night of nights set to take place at Sydney's Hordern Pavilion on Sat 20 Jul.

AFTA ceo Jayson Westbury said that in the final weeks before the event "we couldn't be happier with the overwhelming amount of support we have received from AFTA member organisations, finalists, and of course our sponsors.

"The 2013 NTIA Gala Dinner will highlight the experience and high calibre of AFTA members across the board," he said.

"It's time to celebrate our achievements, and reflect on a tremendous year that has passed," Westbury added.

Anyone still wishing to attend can be waitlisted on the website at www.afta.com.au, with the evening to feature entertainment, awards and lots of surprises.

Travel Daily is proud to be media sponsor of the 2013 NTIA alongside TravelBulletin, with Qantas the major sponsor and entry to the AFTA Party sponsored by Singapore Airlines also included with every ticket.

#### Jet increases Chennai

JET Airways has added a new frequency between Singapore and Chennai, which provides better connections to its Qantas codeshare flights from Australia.

Effective 01 Aug, flight 9W21 departs SIN at 2020 each day, offering immediate connections from SYD, MEL, BNE and PER and also gives a 2-stop connection between BOM, BLR, COK, CJB, IXM, TRZ and Australia.

## Seven pages of news

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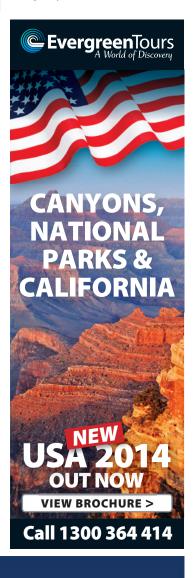
- AA Appointments jobs
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### Socceroos QF no more

**QANTAS** is set to relinquish the naming rights for the Australian soccer team, but will continue to be the Socceroos' "official airline" in the lead-up to the FIFA World Cup next year, for which the team qualified earlier this week.

According to News Limited, Football Federation Australia is seeking up to \$5m a year from potential naming rights sponsors.

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### UA orders A350-1000s

**UNITED** Airlines has announced an order for 35 new Airbus A350-1000 aircraft, with delivery expected from 2018.

The move converts an existing order for 25 of the smaller A350-900s plus adds a further ten of the planes which UA says it will use to "replace older aircraft currently serving long-range high demand markets."

UA this week ordered a further 20 Boeing 787-10s jets (*TD* Wed).





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# **New AAT Kings structure**

**AAT** Kings global md Anthony Hayes has this morning revealed details of a new "strategic growth plan" for the business, including the creation of a new role of Head of Marketing, Pricing and Strategy.

Wendy Harch has been appointed to the new position, moving to AAT Kings from Tourism Qld where she held several senior management positions over a ten year period.

Harch has managed operations in 13 worldwide offices as well as working across a range of destination based projects.

Other changes within AAT Kings have seen David Gendle appointed to the role of Head of Australia and New Zealand Sales, while Fleur Ulbrick is now the organisation's Head of International Sales.

"These changes will assist us in identifying the right partnerships and growth opportunities moving

# Vale Una Murray

**THE** South Pacific travel industry is mourning the death last month of Una Murray, long-time PR manager of Outrigger on the Lagoon in Fiji.

She had worked at the property for the last 32 years.

MALAYSIA Airlines looks set to recommence flights between resumption effective 05 Aug.

The route is set to operate daily

Malaysia Airlines suspended its Dubai operations in Jan last year.

forward." Haves said.

He said that the revamped team also aimed "to demonstrate our commitment to strengthening our relationships and focus with the trade," adding that the brand restructure would help "take AAT Kings to new heights".

Hayes was appointed to run AAT Kings earlier this year (TD 10 Jan), moving from his previous position as ceo of Tourism Queensland.

As well as the mainstream AAT Kings brand, the operation also includes Inspiring Journeys and Aussie Adventures, and under a so-called "codeshare agreement" AAT Kings also acts as the operator and ground handler for APT's day tour and short break products (TD 24 Jul 12).

## Bedarra's new gm

**JODIE** Mott has been appointed as general manager for the soonto-reopen Bedarra Island, which has been under redevelopment since its purchase by the Charlton Hotel Group about 18 months ago (TD 25 Nov 11).

