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CCS approves SQ/NZ pact

THE proposed alliance between Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines has overcome its first hurdle after being given the nod by the Competition Commission of Singapore late last week.

Under the planned tie-up, Air New Zealand & Singapore Airlines will work together on revenue sharing as well as pricing, capacity & scheduling coordination on flights between New Zealand and Singapore, and beyond points.

The CCS said the SQ/Air NZ Proposed Strategic Alliance "could raise competition concerns but these would be offset by net economic benefits to Singapore."

Its verdict determined the pact would not infringe on Singapore's Competition Act.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news & photos, including a photo page for **AOT** plus full pages from:

- AA Appointments jobs
- inPlace Recruitment jobs
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- Renault Eurodrive

CCS's assessment took into account third party feedback from the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, the Ministry of Transport & Changi Airport Group.

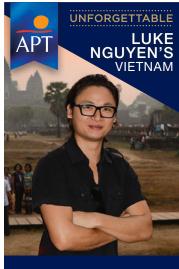
Air New Zealand this morning welcomed the Competition Commission of Singapore's decision, adding the alliance still required a green light from the New Zealand Ministry of Transport in order to proceed.

QF to reuse domestic open wine bottles

QANTAS cabin crew have been advised of new procedures which will see open wine bottles which have not been fully used during a domestic Business class flight stowed for reuse and offered to passengers on the next sector.

At present, any bottles opened are discarded at the end of each sector, with the change aiming to reduce waste and save costs.

Crew are encouraged to offer already open bottles to pax, and any partly used bottles will now be discarded at the end of the final flight of the day.



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HLO GST claim update

HELLOWORLD Limited has confirmed it will lodge an application for special leave to appeal to the High Court of Australia regarding the adverse ruling it received on its ATS Pacific GST case (TD 27 Mar).

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Flight Centre ACCC appeal

FLIGHT Centre has confirmed details of its appeal against the Federal Court judgement which last month saw the company fined \$11 million over price fixing claims (*TD* breaking news Thu).

The appeal will see FC contend that "the penalties are manifestly excessive" compared to fines handed down in other cases, while the judgement itself also contains "errors and inappropriate extensions of the law," the company said.

The court divided airfares into two components - the flight itself and a "distribution and booking services" component, ruling that Flight Centre was an agent for airlines in relation to the air travel service, but competed with the carriers for distribution services.

"When the ACCC initiated legal action in 2012, we considered the case ironic given that FLT pioneered airfare discounting in Australia," said Flight Centre md Graham Turner.

"We also expressed surprise, based on our view that the case related to legitimate discussions between FLT and some airlines to ensure it had access to all fares that were released to the market.

"Having access to all fares is important because it ensures our customers are not disadvantaged," Turner said.

He said this also benefits travellers in general, because given that travel agents book around 80% of international flights in Australia, it means that special offers are available from more than one source.

"Our right to seek access to fares is acknowledged in the undertaking accepted by the Court which states that 'nothing in the undertaking prevents Flight Centre from merely requesting that an international airline make an airfare available to it either through a Global Distribution System or otherwise'," the company said in a statement.

Turner said he expected the appeal to be heard late in 2014, and in the meantime the company would continue to abide fully with the Federal Court's decision.

\$38 million cargo deal

QANTAS, Singapore Airlines, British Airways, Lufthansa and Cathay Pacific will jointly pay \$38 million to settle a long-running cargo cartel class action.

Action in the case has been discontinued against Air NZ, which won't participate in the payout (*TD* breaking news Thu).

Including expenses incurred in pursuing the case, law firm Maurice Blackburn will take about half of the payment with \$13m in fees and \$6m in costs.

Air NZ has also made application for its legal fees, amounting to almost \$3 million, to be paid as part of the settlement.

Souris departure

NSW Tourism and Major Events Minister George Souris is one of a number of Ministers to be axed under a cabinet shake-up by new Premier Mike Baird.

Souris took over the Hospitality portfolio three years ago.















