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P&O new ship named

BRITANNIA has been chosen as the name of the biggest cruise ship ever built for Britain, P&O Cruises UK announced overnight. To be constructed by Fincantieri in Italy, the 141,000 GRT vessel enters service in Mar 2015 and boosts the line's capacity by 24%.



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Travelmarvel restructure

APT has created a dedicated business unit to look after its Travelmarvel operations after the "premium value cruise and tour brand" doubled its bookings in the last twelve months.

The new division will be headed up by David Cox, who moves from APT chief operations officer to become Travelmarvel gm.

He will be supported by a 12-strong team covering product, sales and marketing activities.

Travelmarvel previously came under the APT division, with the company saying it has achieved success by appealing to new guests by offering premium four-star travel experiences at exceptional value.

"Establishing a stand-alone Travelmarvel business unit enables us to give the brand the support it needs to reach its full potential," Cox said.

Also joining the new Travelmarvel team is Saxon

Templeton, previously Flight Centre marketing manager for Vic and Tas, who will become the new sales and marketing manager for the brand.

The team will focus strongly on trade relationships, with Travelmarvel set to launch a "full travel agent incentive program as our first priority," Cox revealed.

APT ceo Chris Hall said that "by expanding our team in line with our product range we hope to capture a significant share of the marketplace, transforming Travelmarvel into another exciting pillar of APT's group business."

Travelmarvel recently added Russia and Africa to its portfolio, with China set to launch shortly.

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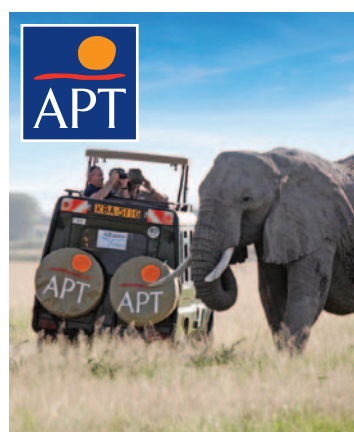
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Infinity Europe brox

FLIGHT Centre's wholesale division Infinity Holidays is in the process of rolling out its 2013/14 European Essentials brochure, which includes dozens of new hotels and tours.

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Accom operators vs OTAs

ACCOMMODATION providers taking part in last week's World Youth & Student Travel Conference in Sydney have come up with the so-called "Sydney Declaration" which draws a line in the sand in their relationships with online travel agencies.

They say that a "sensible reset" is needed, with the relationship having over time become "less and less commercially balanced."

"A number of fair practices need to be established to ensure product sovereignty rests with the operators," the declaration states, setting out a code of practice as a "constructive and balanced approach to resetting the relationship between OTAs and youth accommodation operators".

The move follows a recent spat over a "take it or leave it" contract proposed by Hostelworld (TD 29 Jul), which is the globe's largest seller of backpacker accommodation with local operators YHA, Base, Nomads and VIP all refusing to sign.

A particularly contentious part of the agreement was a

requirement to provide online rate parity, and after the initial rebellion in Australia the anger spread to Europe and South America too.

Hostelworld has now modified the agreement to remove some of the controversial aspects, which is seen as a significant victory by the operators.

The Sydney Declaration can be viewed by **CLICKING HERE**.

TA China appointment

TOURISM Australia has appointed Tony Everitt as its new regional general manager for Greater China.

Everitt, who is currently Tourism NZ's general manager Asia and was also formerly ceo of Destination Queenstown, will take up his new Shanghai-based role with TA in Dec.

Tim Jones will continue as interim acting rgm Greater China until then, after which he will return to his role of gm of International Operations.

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Qantas to automate card fees

QANTAS has announced significant changes to the way that it processes Card Payment Fees for credit card payments, working with GDS partners to switch the charge from the existing YR code to the OB ticketing code.

According to an update on the Qantas trade site, the move will simplify processes for travel agents, including automating the application of card payment fees.

Once implemented there will also be no longer any requirement for manual intervention when the Card Payment Fees are not applicable - that is, there will be no "Zap-Off" for cash transactions.

