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Dorchester addition

THE Dorchester Collection has expanded, with the acquisition of Rome's 121-room Hotel Eden.

Effective from today, Dorchester Collection will operate the property, working with the previous managers Starwood Hotels & Resorts to ensure a smooth transition.

The deal boosts the Dorchester portfolio to ten luxury properties in the UK, France, Switzerland, Italy and the United States.



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SIA revamps earlybirds

SINGAPORE Airlines national sales manager, Dale Woodhouse, says the innovative non-seasonal 2014 European earlybird fare structure unveiled this morning (TD breaking news) will actually improve the airline's earlybird yield compared to this year.

The release is the culmination of months of work, which has ensured that there is inventory of the cheapest booking classes even in peak season, available on a first-come first-served basis.

Woodhouse told Travel Daily that the "radical non-seasonal offer" continues SQ's reputation for innovation which saw the carrier launch the first ever retail earlybird fares some years ago.

"The industry has never looked back," he said.

Interestingly, as well as the very low lead-ins, fares in higher booking classes are cheaper than last year, Woodhouse added, with expectations that "the whole

industry will move to the new structure" in coming years.

SQ is also offering a 30kg economy class luggage allowance and \$1 stopovers in Singapore, with the fare structure incorporating departures from 34 Australian ports (in partnership with Virgin Australia) to more than 150 European destinations.

Fares are on sale until 15 Nov for departures from 01 Mar-31 Oct 2014 and there are optional side-trip fares to South East Asia.

This year also marks the first time that SIA has released the earlybird fares to the trade before consumers, with TD's front full page today detailing the offers.

Another ripper issue

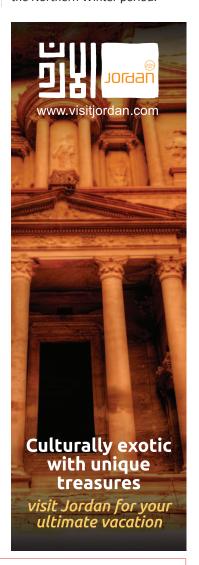
Travel Daily today has eight pages of news & photos, a front full page for Singapore **Airlines** plus a full page from:

AA Appointments jobs

IASC VA/DL request

THE International Air Services Commission has released details of an application from Virgin Australia, which is seeking to vary a determination on the Indonesia route to permit utilisation of the allocated capacity for code-share services with Delta Air Lines.

DL already codeshares on some VA flights to Bali, with Virgin saying it has plans to increase the cooperation on the route from the Northern Winter period.





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agents toolkit' New QH

QANTAS Holidays and Viva! Holidays have today launched a Local Area Marketing toolkit for travel agents, providing a selection of editable documents so consultants can more easily promote the wholesaler's current campaigns.

The move follows feedback from agents, with QH saying "we've been working on an opportunity to offer you a simplified electronic solution that will assist in connecting you with your customers to drive enquiries specific to the amazing holiday experiences we deliver to you".

The toolkit includes collateral such as campaign flyers, window posters and direct mail flyers - as well as digital artwork including email signatures, Facebook imagery plus a customisable media release.

There's a user guide and generic destination posters, with the toolkit launching with a range of 'Great Holiday Ingredients! Aloha Hawaii' material.

The wholesaler said the kit will help agents "promote our current campaigns through the network

channels that are the best fit for your business".

CLICK HERE for more info. **MEANWHILE**, Qantas Holidays and Viva! Holidays reservations team members are set to go on the road, with the destination specialists dropping into the offices of some key agencies to meet supporters face-to-face.

The team have also put together new profiles on the 'contact us' page showcasing their personal travel experiences and travel tips.

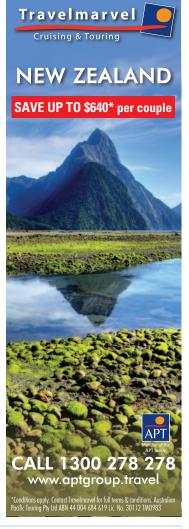
Jetstar 787 TVC promo

JETSTAR has launched a new Australian brand campaign which sees the carrier promoting 'Low Fares are Just Part of the Story.'