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Domestic carriage up in 2014

OVER 60 million passengers flew on domestic commercial services in Australia in 2013, an increase of 2.4% on the preceding 12 months, new govt data shows.

The Domestic Aviation Activity report for 2013, released by the

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Dept of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics last Thu, reveals that industry-wide load factors fell one percentage point last year to 76.5% as a result of capacity growth outstripping passenger traffic.

Seat utilisation decreased on 42 of the 58 revenue passenger kilometre routes.

The Melbourne-Sydney route dominated point-to-point services between Jan-Dec 2013, with 8.24 million pax flying the route - close to double that of the Brisbane-Sydney route at 4.3 million.

Brisbane-Melbourne followed with 3.18m pax, and then Gold Coast-Sydney with 2.44m.

The Launceston-Sydney route showed the highest percentage increase in traffic, rising 22.4% compared to the year prior.

SQ capacity decrease

SINGAPORE Airlines is set to reduce its A380 services to both Sydney and Melbourne, with GDS displays confirming the phased change starting next month.

SQ currently operates two of its four Sydney-Singapore flights using an A380, and this will reduce to one daily from 30 May, with the other three services utilising 777 aircraft.

Singapore Airlines will also cease operating superjumbo services to Melbourne from 26 Oct, with its four daily MEL-SIN flights to utilise a mixture of 777 and A330 aircraft.

Etihad senior recruits

ETIHAD has appointed Air Canada's senior director of flight operations, Rick Allen, as Senior Vice President Flight Operations, as part of the "progressive realignment" of EY to the new Etihad Aviation Group structure (TD 04 Mar).

Other senior appointments announced overnight include the promotion of **Chris Youlten** to Senior Vice President Airport and Network Operations; **Andrew Ward** as Senior Vice President Marketing; and **Fiona Morrisson** as Vice President Guest Experience for the new Midfield Terminal which will be Etihad's new hub from Jul 2017.

Calum Laming, currently
General Manager Customer
Experience for Air New Zealand,
will return to Etihad as Vice
President Guest Experience.

Etihad is continuing to recruit for key roles in its new structure, including the Chief Operating Officer position.

Sentosa Bali spiced up

MANTRA Group has formally opened the doors to its first Peppers-brand resort in Bali with the rebranded Peppers Sentosa Seminyak now welcoming guests.

The property offers 49 villas of between three & five bedrooms, each with private pools.

Peppers plans to develop new one and two-bedroom villas as well as renovate all existing rooms to the current company standard, the Aussie firm said.



Window Seat

AUSSIE Hollywood star Hugh Jackman has sent a shout-out to Ski Dubai, praising the indoor skiing facility as a special crosspromotion for his new film.

Ski Dubai sits inside the Mall of the Emirates, which has signed a promotional partnership with 20th Century Fox ahead of the film's upcoming cinema release.

"Hi, Ski Dubai. I wish I was with you in the slopes in Dubai," Jackman said, adding "Never thought I would say 'skiing in Dubai'; that city, you can do anything."

CLICK HERE to view the video.

NOTHING like a classic dumb criminal story.

A drug smuggler attempting to bring £200,000 worth of opium into the UK has been caught and will be jailed for six years after his bag containing the loot went missing, with the man reporting the lost bag to the airline.

The man was travelling from Iran and had hidden the opium inside tubes of hair cream, but when the bag went missing during a stop in Dubai, he filled out the standard lost bag forms.

Sniffer dogs detected the haul in the suitcase, which was also clearly labelled with his name, with border police arresting the man when he turned up, passport and claim ticket in hand, to collect the bag.







Qantas finds its voice

QANTAS has signed a deal to be a major sponsor and the official travel partner of popular Channel 9 singing reality show *The Voice*.

It is the first time Qantas has signed to be the major sponsor of a music talent TV show.

The deal will see the flag carrier provide flights for contestants and their family & friends as well as celebrity judges Will.I.Am, Ricky Martin, Kylie Minogue and Joel Madden.