The boutique resort was devastated by Cyclone Yasi in Feb 2011, with then owner Hideaway Resorts eventually deciding to offload the island.

Mott is a North Qld local, but has been working out of the region in recent years, with her most recent position being as general manager of the Berkeley River Lodge on the Kimberley coast in Western Australia.

Bedarra reopens on 01 Jul (TD 12 Jun), with room rates (for 1 or 2 guests) starting at \$990 per villa including all meals, selected beverages and activities.

### Aircruise auction

**BILL** Peach Journeys is auctioning two seats on the 23 Jul departure of its Great Australian Aircruise. due to a late cancellation.

The trip is usually priced at \$14,495pp all inclusive, with the auction having a starting bid of \$8,800pp, and the auction closing at 5pm EST on Thu 27 Jun.

A percentage of the proceeds from the auction will go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service - to bid for the trip, **CLICK HERE**.



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### MH to resume Dubai

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# AirAsia X hopes to boost Australia

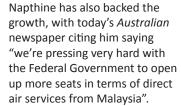
**LOW** cost long-haul carrier AirAsia X says it plans to use the proceeds from a share float to help fund expansion plans, including more frequencies on its flights to Australia.

The US\$370m IPO closes on Mon, with founder and ceo Tony Fernandes saying there had been "unprecedented interest" from retail investors.

Fernandes said that although the carrier already flies nine times per week to Melbourne, "we have only scratched the surface to be honest".

He flagged an intention to increase services to as many as three or four flights daily, saying the carrier's low cost base gave it a unique competitive position.

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Fernandes also owns the Tune Hotel group, which is in the process of establishing up to 20 properties in Australia.

### **Port Douglas Ramada**

**RAMADA** Resort Port Douglas yesterday officially revealed the results of a \$7.3m refurbishment, which included the conversion of 194 hotel rooms into 86 multibedroom apartments.

Barry Robinson, ceo of Wyndham Vacation Resorts Asia Pacific said he was proud to showcase the upgraded property as "a premier resort in our South Pacific porfolio".

### Wellington weather

**FLIGHT** operations in Wellington, New Zealand have been severely affected by strong winds this morning, with other ports also impacted by weather conditions across the country.

Only a limited number of domestic gates are able to be used at WLG, while international services departing the NZ capital today are also likely to be delayed, according to an update from Air New Zealand.

NZ jet services are continuing to operate at Christchurch and Queenstown, but Mount Cook flights are operating only intermittently where weather permits, with the situation under ongoing review.

Earlier this morning, Air NZ also advised that its operations into and out of Dunedin had been suspended.

The roll-on effect is likely to result in delays across the NZ flight network, the carrier said.

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MOVE over lady, the tide wants to come in.

A giant "human whale" is set to be formed on the beach at Port Stephens on the NSW North Coast next month.

It's part of celebrations to mark the end of whaling in Australia, which amazingly stopped just 40 years ago.

Organisers from local whale watch operators Imagine Cruises, Tamboi Queen Cruises and Moonshadow Cruises, are inviting whale lovers to help form a 100m-long outline of a humpback whale on Shoal Bay Beach at noon on Wed 03 Jul.

Whale-watching today attracts about 50,000 tourists and \$10m in yearly revenue to the region.

TRAVELLERS in the UK for the Royal Ascot race meeting this week had better make sure they have appropriate clothing, with strict guidelines issued as to what to wear to the five day event.

In the Grandstand, the regulations stipulate no bare midriffs or even strapless dresses for women, while skirts must be of "modest length" and branded clothing and fancy dress are also banned.

In the exclusive Royal Enclosure it's essential for ladies to wear hats or fascinators, while men must have top hats, morning dress and black shoes.

Twenty "dress code assistants" are apparently in place to ensure standards are maintained, with non-compliant arrivals given the opportunity to purchase a tie or pashmina for five pounds, or rent a hat or waistcoat for £50.

Spokesman Nick Smith said that organisers had previously taken a passive attitude towards fashion, but had decided this year "it needed to be reiterated that this is a formal event".