OB Ticketing Fees are not part of the ticketed fare, with the levy appearing on the e-ticket receipt as an OB Fee.

The change will be rolled out progressively by GDS providers,

starting from this month, with individual GDS firms liaising with agents to confirm specific implementation dates.

Under the new arrangement, Qantas will be able to file its Card Payment Fees as OB Fees, and they will not be included in the fare display.

For fully flexible fares that are totally unused the OB Fee can also be refunded, but this will require an application to be lodged with Qantas via BSPLink after following normal refund processes through the GDS for fare and ticket taxes.

The OB Fee is not applicable on tickets paid for by vMPD/EMD where the form of payment is by card, and agents are also reminded that QIC fare quotes are based on cash payment, with the OB Fee to be added where applicable.

CLICK HERE for more info.

GCCT site selection

THREE site options for a mooted Gold Coast Cruise Terminal have been submitted to the Gold Coast Council at a meeting this month.

According to BMT WBM's preliminary coastal study on the Broadwater Marine Project, six possible locations are under consideration including three within the broadwater south of the Sea World Gold Coast theme park, and one site off-shore.

The three short-listed sites are positioned north of Sea World, with one on Wave Break Island. More in *Cruise Weekly* on Thu.

Virgin AFL renewal

VIRGIN Australia has signed on for a further five years with the AFL after announcing an extension of its partnership until 2018.

The renewed deal sees VA take on the title of Naming Rights Partner of the Grand Final Half Time show, the 'Any Game, Any Time' platform & other initiatives.

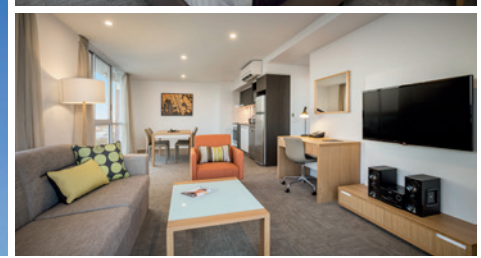
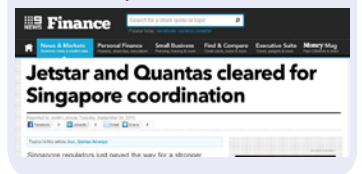


Window Seat

YOU would think that Qantas has exceptional brand recognition in Australia, but it appears that some people still have trouble correctly spelling the name of the national carrier.

A major story on the NineMSN website last night highlighted the announcement by officials in Singapore which approved coordination between Jetstar and Qantas - as flagged by *TD* in yesterday's issue.

Unfortunately the NineMSN headline, on the Finance section of the website (**pictured below**) had an errant 'u' which is still there today.



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Star Alliance LAX lounge open

STAR Alliance passengers passing through Los Angeles International Airport can access the new LAX Star Alliance Lounge, which has officially opened its doors today.



The lounge - which has been developed and is managed by Air New Zealand - has capacity for around 400 guests and includes an exclusive area for First Class passengers.

It features a unique open-air terrace - complete with fire pits and a water wall - with panoramic views of the northern runway towards the Hollywood Hills.

Air New Zealand deputy ceo Norm Thompson said the lounge also has a library space, a den, study and media room along with

eight shower rooms.

"Lounge access on a global scale is one of the Alliance benefits most sought after and valued by our customers," said Star Alliance ceo Mark Schwab.

"The fantastic new lounge in Los Angeles is testimony to the fact that alliances add value over and above what individual airlines can offer," he added.

Eight Star Alliance carriers operate out of LAX's Tom Bradley International Terminal.

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ACTE networking

THE Association of Corporate Travel Executives is offering free registration for all members to attend the upcoming Sydney leg of its networking reception series.

80 people have already registered, and due to limited capacity everyone must be pre-registered to attend.

The event is supported by Pan Pacific Hotels Group, China Southern Airlines, Serko Technologies and FCM Travel Solutions - **CLICK HERE** to register.

Tourism WA videos

TRAVEL Daily TV is now featuring the new advertisements which were launched yesterday by Tourism Western Australia.

The *Experience Extraordinary* brand ads target adventure seekers and focus on the state's burgeoning North West and South West regions.