Qantas will also feature in TV spots and a top-secret "in-show integration execution."

QF Group executive for brand, marketing and corporate affairs Olivia Wirth said the partnership will provide Qantas the ability "to showcase our latest products, services and retail campaigns."

Amtrak sold via OTA

AMERICAN online travel agency CheapAir.com says it has become the first US web-based travel firm to sell both flights and Amtrak railway reservations at the one site.

CheapAir.com is offering Amtrak services between New York & Boston, New York & Washington DC and Boston & Washington DC, combinable with a vast selection of flight options.

DWC-DXB shuttle

DUBAI Airports will commence a free shuttle transfer between Dubai International Airport (DXB) and Al Maktoum International at Dubai World Central (DWC) from 24 Apr to 20 Jul due to runway works about to begin at DXB.



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About the Role:

Under the leadership of the Director Partnership Programs, the International Partnership Manager is responsible for building and managing commercial business relationships with traditional and non-traditional partners in the key international markets. A key objective of the role is to secure investment in Destination NSW marketing and event related activities as well as co-operative marketing funds invested with tourism and trade partners, designed to gain greater distribution and sales of NSW products, events and experiences. The Manager works closely across a number of internal teams within Destination NSW and with external partners to develop, implement and report on international marketing and promotional activities that deliver visitation to NSW.

How to Apply:

Please submit your application via **Jobs NSW** using job reference number

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Enquiries: Sue Doyle (sue.doyle@dnsw.com.au)

Position Closes: 28 April 2014



Agents parade crazy Easter hats



CREATIVITY was certainly on show late last week at the TravelEdge offices, with Easter Thursday and the anticipation of the long weekend ahead celebrated with the company's annual Easter Hat Parade.

Many of the team put some considerable effort into their 2014 creations, while others went for a post-modern contemporary look and found new uses for office furniture and appliances.

Once all had been viewed and judged, the winners were Chethi Alwis, Lance Batty (who wore a gorilla mask) and Andrew Wilson, each taking home a delicious and sizeable Lindt chocolate Easter Egg to devour later.

Pictured above are some of the more interesting (including a teapot) modelled by Brook Hughes, Stu Milne, Samantha Wagland, Tracy Campbell and Sandra Kuhn.



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EXPLORING the rapidly growing range of luxury hotels and resorts was just one of many highlights of a recent incentive trip to Oman enjoyed by these Aussie agents from the Concorde Travel Group.

Hosted by Oman Tourism and Qatar Airways, the group basked in the QR onboard experience during their flights via Doha.

Over a week, the group had the chance to see some of Oman's most luxurious properties including the five-star Al Husn complex within the Shangri-La Barr al Jissah Resort and Spa.

Another was the real-life palace

of the Al Bustan Palace by Ritz-Carlton, created to accommodate the GCC kings and sheiks during a high-level visit in the 1990s.

The group were also given a private tour of the yet-to-open Alila Jabal Akhdar Spa & Resort, nestled on top of the Hajjar Mountain Ranges, which will offer a decadant range of treatments and holistic wellness experiences upon its opening from 05 May.

The group are **pictured** above wandering amid castles and forts, with other adventures enjoyed on the trip included a day sailing on the glorious Arabian Sea.

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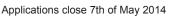
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Gallipoli by Trafalgar

TRAFALGAR says it has been flooded with enquiries on its 2015 trips to Anzac Cove and the Gallipoli Peninsula for pax looking to take in the Centenary event.

Bookings are open for two trips - a nine-day Highlights of Turkey with Anzac Day and a 15-day Best of Turkey with Anzac Day holiday, priced at \$1,799ppts and \$2,625ppts respectively.

Some aspects of the itinerary will be different depending on whether travellers were successful or unsuccessful in the recently-drawn official Federal Government Dawn Service ballot.

Successful applicants will take part in a special remembrance dinner at Canakkale prior to the Dawn Service, while others will visit Gallipoli earlier in the tour.