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## **HKG Select on Q-Eat**

**BUSINESS** travellers flying from Hong Kong to Australia on Qantas can now pre-order their meals, with the expansion of QF's Select on Q-Eat offering to the route.

Effective from next Mon 24 Jun, the service will be available on QF30, QF128 and QF98, adding to the existing Select on Q-Eat service on flights from Singapore to Australia, between Australia, London and Dubai, Los Angeles to Australia and Dallas to Brisbane.

Business pax can pre-select their meal on eligible flights between seven days and 12 hours prior to departure via the 'Manage your Booking' link at gantas.com.

The expansion of the service follows the recent revamp of QF's Asian network which will next week see 2 extra BNE-HKG return flights for a total of 21 weekly.



# Territory Discoveries makes agents rich!

TERRITORY Discoveries has announced the winners of their Great Cash Giveaway incentive, with five top selling agents each receiving a whopping \$10,000.

The now flush winners include Jane Gannon of Allure Travel by CTM; Jenny Flower from Flower Travel; Sara Kearney of RACV Cruise & Tours; Rachel Karas of Flight Centre Neutral Bay; and Christie Bishop of Flight Centre Wagga Wagga - all of whom will also enjoy a luxury stay at Uluru this weekend including a stay at Sails in the Desert, the new Tail Wiru dining experience and a helicopter flight over Lake Amadeus.

As well as the consultant cash bonanza, the highest selling agency will receive a \$15,000 cooperative marketing campaign with Territory Discoveries.

### Falls Ck first timers

FALLS Creek ski resort in the Victorian Alps has launched a new '1234Ever Pass' for beginners to learn to ski.

The program invites first time skiers and snowboarders to complete four days (nonconsecutive) of lessons before 31 Jul, and in return receive free lift access for the rest of the season.

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# TA/VA award their Best Jobs

**TOURISM** Australia has this morning announced the winners of its 'Best Jobs in the World' working holiday promotion, with applicants from the USA, Canada, England, Ireland, France and Brazil taking out the positions.

The winners were awarded the roles of Chief Funster (NSW), Park Ranger (Qld), Taste Master (WA), Wildlife Caretaker (SA), Outback Adventurer (NT) and Lifestyle Photographer (Vic), and will commence their roles between Aug and Dec this year.

The six winners were selected from more than 330,000 creative applicants from 196 countries, with Tourism Australia reporting significant increases in research into working holidays in Australia coming from campaign marketing.

"The successful candidates each demonstrated incredible talent, energy and desire throughout the application process and will, I'm sure, take these positive attributes into the job with them," TA managing director Andrew McEvoy said.

Additionally, commercial partner Virgin Australia rewarded one of the unsuccessful applicants with its own 'High Flyer' Best Job to scour the country to investigate customer service experiences.

The Best Jobs in the World pitch was the centrepiece of a major push of Australia's Working Holiday Maker program, which saw TA's Facebook page 'Likes' treble from 150,000 to 470,000 fans around the world seeking information on working holidays.

## **Big Mauritius turnout**

**HUNDREDS** of agents in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne turned out this week to three roadshows held by the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority.

In attendance also were many Mauritius hoteliers and tour operators, answering questions and networking with agents, also providing a suite of excellent prizes to be won, including return flights, hotel stays and tours.

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## Jet finance bill passed

**LEGISLATION** allowing access to lower cost aircraft financing has passed through the Australian parliament, Federal Transport Minister Anthony Albanese said.

The passage gives legislative enactment to what was known as the Cape Town Convention, which Albanese said Australia would sign up to last year (*TD* 16 Oct).

Australian airlines will be able to save up to \$2.5m on the purchase of an Airbus A380 or around \$330,000 on turboprops.

## Pay bike tours in AUD

**EXTREME** Bike Tours is offering a currency swap deal, allowing for payment of 2014 Himalayan and Indian motorcycle itineraries in AUD instead of USD until 31 Jul.

The offer applies to nine rides of duration between 11-16 days - see www.extremebiketours.com.

# Chilling out in the Cancun sun



**WINNERS** of a recent Club Med & Air New Zealand WA incentive recently jetted off to Club Med Cancun for some fun in the all-inclusive sun.