Click on the logo or see traveldaily.com.au/videos.



AA, US extension

AMERICAN Airlines and US Airways have extended the deadline for their proposed merger agreement as they continue to battle legal action by the US Department of Justice which is opposing the deal.

On Mon, the airlines issued a statement confirming their merger agreement can now be terminated by either carrier through until 18 Jan 2014, extending the previous deadline by about a month.

The case against the pact will be heard in court starting 25 Nov.

New Albatross tour

ALBATROSS Tours has launched a new 18-day *Italy, the Deep South and Sicily* tour, staying in stunning accom such as the white washed 'Bee Hive' Trulli cottages in Alborello, 'Sassi' caves in Matera and a range of villas and farmhouse hotels, with savings of \$300pp for bookings by 22 Dec.

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Qatar Air backs Olivia's centre



QATAR Airways donated two Business Class tickets in support of the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre at Austin Health in Melbourne during a charity auction held last Fri.

The centre is committed to developing & delivering integrated wellness programs that enhance the wellbeing of patients, carers & staff, offered complimentary to the medical treatment provided.

QR's generous donation was valid to travel anywhere in the world on the carrier's network, with the tickets sold for \$19,500.

Pictured are some of the trade partners supporting the function - from left are: Frank and Fiona Stephens from Benalla Travel, Olivia Newton-John and Adam Radwanski, Qatar Airways

country manager Australasia.

MEANWHILE, a new incentive rewarding top sellers with a trip for two to Barcelona has been launched by Qatar Airways.

The prize includes a four-night stay in a luxury hotel, tickets to watch FC Barcelona, a jersey, tours and more.

Kicking off today and running to 30 Oct, agents will generate points on QR ticketed bookings on the basis of 6pts in Business class, 4pts for mixed class and 2pts for Economy class.

One-way QR ticketed flights will accrue half points.

In addition to two major prizes, an iPad mini will be awarded to the agent with the highest number of bookings each week - see www.bit.ly/QRBCNpromo.

TNZ Indonesia boss

TOURISM New Zealand gm Australia and Indonesia Tim Burgess says the organisation will have its full team in Jakarta active by early Nov after appointing a country manager, marketing communications mgr and PR mgr.

Indonesia has been identified as one of three new priority "emerging markets" by TNZ, along with India & Latin America.

"With a new office space finalised alongside our NZ Inc colleagues, and the Indonesian market edition of newzealand.com launched, we are now well positioned to build demand and maximise the opportunities this growing market presents," Burgess said yesterday.

Last week, TNZ announced the personnel for its Mumbai-based operation (**TD** Fri).

Excite getting Exotic

EXOTIC locations including Sri Lanka, Myanmar, South Korea, Nepal, Cambodia and Borneo are seeing increasing numbers of Australian travellers, based on booking trends at Excite Holidays, the wholesaler has reported.

"Some travellers feel like they've been everywhere already & that's why these exotic destinations are growing in popularity," ceo George Papaioannou said today.

LHG conference push

LANGHAM Hospitality Group has introduced a menu of sustainable options that meeting, event and group planners can choose from at its properties worldwide under a new scheme.

Dubbed Connect Conferences, the program has been developed to offset potential environmental or societal impacts of any meeting or event.

Among the options which can be selected is participation in the 'Guest of the Earth' program (which promotes reduction of water & energy consumption) or selecting locally-grown, organic and seasonal food products on banquet and catering menus.

Other offerings include using fair-trade products as welcome amenities and in mini-bars, opting for filtered water to reduce bottled wastage and incorporating tailor-made activities into a schedule that gives back to the local community near the hotel booked.

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20yr aircraft forecast

OVER the next 20 years air traffic is expected to grow at 4.7% annually, requiring more than 29,220 new passenger and freighter aircraft valued at nearly US\$4.4 trillion, according to Airbus' latest Global Market Forecast released this week.

The report indicated that widebody jetliners such as Airbus' A350 XWB, A330 and A380 will account for some 60% of those sales of new aircraft.

By 2032, Asia-Pacific is tipped to lead the world in air traffic, overtaking both Europe and North America.