New Year in Tuscany

ALBATROSS Tours has launched a new tour in Italy designed for travellers looking to spend New Year's Eve in the Italian town.

Entitled "New Year in Tuscany", the seven-day adventure travels from Milan to Rome and includes three nights in the Tuscan town of Lucca, from where pax will ring in the change from 2014 to 2015.

Departing 28 Dec, the itinerary is priced from \$2,689ppts - phone 1300 135 015 for more details.

AirAsia X adding Xian

XIAN will join AirAsia X's network of destinations in China from 02 Jul, with the no-frills carrier launching new four weekly services from Kuala Lumpur.

AirAsia X already flies to Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou & Chengdu.



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TI Small Group reward

TRAVEL agents depositing Small Group Journeys in Apr & May for departures up to 31 Oct 2014 will earn a \$50 Coles Myer gift card in a new Travel Indochina incentive.

Small Group Journeys for Laos, Vietnam & Cambodia are eligible for the incentive, with registered agents in the company's "8 for 1" promotion (*TD* 20 Jan) also eligible for double points during the validity period.

Oman to lead MEA

TOURISM growth in the Middle East is expected to be led from the front by Oman, starting this year, according to a report by the World Travel and Tourism Council.

The WTTC's annual Travel and Tourism Economic Impact study for 2014 showed that tourism contributed 3% of the country's overall GDP last year, which will rise to 10.2% this year.

In monetary terms, tourism will make up RO1.08 billion (AU\$3b) to Oman by the end of the year.

Oman is proving increasingly popular with the Australian market, with visitor numbers to the country in 2013 up 33% year-on-year compared to 2012.

SA Expert program

SOUTH Australian Tourism Commission has launched its new online training program, inviting travel agents to become experts in selling holidays to the state.

Completion of the modules at a score of 90% or higher will qualify agents as an SA Expert and rewarded with a certificate and some special SA gifts - more info at www.trade.southaustralia.com.

Further, the SATC has launched its new trade website, featuring a range of suggested itineraries and new product available for sale through preferred wholesalers.

South African bargain

BENCH International has slashed the price of a 14-day selfdrive package along South Africa's Route 62 by \$2,000 per couple, for travel between 01 May-31 Jul.

The itinerary commences in Cape Town & travels Stellenbosch, Oudtshoom, Plettenberg Bay and Amakhala Game Reserve before culminating in Port Elizabeth.

Accom includes Kensington Place, Hog Hollow County Lodge and Bukela Lodge.

It is now priced at \$2,250ppts, including daily brekkie & car hire.

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AFTA UPDATE

The latest updates from AFTA's Chief Executive, Jayson Westbury

A VERY happy Easter to everyone and I hope that the long weekend provided a chance for many in the travel industry to re-charge.

The weekend also reaffirmed the Australian love affair with the Royal Family, with the TV showing us Prince William, Princess Kate and Prince George from every angle possible.

No doubt the tourism industry has plenty to celebrate as the most amazing images of Australia from the Sydney Zoo to Uluru have been sent all over the world. Another great reminder for all those loyal royal followers that Australia is the most beautiful country in the Kingdom.

On the political front last week and the weekend brought about some extraordinary events in NSW. First, Premier Barry O'Farrell resigned over a bottle of 1959 Grange. I guess if you are going to resign over a bottle of wine, that would be the one to choose.

The Premier found himself in conflict with the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) when a note was submitted into evidence which confirmed he had received said bottle of wine as a gift.

The previous day the then Premier had denied receiving it. A "Gotcha" moment but it does appear that his decision to resign has been reported as a demonstration of his ultimate integrity - the end of a robust political career. Then within 48 hours, NSW was introduced to their new Premier. Premier Mike Baird, the son of Bruce Baird (known to everyone in the Travel and Tourism industry as the Chairman of the TTF) has become the 44th Premier of NSW.

As I said, all very extraordinary as political games go.

If all this was not enough for the political commentators to have something new to talk about, on Sunday (20th April 2014) NSW mourned the loss of one of its greatest Premiers.