Prior to arrival, the group spent one night in Los Angeles, taking the opportunity to live it up with a stretch Hummer ride to a celebrity restaurant owned by *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* star Lisa Vanderpump.

Once in Cancun, the group kicked up their heels and enjoyed the warm weather and swimming

in the crystal clear Caribbean.

The group's time in Mexico included a visit to some ancient Incan ruins in Tulum as well as a stop in Playa del Carmen for some lunch and shopping.

Voted unanimously as the highlight was the chance to swim in a cenote (a deep natural pool), which the group were able to do during a trip to Chichen Itza, where they are **pictured** above.

From left, the group consisted of Sandy Chittock, Travelworld Floreat; Gaynor Vantsant, Travel Focus; Erin Smith, Club Med; Colin Rourke, Harvey World Travel North Perth; Kimberly Bentley, Harvey World Travel Currambine; Anna Roberts, Travel Practice Armadale; Sandi Royce, Sandi Royce Travel; Rebecca Lucanus, Motive Travel; Russell Brown, Travel Associates Australia and Russell Jahn from Harvey World Travel Booragoon.

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In addition the Commercial Support will assist the sales team at business events when and where required.

The successful candidate will have at least 3 years experience in a travel industry support role with high proficiency in Excel, Word, Power point and other business applications. Some graphic design skills would be an advantage.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Should you be interested, please send your application and CV by 28th June 2013 to Air Pacific, Level 5, 280 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000 or email it to: john.nickel@airpacific.com

## Business on Flydubai

**DUBAI-BASED** low-cost carrier Flydubai will progressively introduce a business class cabin on some routes from Oct, with seats to go on sale from Aug.

Onboard, the Business class cabin will feature 12 seats, with guests also able to utilise priority check-in services as well as higher baggage allowances.

### Vietnam scam alert

**REPORTS** of scams operating online involving visa applications for Vietnam, and leaks of personal information has led DFAT to issue new advice on its general warning page for the country.

It urges passengers travelling to Vietnam to apply for a visa directly through the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Vietnam.

## Technology Update

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**DISCUSSIONS** on ways for members of Australia's Travellers Choice agency group to work with their counterparts from the Worldwide Independent Travel Network (WIN) was high on the agenda at a recent conference held in Malaga, Spain.

Travellers Choice ceo Christian Hunter represented Australia at the Advantage Travel Centre conference, where collaboration on international and corporate accounts was also among topics of discussion.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Travellers Choice because it

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means international business can be fulfilled by members who have an interest in corporate travel," Hunter said.

Delegates attending the event represented 15 countries, with Hunter pictured above fifth from right with management of other WIN member agent groups.

## One week to upgrade

**AGENTS** have only seven days remaining to make the most of Rocky Mountaineer's free seating upgrade offer on Western Canada rail itineraries.

Under the offer, RedLeaf tickets sold will be boosted to SilverLeaf, while seats sold in this category will jump up to GoldLeaf.

Tickets must be issued by 28 Jun - see www.rockymountaineer.com.

### **EU clears DL/VS stake**

**DELTA** Air Lines has been permitted to proceed with its 49% purchase in Virgin Atlantic by the European Commission.

The plan by DL to purchase the stake from Singapore Airlines were announced at the end of last year (TD 12 Dec), with the EU allowing the deal on the basis that other carriers would continue to provide competition on services into and out of London Heathrow.

# Deals to visit Byron

**TOURISM** group Via Byron has launched a selection of winter travel specials to visit the North NSW town for a mid-year break.

Deals are valid for standards of accommodation from beach shacks to apartments, resorts and luxury homes, with discounts also available on a number of local tourist attractions.

Prices for five nights in a 1bdr self-contained bungalow at the Bayshore Bungalows Resort start from \$680 - www.byronbay.com.



# **Travel Specials**

WELCOME to Travel Specials, Travel Daily's Fri feature. If your firm has released a travel special you'd like to make the industry aware of, send the details to specials@traveldaily.com.au.

Special industry rates have been updated and re-released for the vast **Complete Travel Marketing** suite of Asian properties. Reduced nightly rates, stay pay deals and value-add offers exist at Berjaya, Cape Panwa, Park Hotels Group properties, Centara, Paradise Cruises on Halong Bay and many more. For more details on how to book, CLICK HERE.