Spread across TV, press, digital & outdoor channels, the ads aim to emphasis Jetstar's "mission of offering ingenious travel solutions and making the dream of travel accessible to more Australian's than ever before."

The ads feature shots taken of JQ's new 787 Dreamliner aircraft under construction in Seattle.

CLICK HERE to view the ad.















ATEC trade mission to Brazil

EXPRESSIONS of Interest to participate in the Australian Tourism Export Council's 2014 Brazil Mission are being sought.

ATEC said the mission will aim to capitalise on growth from Brazil's increasing middle-class market which has seen outbound longhaul travel triple over the past decade.

With support from Qantas and Tourism Australia, the mission will provide up to 25 ATEC members

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the opportunity to present at B2B workshops with wholesalers and agent training sessions in both Sao Paulo and Rio de Janiero, between 24-28 Mar.

The programs will consist of 25 'speed-dating-like' appointments of 12mins, for members to spruik their product to potential buyers.

A networking lunch will provide further opportunities to network with travel wholesalers and agents in both cities.

ATEC says the mission will only proceed if there are sufficient participants from a Seller and Buyer perspective.

View the mission prospectus at www.bit.ly/ATECbrazilmission.

JTG share issue

JETSET Travelworld Limited today issued 594,991 shares worth about \$260,000 as part of its Performance Rights Plan which was approved by shareholders at its 2011 Annual General Meeting.

Performance rights are held by senior executives including Rob Gurney, Elizabeth Gaines, Russell Carstensen, Mike Thompson and Andrea Slark.

Globus adds yachting

GLOBUS has introduced a range of boutique yacht expeditions on Variety Cruises' motor cruisers *Voyager* and *Harmony V* and the line's sail cruiser *Panorama*.

The voyages from Greece and Italy are featured in the newly released 2014 Globus Europe brochure which also contains four new itineraries and experiences.

New land tours include a 16-day Beautiful France trip, an eight-day Italian Vista package and a nineday Ukraine & Crimea holiday.

Earlybird airfares to Europe with Cathay Pacific priced from \$1,460 return are available when booked by 31 Oct - phone 1300 130 134.

787-9 takes flight

AIR New Zealand has applauded Boeing on the successful maiden flight of its new 787-9 *Dreamliner* aircraft which took to the skies for the first time ever overnight.

The 5-hour flight from Paine Field in Washington marked the beginning of a comprehensive flight-test program for certification and delivery, slated for mid-2014.

CEO Christopher Luxon said Air NZ was "hugely excited" to be the 787-9's launch customer.

Scoot to Hong Kong?

SINGAPORE Airlines low-cost offshoot Scoot will later today announce its newest international hub, with Hong Kong rumoured to be the likely destination.

CZ increases LHR

CHINA Southern is planning to bump up frequencies between Guangzhou & London Heathrow from 25 Nov - according to agent GDSs - lifting services to daily, up from the current 5 times weekly.



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Star Alliance scholar awarded

THE Star Alliance network in Australia has announced Lia Moshkanbaryans as this year's winner of the Star Alliance Scholarship.

Moshkanbaryans is a PhD student in Neuroscience/Biochemistry at the Children's Medical Research Institute - an independent Australian firm conducting genetic

research to help prevent and treat childhood diseases.

The annual Scholarship will enable a PhD student to travel on a Star Alliance Round the World airfare to international events or conferences, with this year's winner planning to attend the BIO-Europe 2013 gathering in





Vienna in early Nov.

Star Alliance Country Steering Committee chair Anil Rodricks said it was a privilege to help nurture the career of a young Australian scientist.