The Hon. Neville Wran, born in 1926, was Premier of NSW for a decade from 1976 and while his nickname was "Nifty" he is remembered for setting Sydney and NSW on a global path and many of the decisions made all those years ago continue to deliver for NSW today.

There will be a state funeral for Premier Wran; he will be remembered by all those in politics from both sides as a man who did some great things for the state of NSW. A most amazing turn of events over the past week and as those of you who know me, so much to talk about in politics.



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Soprano Britain push

VISITBRITAIN has recruited Welsh classical artist Katherine Jenkins as its latest celebrity to promote Britain's countryside and rural areas to overseas visitors.

The mezzo-soprano singer will record a new song and album as part of VisitBritain's 'Countryside is GREAT' promo, set to debut later this year in int'l markets.

She will also endorse the UK's culture and heritage.

"Hosting the Olympics has given us a big image boost around the world and we are now building on this to increase visitor numbers & spend," said VB ceo Sandie Dawe.

Marquis Tower 2

THE second tower of the JW Marriott Marquis Dubai has officially been opened by newly appointed gm Bill Keffer.

Tower 2 will gradually open 804 luxurious suites & rooms during 2014, boosting the total room count at the property to 1,608.

It also features a new two-tier function space which is located on the 72nd floor, providing panoramic views of the Dubai skyline, and a separate lounge - taking the property's tally of restaurants and lounges to 14.

The Emirates Group-owned hotel initially opened in Nov 2012.





CONGRATULATIONS

from Keith Prowse Travel

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Eagle turns to Envoy

AMERICAN Airlines regional affiliate carrier American Eagle has been formally rebranded to its new name of Envoy Air in an effort to differentiate itself from other AA affiliates (TD 15 Jan).

Envoy will still operate flights for the American Airlines Group under the Eagle brand but as the only wholly owned subsidiary.

Eventually, the nine other regional affiliates flying regional services for AA will eventually adopt the American Eagle name.

Accor Broncos rates

MEMBERS of the Brisbane Broncos NRL club are eligible for a 15% discount on rates at seven Accor hotels in the city as part of a new official accommodation partnership between the two.

Supporters rates start from \$135 per room per night during the NRL season for Broncos members.

Kimberley Characters

AUSTRALIA'S North West Tourism has launched its latest "Characters of the Kimberley" marketing campaign, with the latest incarnation focused on three more identities of the area.

The pitch highlights local astronomer, Greg Quicke, MV Great Escape cruise chef Kylie Bartle and stockman Cyril Yeeda, their respective professions and individual passions for the area.

A series of short videos has been created showcasing each of the three and why they want to share the region with visitors.

G sustain Little Qosco

PLANETERRA, the sustainability and non-profit humanitarian arm of tour operator G Adventures, has opened a restaurant in the tiny Peru town of Huchuy Qosco in an effort to boost visitors.

The small eatery will be run by locals, with the town to appear on a variety of South American itineraries travelling through Peru.

G Adventures hopes to increase visitor numbers from 50 annually in past years to more than 15,000 now, providing an important financial lifeline to the community.

HA/CA sign codeshare

HAWAIIAN Airlines has confirmed a new codeshare deal with Air China - as flagged first by Travel Daily (TD 30 Jan)

- following the recent launch of scheduled HA services to Beijing.

HA customers will be able to buy tickets via PEK to Shanghai, Guangzhou and a number of other Chinese cities, while CA pax can fly onwards through Honolulu to Kahului, Lihue, Kona and Hilo on HA and CA flight numbers.

The future of travel

VIRTUAL reality is set to change the way consumers book and prepare for travel, according to a Future of Travel report from flight aggregator Skyscanner.

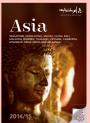
The study found that by the year 2024, travellers will readily use technologies such as Google Glass or smaller to 'try before they buy' experiences, sights & sounds of a destination before booking.

Created in conjunction with The Future Laboratory, the report canvasses opinions of futurologists and tech experts see www.skyscanner2024.com.