Apartment brochure

TEMPO Holidays has added its Apartments & Self Catering Worldwide brochure to its 2014 line-up, featuring listings in France, Italy, Britain, Central Europe, the US and beyond.

The wholesaler says the product is suited for families or groups of friends, offering flexible and economical alternatives to hotels.

New properties include Sky Apartments in Vienna at The Spires Aberdeen in Scotland.

Waikerie upgrading

WAIKERIE Hotel Motel in South Australia's Riverland will receive a \$4.55 million face-lift & upgrade of 16 of its 35 rooms to 4.5-star standards, the South Australian Tourism Commission says.

The property was damaged by fire in 2011, destroying significant parts of the hotel.

When it reopens, the revamped hotel will also offer conference and function rooms, plus a new outdoor dining & conference area.

The remaining rooms are graded as 3-star standard.

Vienna choir on APT

VIENNA'S Mozart Boys' Choir will perform exclusive private concerts for APT passengers in 2014 at the refurbished City Palace, official residence of the Liechtenstein Royal Family.

Part of the company's 'Royal Experience' European river cruise program, the free event is offered to guests travelling on its Magnificent Europe itineraries.

APT passengers will also enjoy a cocktail reception followed by a soiree featuring members of the choir, aged from eight to 21.

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G ADVENTURES recently hosted a group of Australian STA Travel agents on a fabulous eight-day familiarisation of China.

The China Express tour made its way from Beijing to Shanghai and included visits to the Great Wall, Tiannamen Square and the Forbidden City in Beijing, the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an and Souzhou.

Participants were obviously elated to be part of the trip, as pictured here jumping for joy on the Great Wall.

The STA agents included Bobbi Lillcott, Macquarie Uni - Sydney; Amy McConnon - Carillion, Perth; Jason Pashley - Myer Centre, Brisbane; Mel Hannan - Glenferrie, Melbourne; Georgina

Honner - Rundle, Adelaide; Amy Rossiter - UQU, Brisbane; Mike Jones - Monash Caulfield; Kelley Maxim - Macquarie Centre, Sydney; Jade Niu, G Adventures ceo; Louise Miller, G Adventures rep; Siobhan Wynters - Miranda, Sydney & Nick Lewis - Sydney Uni.

BA special UK fare

BRITISH Airways has launched Club World Business class fares between Sydney and London starting \$7,312 for bookings before midnight 30 Sep.

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CH glams up & goes Hollywood



HOLLYWOOD came to Sydney earlier this month as the sales team from Creative Holidays glammed up and got in character during the wholesaler's recent company-wide conference.

Team members from around Australia were flown in to take part in the weekend's festivities, held at Sydney's Four Points by Sheraton hotel in the city.

Following a productive and full day in the conference, on Sat night it was time to party.

The evening's sponsors included Qantas, Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority, Dubai Tourism

& the Sultanate of Oman Tourism, who contributed many holiday prizes and authentic themed activities during the evening.

Creative Holidays' SA sales manager Janis Tennent took out the Best Dressed prize for the evening in her Cleopatra outfit, and is **pictured** above in the front row with her team, which from left consists of Amy Craig, Chloe Richards, Holly Cooling, Sarah Pollard, Claire Haggarty, Bianca Orsola-Rose, Adam Baker and the Blues Brothers themselves, Mark Richards and (Edward Schoonerhands) Andrew Sims.

Beyond Travel credits

TRAVEL credits of up to \$500 are being offered to passengers booking on select Beyond Travel tours, which can be put towards additional accom, sightseeing tours, flights, cruises and more when booked through the firm.

Marketing manager Bryce Crampton said the credits give agents another opportunity to earn additional commission for pre- and post-tour sales, steering consumers away from booking directly over the internet.

Credits can be applied to a wide range of escorted tours in Russia, Croatia and many other eastern European countries

Consider Brunei

BRUNEI Tourism is calling on travel agents to consider offering a side-trip to the country when promoting Singapore Airlines' earlybird fares to Europe.

SQ operates five weekly services between Singapore and Brunei - one of the destinations in South East Asia clients can travel to at no extra charge when booking the carrier's earlybirds.