GM Australia/NZ for Star Alliance member carrier Air Canada Paul McLean is **pictured** presenting the 2013 Star Alliance Scholarship to Lia Moshkanbaryans at the recent Jeans for Genes Gala Dinner held in Sydney.

A piece of Britney

PLANET Hollywood in Las Vegas has announced a twoyear "residency" by pop star Britney Spears, who will receive a rumoured US\$30 million to perform 96 shows at the venue.

The series will kick off on Fri 27 Dec, with dates also released in Jan and Feb 2014.

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1888 comp winner

8HOTELS has announced the winner of last week's exclusive mini-comp to win a nights accom at the 1888 Hotel in Sydney, incl brekkie, wi-fi and more as Trish King from HWT Dapto.

Trish's winning entry came in the form of an acrostic as follows:

Hot new property
One to definitely see
Take me there
Experience the ambience
Lap in its luxury
1888 Feng shui me!

MU lift SYD to 2 daily

CHINA Eastern Airlines is adding five new weekly services between Shanghai Pudong and Sydney from 01 Jan to 19 Feb 2014, lifting frequencies to double daily.

The services are all operated using Airbus A330-200 aircraft.

MU will also crank up flights from Shanghai to Melbourne from the current seven to 10 weekly, agent GDS displays indicate.



Window Seat

AUSTRALIA can definitely cater for the biggest big-spenders, according to a recent feature article in New York's ultra highend *Elite Traveller* magazine.

The private jet lifestyle read details a four-night itinerary in Australia that will easily lighten one's wallet to the tune of at least a cool million bucks.

Complete with four nights in the two-bedroom Sydney Suite at the Park Hyatt, guests will also enjoy a private BridgeClimb and private performance at the Sydney Opera House, capped with fireworks over the harbour.

Throw in a helicopter trip to an exclusive vineyard, private dining on Hamilton Island and at Uluru, and an Australian pink diamond souvenir to take home.

To check out the full decadent weekend itinerary, **CLICK HERE**.

Contiki agent online tool

CONTIKI Holidays is making it easier for travel agents to book its new 2014 Europe program with the welcome introduction of a new online booking tool.

Today also marks the launch of a new website to promote the programs, which have a strong focus on experiences such as wine tasting, cooking classes and local shopping.

MD Fiona Hunt told **TD** that all of Contiki's European tours also

now offer on-coach wi-fi while internet is also featured at 90% of the hotels used - ideal to help travellers share their experiences on the road, and yes, there's even a Contiki app for that.

New for 2014 is a range of Greek Island small ship sailing experiences, some with just 8 pax, and the program also includes an extended early payment discount scheme which is now valid until 14 Jan.

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Falls Creek last pitch

FALLS Creek and Hotham Alpine ski resorts are reporting good conditions for spring skiing ahead of the official end to the winter ski season on Sun 29 Sep.

Discounted lift ticket prices are available now, with eight lifts still in action at Falls Creek where there is 64cm of natural snow and 83cm in snowmaking areas, while there is still 34cm of natural cover at Hotham.

Hurtigruten 2-for-1

DISCOVER the World Marketing and Hurtigruten have released a 2 for 1 cruise offer on a selection of Norwegian departures this year.

The deal applies to Hurtigruten's 12-day Classic Round Voyage, 11day Classic Norwegian Discovery and seven-day Classic Voyage North sailing from Bergen and six-day Classic Voyage South from Kirkenes departing on select dates in Oct, Nov and Dec.

Phone 1800 623 267 to book.

Watermark refurb

THE Gold Coast's Watermark Hotel & Spa expects to complete the renovation of 132 Superior rooms by Nov as part of a \$2.8m investment in room upgrades.

One-hundred & ten other rooms have already been refurbished. and now feature Gold Series Collection beds, Italian designed Europa Sofa beds, custom made furniture and digital TVs.

Watermark chief executive Max Takamizawa flagged "more major renovations" were planned for the hotel in 2014, to "take the hotel to a whole new level."