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.

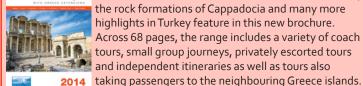


Singapore Airlines Holidays - Asia 2014/15

Now under the management of Wendy Wu Tours, the new-look Singapore Airlines Holidays offer a majorly enhanced Asian product range with package itineraries including airfare with Singapore Airlines. Wendy Wu Tours has injected its vast knowledge of North Asia into the program, with a huge range of hotels in China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, India and many more nations. The 132-page guide also offers a comprehensive guide

to Singapore, both as a stopover city & a standalone holiday destination.

Turkev



Greece & Mediterranean Travel Centre - Turkey 2014 Natural wonders from the lime cascades of Pamukkale. the rock formations of Cappadocia and many more highlights in Turkey feature in this new brochure. Across 68 pages, the range includes a variety of coach tours, small group journeys, privately escorted tours and independent itineraries as well as tours also

Customers can also design their own itineraries with a wide range of hotels, transfers, earlybird deals and group discounts.

Marketing Assistant

Pinpoint Travel Group is one of Australia's leading independent wholesalers. We provide travel services through our brands Freestyle Holidays, Rosie Holidays and United Vacations. An exciting opportunity awaits an organised, customer focused Marketing Assistant, reporting to the Marketing Manager (Wholesale), responsibilities include:

- · Assist Marketing Manager and team with the implementation of marketing activities.
- · Source offers and produce marketing material, including briefing creative work and copywriting.
- Measure and analyse marketing campaign results and compile campaign reports.
- Building relationships with clients, suppliers and internal
- Supporting a busy marketing team, including invoicing and general administration.

To be successful in this role, ideally you will have the following attributes and experience:

- Tertiary degree qualifications with a marketing or tourism major.
- 1-2 years' previous experience in a marketing role.
- Experience in, and understanding of the travel industry and travel systems.
- Strong copywriting skills and a high level of computer
- Be able to manage priorities and work well in a fast paced environment.

To apply, please email your resume and a cover letter to alicia.hambly@au.pinpoint.biz. Applications close 4pm Monday 28 April 2014. No agencies please.



AOT 2014 famil a mega success

THE 2014 AOT Group Mega Famil recently concluded after an amazing 12 day once-in-a-lifetime adventure in Australia for 70 participants from around the globe representing countries including Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the USA.

Melbourne (pictured right) for the final section of the trip.

Module 1 explored the West Coast of Australia, South Australia and Victoria while module 2 visited Tropical North Queensland, the Red Centre and Victoria.

This fantastic event would have not been possible without the generous support of AOT's accommodation and touring partners, the State Tourism Organisations and Tourism Australia.

The AOT Group would like to thank all of the Sponsors and Supplier Partners who made the Mega Famil 2014 the terrific success it was!

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RIGHT: One of the groups exploring Victoria's Great Ocean Road.

BELOW: This group clearly enjoyed some of the local product in WA's Margaret River region.



RIGHT: Tropical North Queensland put on a beautiful day for the Mega Famil.



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First with the news

Tuesday 22nd Apr 2014

ABOVE: Mega famil participants enjoying the stunning blue waters of Ningaloo Reef, WA.



BELOW: Some of the AOT Mega Famil participants travelled to spectacular King's Canyon in the NT.





ABOVE: Hands up if you're having a good time on the AOT Mega Famil!

This group clearly enjoyed visiting Uluru during their trip.









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CONGRATULATIONS

Jessie Sharpe

from Qantas

Jessie is the top point scorer for Round 10 of Travel Daily's Super 15 Rugby industry footy tipping competition, and has won a travel adapter, courtesy of **Emirates**.

Major Prize:

Two return Economy Class airfares to Dubai with **Emirates**

GDS upgrade LH sites

AMADEUS has carried out a full transformation of Lufthansa's online shopping and booking websites using a suite of its e-commerce solutions.