Rates starting from \$57 per day are on offer from **Apollo Motorhome** Holidays through its Outback Queensland Eventures Special. Pick-ups are available in Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns and Alice Springs for use on four brand new touring routes. Rates are valid for travel between 15 Jul and 20 Sep - visit www.apollocamper.com/qldoutback for bookings.

Somerset Apartments on Lord Howe Island has launched a new deal offering Stay 5 Pay 4, or two free snorkelling tours for a 7-night stay. Valid for travel until 13 Sep - book at www.somersetlordhowe.com.au.

#### **Paris Airshow success**

AIRBUS has reported it signed firm commitment and option orders for a combined 466 aircraft at this week's Paris Airshow.

In total, the orders are worth US68.7b at list prices, including 20 of the Airbus A380 superjumbo, while the most popular aircraft was the A320 narrow-body variety.

**MEANWHILE**, Singapore Airlines has announced an increased order with Airbus for a further 30 units of the A350 XWB along with options for another 20 aircraft.

The increase takes the carrier's firm commitment to 70 jets, with SQ to start taking delivery from late next year.

#### Carlton back to Bali

**RITZ-CARLTON** will return to Bali next year with the opening of a new resort on the holiday island.

The resort, named The Ritz-Carlton Bali, will feature 288 rooms including 90 suites, 14 villas and 10 cliff-top villas with panoramic ocean views.

Conferences & meeting groups will also be catered to with three function rooms, a ballroom and outdoor terraces along with a wedding chapel.

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Q.14: List one Scenic Enrich experience included in the 15 Day Jewels of Europe River Cruise program.







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IRIS scanning technology could be rolled out at airports within two years following a successful three-month trial carried out at London's Gatwick Airport.

The trial found significant time savings of 15 seconds per pax, which could collectively save up to 15-20 mins for a whole aircraft.

According to London's *Daily Telegraph*, the system works with a photograph of a passenger's iris taken at bag drop, which is then linked to their boarding pass and checked as the passenger boards, while pax with carry-on bags only are photographed at security.

## El launch to Portugal

IRISH national carrier Aer Lingus has commenced direct seasonal service between Shannon and the Portuguese beachside port of Faro in the Algarve region.

The service will run three times weekly until the end of Oct.

#### Soneva in on Secret

**BESPOKE** boutique hotel collection Secret Retreats has welcomed two new properties in the Maldivian resort Soneva Fushi and Soneva Kiri, located on the east coast of Thailand to the independent luxury collection.

#### **Encore set for debut**

WESTJET'S new regional carrier WestJet Encore will next week make its debut from Calgary Int'l Airport, with flights to a number of regional ports to begin on Mon.



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# Sanford kissing goodbye to MS



**TEAM** members from Sanford International Travel in Sydney recently held a special fundraising morning tea to collect contributions towards the 'Kiss Goodbye to MS' effort.

The initiative by the MS Australia organisation aims to raise awareness of multiple sclerosis as well as donate to research into prevention, treatment and helping those who suffer from the condition.

MS is particularly close to home for the team at Sanford as their director Linda Brettell suffers from the condition, spurring on the team to raise all they can to benefit the organisation.

The team is pictured above at

### **Anantara commission**

**AGENTS** can earn double commission on GDS bookings for Anantara properties for stays up to 31 Oct.

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the morning tea, which was also attended by some very young supporters of the cause.

### ATEC slams Visa fee

THE Australian Tourism Export Council has strongly criticised a plan to charge a new \$700 charge on int'l student visitors wishing to extend their stay in Australia as a short-term tourist.

As part of a raft of increased application charges for new visas to take effect from 01 Jul, ATEC says the Subsequent Temporary Application Charge will "dissuade these visitors coming to Australia in the first place.

"[The charge] will definitely impact on their desire to stay on and enjoy what the country has to offer as a tourism destination," ATEC deputy chair Peter Ovenden said, calling for the government to review implementing the fee.

"Tourism operators in regional areas and those in the backpacker and youth sector relying on the international education visitor to disperse following their study will be hardest hit and these tend to be the ones already struggling with the high Aussie dollar".