Ratua open for longer

VANUATU'S Ratua Private Island will remain open through Feb (traditionally the low period), as a result of increased demand.

Guests booking a three or five night stay will receive a A\$150 or \$250 resort credit respectively for stays up until 31 Mar - for more info, see www.ratua.com.

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TA/Air NZ USA \$1m campaign

TOURISM Australia and Air New Zealand have launched a million dollar campaign to attract North Americans down under.

Announced earlier this week, the promo "hopes to inspire travellers to finally get Australia off their life list and experience the best of Australia," said Air New Zealand vp Americas, UK and Europe, Chris Myers.

The campaign features special Air New Zealand Economy class return fares to six gateways -Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Cairns, Adelaide and Gold Coast - which have been common-rated and priced from US\$1,448.

To push the message, Air NZ and TA have partnered with digital platform Go Mighty to bring 10 of the most influential American bloggers here to endorse and promote the destination and the variety of experiences on offer to their millions of followers.

Go Mighty #GoAustralia website visitors who register their plan to come Down Under can register a "seat" on an Air NZ 777-300ER.

Once 332 have applied they will receive a special discount code, valid for travel in 2014, if flights are booked prior to 01 Jan 2014.

Japan NT nts decline

TOURISM NT has reported a massive 49% drop in the number of Japanese visitor nights for the 12 months to Jun 2013 compared to the corresponding period.

Numbers have slumped from 147,000 in 2011/12 to 75,000 last year, however the number of Japanese visitors has increased 9% to 25,000 at the same time.

The tourism authority's "Quick Stats" snapshot also found domestic visitor numbers have decreased by 6.3% (to 563,000) and international arrivals were up a fraction - 0.3% to 263,000.

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PCOs Rendezvous in Perth



RENDEZVOUS Hotels and the Perth Convention Bureau recently invited a group of 11 Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs) from Sydney, Adelaide & Brisbane to stay at the 336-room refurbished Rendezvous Grand Hotel Perth Scarborough.

The PCOs were treated to a weekend experiencing a range of WA highlights, including Deluxe Chauffeured Cars transfers, wine sampling at Leeuwin Estate and Sandalford wines, laser clay pigeon shooting at Mulberry On Swan and visits to some of Perth's most unique venues, such

as Midland Railway Yards and Frasers Restaurant and the State Reception Centre.

The participants included Roslyn McLeod, Arinex; Wayne Taylor, Taylored Images; Laura Richards, The Conference Business; Paula Capasso, ICE Australia; Ilana Den, CC Conference & Corporate Events; Shan Fleming, Conference Link; Terri Crowcott, ICMS Australasia; Lesley Woods, The Meeting People; Jade Richardson, Carlson Wagonlit Travel & Natalie Milson, with hosts Tim Birley from Rendezvous Hospitality Grp and Tracey Cinavas-Prosser, PCB.



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Centara Mauritius x3

CENTARA Hotels & Resorts is set to expand its presence in Mauritius with the launch of the group's upmarket 'Grand' brand resort and residences at the new Azuri oceanfront complex.

Scheduled to open in Dec on the northeast coast of Mauritius, Centara Grand Azuri Resort & Spa Mauritius is part of a 400-acre beachfront development that will also included the group's Centara Grand Residence & Suites brand.

The two brands join Centara's 4-star offering on Mauritius, the Centara Poste Lafayette Resort & Spa which opened last Dec.

"By offering a 5-star premiumbrand resort and a 4-star core brand resort in Mauritius, we will be in a very strong marketing position, and it further enhances our presence in the Indian Ocean region, which we have targeted as part of our expansion strategy," Centara's senior vice president for sales & marketing, Chris Bailey said yesterday.

DL Comfort on GDS

GALILEO-CONNECTED agents can now book Delta Air Lines' Economy Comfort seats through the Global Distribution System.