Account manger Ross Tutin said Brunei makes for "a unique and different destination to visit", with highlights including the Ulu Temburong National Park, water villages, mosques, museums and much more.



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.



Accor has opened Melbourne's first 5-star Pullman hotel after a multi-million dollar renovation and rebrand of the former Sebel. Upgrade works at the 169-room **Pullman Melbourne Albert Park** were carried out to guest-rooms, executive lounge (which is now a Pullman Executive Lounge), meeting space and public areas. The new look lobby also now features a spiral staircase and striking light feature.



The Star in Sydney has today unveiled a new rooftop indoor/outdoor pool atop the Astral Towers. Guests of the 480-room hotel will be able to take a dip while enjoying stunning views of Sydney Harbour and the city skyline. In what is dubbed an 'Australian first', the pool has RGB colour changing LED pool lighting, offering 16 different colour illumination. An indoor hot tub and outdoor spa adjoins the pool deck.

Broader QR/AA pact

QATAR Airways and American Airlines have expanded their pact to include a frequent flyer program deal, allowing Privilege Club and AAdvantage members to earn and burn miles on flights operated by the other carrier.

QR ceo Akbar Al Baker said the move was a "natural evolution" of their already strong relationship.

Shorter Egypt curfew

THE Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade is advising travellers via the Smartraveller website of curfew changes in Egypt which were adopted last month during the peak of civil unrest (**TD** 15 Aug).

Curfews are now in place from 12am to 5am between Sat and Thu & from 7pm to 5am on Fri. See www.smartraveller.gov.au.

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Shorter lead times

A NEW survey released today by Toga Hotels has found that Australians are taking shorter holidays and using "minimal time to plan them".

The study involved more than 14,500 Australians, with 55.65% of respondents saying they usually take holidays over a long weekend while 51% take four or more days away.

Toga group marketing director, Emma Fraser, said the survey highlighted that location (44%) and hottest price (37%) remain the main decision influencers when travellers are booking their accommodation.

Kakadu regos open

LICENCE applications have opened for Kakadu National Park for bushwalking and sportsfishing tours, safari camps and access to Ikoymarrwa and Koolpin Gorge, starting 1 Apr 2014.

Applications close 30 Oct - more info at www.bit.ly/kakpermits.

MAS 8 daily KUL/SIN

MALAYSIA Airlines is adding an eighth daily service on the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore route effective 27 Oct, operated by Boeing 737-800 aircraft, according to GDSs.

Abruzzo author tour

AUTHOR Angela DiScacio has partnered with Absolutely Abruzzo Tours to create small group tours of the central Italian region, celebrating her heritage.

The Finding Valentino in Abruzzo Tour is based on DiScacio's latest book about discovering her ancestry and the local culture and cuisine.

The 11-day tour departs on 05 Oct 2014 and is limited to 15 pax. Call 0414 749 379 for details.

VA boosts Karratha

VIRGIN Australia has today announced a further boost to direct services between Perth and Karratha, with two extra weekly return flights from 22 Oct.

The new Tue and Fri flights will utilise Fokker 100 jet aircraft.

Samoa roadshow

THE Samoa Tourism Authority has announced details of a three city roadshow for Australia in Oct.

To be held in Brisbane (28 Oct), Sydney (29 Oct) and Melbourne (30 Oct), the Samoa Agents Roadshow will provide a chance to hear & talk to representatives from the Pacific island.

Dubai nears 6m pax

TRAFFIC at Dubai International surged 23.8% in Aug, making it the busiest month in terms of passenger numbers in its history.

According to a report by its operator Dubai Airports, last month's passenger traffic reached 5,999,375, a year-on-year increase of 23.8% compared to 4,847,152 in Aug 2012.

The rise is the result of growth in almost all markets and the effect of Ramadan and Eid travel.

Qld eco-tourism ideas

TOURISM operators have until 4pm Fri (27 Sep) to lodge expressions of interest for innovative eco-tourism concepts in national parks in Queensland.

The State Government wants to make Queensland a world leader in eco-tourism by 2020.

More at www.bit.ly/QLdeco.