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This award winning online cruise company is looking for a talented consultant to join their friendly team. Work for a family owned company that prides itself on its close knit team. No two days will be the same in this role. You will have the opportunity to book fabulous cruise packages worldwide and a range of FIT arrangements. There is never a dull moment in this position. If you have 2 years experience, strong GDS and fares knowledge and a passion for cruising apply for this amazing opportunity today.

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### \*NEW\* CORPORATE ROLE IN MELBOURNE! CORPORATE CONSULTANT MELBOURNE (CBD) – SALARY PACKAGE TO \$60K (DOE)

Corporate travel consultants in Melbourne! NEW role just called in! This boutique travel agency located in the heart of the CBD is now searching for an experienced consultant to join their growing team. Working Monday – Friday Hours you will be responsible for booking worldwide travel itineraries for your corporate clients. With a bit of leisure thrown in the mix your days will be varied and exciting! If you have a minimum 10 years consulting experience then we want to hear from you! Call us now!

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Do you have a love for group travel? Able to confidently handle a high volume of work? Then check out these hot new group roles that have just come in. Working Mon – Fri hours you'll be a confident travel consultant with strong business development skills and able to close a sale. Top \$\$, supportive management, long term career progression, superb educationals and more will be on offer. All you need is a high attention to detail, previous groups experience and GDS skills. Call today to find out more.

# \*HOT\* PART TIME / EASTERN SUBURBS RETAIL CONSULTANT SYDNEY – SALARY UP TO \$60K OTE

Are you looking to reduce your hours? Do you want to work part time? This national retail chain is looking for an experienced consultant to join their bright, friendly team in the Eastern Suburbs. The office is located in a busy shopping centre and has a high flow of walk in traffic. Spend your day booking exciting destinations worldwide and building up a strong client base. If you have 2 years retail travel experience. Galileo/Crosscheck preferred and wants to move into a fantastic part time role. Apply today and get moving.

# THE PICK OF THE BUNCH IN PERTH! TRAVEL CONSULTANTS

PERTH (VARIOUS) – SALARY PACKAGES TO \$60K (DOE)

Experienced Travel consultants of Perth! There has never been a better time to register and apply for your new role! We currently have various roles on in Perth that are sure to suit your location and taste! With a mixture of corporate and leisure consulting positions available we can have you earning a better salary and finally enjoying work again! These roles can be yours if you have more than 2 years consulting experience and knowledge of a GDS! Don't delay call us today and take your pick in Perth!

# CRUISE INTO YOUR NEW ROLE! CRUISE CONSULTANTS

MELBOURNE (INNER) - SALARY PACKAGE TO \$60k (OTE)

Calling all cruising buffs in Melbourne! We have a role just for you! This well known agency brand is now looking for experienced consultants to join their store and specialize in all things cruise! You will work exciting hours and have access to some of the best famils out there! You will be responsible for booking worldwide cruising holidays and combining them with flights and land arrangements! This role could be yours if you have a minimum 2 years international consulting experience and LOVE cruise!

# ESCAPE TO BEHIND THE SCENES WHOLESALE TRAVEL CONSULTANTS BRISBANE CBD – \$50K OTE ++

Is frontline consulting getting you down? Ready to escape the retail scene? We have your escape route planned and waiting for you. Currently there are a number of opportunities within leading wholesalers based in the CBD. From cruise specialists to domestic and South Pacific teams we are sure to have your next dream role. Not only will you move away from the public but you'll be given top training and development programs, love being part of a fun team and make great \$\$. Apply today and wave goodbye to retail.



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### Question #1

What is the name of the private island in the Blue Lagoon region which is exclusive to BLC passengers?

A: South Sea Island B: Viti Levu

C: Nanuya Lailai

### Question #2

What is the new departure location for Blue Lagoon Cruises?

A: Lautoka

B: Denarau

C: Suva

## Question #3

What is the total passenger capacity of MV Fiji Princess?

A:300

B:68

C:99

# Question #4

Where can agents register to become an accredited agent and earn points towards a free cruise?

A: website

B: brochure

C: facebook

Hint: visit www.bluelagooncruises.com to find the answers.

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