To mark the occasion, Delta has launched a trade incentive which will reward each agency one complimentary round-trip Economy class ticket between Sydney and US/Canada for every US\$10,000 Economy Comfort sold.

The incentive runs from 01 Sep to 30 Nov, and is applicable to IATA Accredited Travelport agencies - for more information, email wwresau@delta.com.

Bothfeet additions

VICTORIAN walking tour operator Bothfeet has bolstered its number of four-day Twelve Apostles Guided Walks by 20 extra departures between Oct & May.

The tour operates from
Melbourne and includes a scenic
helicopter flight over the Twelve
Apostles - www.bothfeet.com.au.



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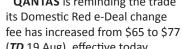




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Red e-Deal reminder

QANTAS is reminding the trade its Domestic Red e-Deal change (TD 19 Aug), effective today.



More at gantas.com.au/agents.



Accommodation Updates

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



The Mantra Group has opened the doors on the new conferencing facilities at the Peppers Beach Club & Spa Palm Cove, with a striking new paintwork scheme that allows delegates to literally write on the walls instead of on flipcharts. The result of a \$100K refurb has

seen new carpeting, lighting and furniture laid out along with a serene Rainforest Courtyard break area alongside the new conference room.



To be ready and open by Christmas, Rotana is set to open its first property in Oman - the Salalah Rotana Resort. Situated in the south of the country overlooking the Arabian Gulf, the property will offer 399 rooms as well as 45 villas, decorated in traditional Omani style

and featuring the latest amenities and features. Palm trees will dot the outdoor areas of the five-star property, based around a flowing river.



Hawaii's Park Shore Waikiki has completed a US\$10.7m renovation on all of its 221 rooms. All of the guest rooms at the Agua Hospitality managed property feature new furniture, mini-refrigerators, new bathroom fixtures and 42-inch HD televisions. Free wi-fi internet

is now offered to guests throughout the property, while the lobby has also received a thorough refurbishment, boasting a brand new look.

New chance for lights

FAVOURABLE conditions for viewing the Northern Lights next year will see Scandinavian tour firm Bentours operate a second departure of its popular Follow the Lights itinerary in 2014.

Travelling in the reverse direction of the first tour, the new package will also run for 13-days, selling as a special group, departing from Helsinki, Finland to Bergen, Norway on 22 Feb next year.

Places on the fully escorted trip are priced from \$5,100ppts land only, inclusive of a five-night Hurtigruten coastal voyage phone 1800 221 712.

200m AirAsia flyers

LOW-COST carrier AirAsia is offering two million seats on sale across its network as it celebrates carrying 200 million passengers.

Fares are priced from just \$10 one-way, valid for travel between 07 Jan and 05 Aug, when booked before 22 Sep.

All change for Rihari

JOEY Rihari, formerly of Destination Rotorua Marketing, has announced he has moved to newly launched New Zealand promotion firm KUPU Tourism.

In his new position, Rihari will continue to promote traditional Maori products and experiences to the Australian market.

Dubai World licensed

AL MAKTOUM International at Dubai World Central has been officially licensed for passenger operations by UAE regulators.

Having now obtained clearance to the satisfaction of authorities, the facility's opening can proceed as planned late next month.

"This is a welcomed and critical step forward in the process of preparing DWC for full passenger operations," Dubai Airports vp of airside operations Jamal Zaal said.

When complete, DWC will cater to 160m passengers annually, operating with five runways.

Agents lured to golden triangle

RIGHT: This group of agents recently immersed themselves in all that is India on a seven day famil to the country, with air seats provided courtesy of THAI Airways International.

The group undertook a Cox & Kings India Golden Triangle itinerary, in which they visited the capital Delhi, the fortresses of Jaipur and the wonders of Agra incl the Taj Mahal.

Each night, the group kicked back and enjoyed the luxury inclusions of a Cox & Kings itinerary including transport and ultra-comfortable hotels.