Infinity explores jungles of 'Nam



THE best of northern & coastal Vietnam was explored by this group of Flight Centre Ltd agents earlier this month as part of a mega-famil to the country, with the trip coordinated by FCL wholesaler, Infinity Holidays.

Over the course of eight days, the group experienced Hanoi and Hoi An, enjoying the luxury of the popular Sofitel Metropole and the Nam Hai.

While immersing themselves in the Vietnamese culture, the agents discovered new culinary food tricks on the Street Food by Night tour and while participating in a number of cooking classes.

To help burn off the extra calories consumed with the delicious food, a cycling tour was a welcome excuse to exercise and see many of the local sights.

The group, pictured below in the jungle, in the back row from

left consisted of Donna Schmidt, Travel Club Qld; Sarah Manning, ET Centrepont; Natalie Anderson, FC Revesby; Venessa Vidot, FC Cranbourne; Melissa Campbell, FC Greensborough; Angela Mackay, ET Colonnades; Michelle Rawlinson, FC Runaway Bay; Emily Weston, FC Palmerston; Gemma Boccamazzo, SF Innaloo; David Doe, FC North Perth and Jan Hogerhuis from Australia Fair.

Front row: Louise Gluyas, Infinity Holidays; Lauren Ferguson, FC Penrith; Nicole Doumis, FC Maitland; Neil Crawford, Infinity Holidays; Kyle Yankos, Melton FC; Briana Randell, FC Garden City; Diana Ruff, ET Westlakes; Bianca Schembri, Infinity Holidays; Kylie Bond, FC Milton; Kristy Carpenter, ET Runaway Bay; Chantel Gallagher, ET Erina and Katie Hemann from FC Whitfords.

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NZ wellness centre

ARO Ha, a self-sufficient, luxury health retreat is set to open near Queenstown, offering all-inclusive 'wellness adventure' programs.

Claimed to evolve the model of a detox spa retreat, the centre combines multiple aspects of wellness into one experience at a purpose-built site utilising off-grid power, Passive Haus building techniques, and New Zealand's first renewable distributed heating scheme.

Activities include vinyasa yoga, sub-alpine hiking, meditation and therapeutic massage.

Overlooking Lake Wakatipu, Aro Ha opens 12 Jan 2014.

See www.aro-ha.com/media.

CC MasterChef cruise

FOLLOWING the success of this year's cooking cruise, Julie Goodwin (past winner of *MasterChef* and resident cook on Channel Nine's *Today* show) is returning for her second Murray River Cooking Cruise.

For the first time, Goodwin will host a dinner for pax, serving a three-course menu prepared in the paddlewheeler's kitchen.

Departing from Mannum on 10 Mar 2014 onboard Captain Cook Cruises' *PS Murray Princess*, the four-night trip also includes three onboard cooking demonstrations, wine-tastings at local vineyards, as well as day trips, priced from \$1,079ppts - captaincook.com.au.

OTG 2-for-1 India push

ON THE Go Tours is reminding agents there are a few days left to take advantage of its 2-for-1 deal on all India Group tours this year, when booked before 30 Sep.

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Party time on Norfolk Island



NORFOLK Island put on some of its most gloriously beautiful days earlier this month for a visit from the team from Out & About Travel and Gay Globe.

Both teams headed to the island to take in the "There's More to Norfolk Island" mantra the island lives and promotes itself by, and all accounts said they left happy.

Among the activities the group enjoyed included wine tasting, cooking classes and a high tea as well as an exotic and colourful dance performance from a troupe of Baunti Dancers.

Pictured above soaking up the sun on one of the island's many

beaches, from left is Stephen Rowe, Mario Paez, Sue Bohme, Reece Farmilo and Kathy Kotzias.

JQ launch PER/LOP

JETSTAR yesterday inaugurated the first nonstop services from Australia to Lombok, adding the tourist hub as its 5th Indonesian destination from Perth.

The service will be operated by Airbus A320 aircraft on Tue, Thu, Fri and Sun.

Perth Airport's Fiona Lander said the "exciting direct travel opportunity" was a result of a collaborative effort with Jetstar.

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