The new website offers a more streamlined booking experience for travellers with better navigation and transaction flow capability across both web-based and tablet optimised platforms.

InterCon reopening

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group today announced the reopening of the 424-room and 92-suite Grand InterContinental Seoul Parnas in South Korea after a 10-month refurbishment.

Ascend additions

CHOICE Hotels Australasia has added two new properties to its Ascend Hotel Collection group.

Paradiso Resort and Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort & Spa, located in Kingscliff, NSW and the Yarra Valley, Vic respectively are the newest members, taking the group size now to five properties.

"Growing the Ascend Hotel Collection is a priority for Choice Hotels in 2014," Choice Hotels Australasia ceo Trent Fraser said.

"We have an aggressive expansion strategy in place which is targeting a further five hotels in 2014 and we are firmly on track to meet this number."

Ascend properties differ from other Choice Hotel brands (Econo Lodge, Comfort, Quality and Clarion) as each property retains its individual name, but gains access to CHA's distribution channels, reservations, global network and more.

The main Choice Hotels group is also actively looking to expand into Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne, Fraser added.

AAX fly-thru to CMB

AIRASIA X has added Singapore & Bangkok to the destinations on its 'Fly Thru' network operating from Colombo, enabling pax to book connecting flights under the one itinerary and have their bags tagged and transferred to their final destination.

Niue dining shuttle

BURGEONING Pacific Island nation Niue has launched a restaurant shuttle service for the purpose of promoting restaurants outside of hotel precincts, with service beginning this weekend.

The Niue Restaurant Shuttle will operate on Sun, Mon, Wed & Sat each week, priced at \$5pp for a return trip, with seat reservations made through the Matavai Resort.

For more information on the service, email Precise Travel Marketing on niue@ptm.net.au.

Singapore sightseeing

INTREPID Travel has introduced a new 3.5hr Urban Adventure in Singapore, designed for travellers wanting to learn more about Singapore's culture and history.

The guided tour departs Chinatown MRT Station at 2pm daily and explores Singapore's largest hawker complex where participants get to sample some of the local fare.

The trip is priced at approx \$55.

#EtihadSuggests tips

A NEW social media initiative by Etihad Airways is aiming to assist travellers with holiday queries on Facebook or Twitter.

The carrier says it will reply to requests featuring the hashtag of #EtihadSuggests within 10mins.

Early safari payment

SAVINGS of 10% are available on a 24-day African journey from Nairobi to Livingstone with Topdeck if paid in full six months in advance.

Departures are available until Dec 2015, priced in full from \$3,112 per person inclusive of local payment - ph 1300 886 332.

Sabre sets IPO price

SHARES in travel technology giant Sabre launched on the Nasdaq Global Select Market late last week at an initial opening price of US\$16 per share.

More than 39 million shares were released, trading under the symbol of "SABR" and raising between US\$588m and \$677m, which will be used to repay debt.



To coincide with the launch of PNG Tourism's new Kokoda campaign and website 'Do Kokoda', this month PNG Tourism, Air Niugini & Back Track Adventures are giving you and a friend the chance to trek Kokoda during the 100th year anniversary of the ANZAC.

Thousands of people walk in the footsteps of heroes on Kokoda each year through the jungles of the Owen Stanley Ranges in Papua New Guinea, our closest neighbours and allies.

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- Back Track Kokoda trek package for two including flights.
- 2 x return economy flights between Australia and Port Moresby with Air Niugini.
- 10 night/11day package 2 nights accommodation at Holiday Inn
 Port Moresby and 8 nights at Kokoda Track camping
- Total Prize Value: \$11,000

Each day *Travel Daily* will ask a PNG-related question – just read the issue and email us your answer. There will be 19 questions in total. At the end of the month the subscriber with the most correct entries and the most creative response to the final question will win this incredible experience.

Email your answers to: kokodacomp@traveldaily.com.au

Click here for terms & conditions of the competition.

Q.14: The majority of Back Track Adventures Kokoda treks travel in which direction?









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