Pictured above from left in the back row outside the famous palace is David Chu, Capricorn Travel; Brad Crawford, Thai Airways International and Jamie Davison from Crovdon Travel.

Front row: Jacinta Crisp. Cox and Kings Australia; Kirsten Ault, Flying Colours Travel; Pam Dobson, Andrew Jones Travel and Sandy McDonald from Harvey World Travel Warrnambool.



Booze-free Fiji sellout

SCHOOLIES holiday organiser Unleashed Travel has reported its first alcohol-free school-leavers trip to Fiji's Hideaway Island Resort sold out in a record two months.

The firm said the "overwhelming response from graduates for a booze-free holiday at Hideaway Island this year is now seeing it trying to source an additional location to cater for 2014 demand, predicting triple-digit growth.



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Minor into Cambodia

CAMBODIA'S Sothea Boutique Resort in Siem Reap is set to be rebranded the Anantara Angkor Resort & Spa after being acquired by the Minor Hotel Group.

Euphoria on SQ mystery famil

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was at feverpitch levels for a group of 50 top selling agents of Singapore Airlines from Perth as they prepared for a special mystery mega-famil put on by the carrier.

Armed only with packing lists, heads were scratched as

to where they would all end up going, and as it turned out, none were disappointed in the slightest.

Led by Singapore Airlines sales executives Nikki Marlborough, Vanessa Beros, Terri Angeles and Samantha Swinbourne, three of the four groups met in Singapore where they enjoyed a night and some fun activities in the Lion City before onward departure.

The next day, each learned of their respective destinations, with one more group finding out their final port before departing Perth.

Broken into four groups, there was cries of glee, hands in the air and even some tears as they learned groups were being expected in South Africa, Belgium, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

In Africa, the group ventured



to Pretoria first before heading to some of the country's most expansive game reserves, seeing four of the "Big Five".

On the way back, a visit to Soweto allowed the agents to see the birthplace of Nelson Mandela.

For the group in Belgium, the group dived head-first into the quaint village scenery in Gent, Antwerp and Brugge, enjoying some chocolate in the latter before catching the Thayls train for a final day in Amsterdam.

Lapping up the luxury in the Maldives, the group dipped their toes in around a stingray feeding frenzy, enjoying some fishing and snorkelling in the blue lagoon, with plenty of luxury food & drink.

Over in Sri Lanka, the group drove to Kandalama and climbed Lion Rock, visited Kandy as well as

> the elephants at the Pinnewala Elephant Orphanage, before overnighting at the Vivanta by Taj.

> The group visiting South Africa is **pictured** above, with the agents who headed to the Maldives left.

For more photos of the group, head to *TD*'s website.

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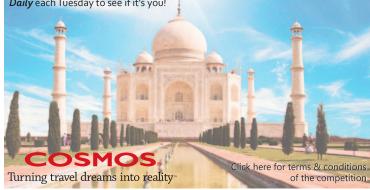


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Nairobi apt changes

AIRCRAFT parking facilities will replace the tented system set up for international arrivals at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta Int'l Airport under the latest changes announced by the facility.

The former Unit 2 area which was briefly closed following last month's fire has also reopened, with NBO stressing it remains in full operation for all passengers.

Hahn new H₁ addition

CHANNEL Islands carrier Blue Islands (SI) and Filipino domestic startup Skyjet (5M) can both now be booked via select GDSs for interline e-ticketing through Hahn Air's e-alliance H1 platform.

QIC Labour Day hours

THE Qantas Industry Centre will remain open on the 07 Oct Labour Day public holiday between 9am-6pm for Northern Territory, Tasmania, Victoria & Western Australian trade partners.

Micronesian carrier

THE Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and the Republic of Marshall Islands have signalled plans to start up a new airline to service the Asia market.

Dubbed Fly Micronesia, the North-West Pacific states want to lease two Dash 8 turbo-props to operate between Palau and Singapore & the Philippines, Island Business has reported.

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