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QR A380 LHR launch

QATAR Airways will commence Airbus A380 services between the new Hamad International Airport in Doha and London Heathrow from 17 Jun.

The **oneworld** carrier's first of 13 superjumbos will take over operations on QR003 & QR004.

Hamad Int'l Airport is expected to open for operation tomorrow, initially with ten low-cost carriers, then followed by other airlines including QR, from 27 May.

Excite Hols going global

SYDNEY-BASED online wholesaler Excite Holidays is stepping onto the world stage with the formal launch of a new "ExciteConnect" product at Arabian Travel Market in Dubai next week.

The company, which currently offers a wide range of land content to Australian and New Zealand travel agents, has created ExciteConnect as a new "Web

Services" channel for global travel companies, allowing live connections to search and book Excite's product range.

ExciteConnect combines direct accom contracts - many in Australia, NZ and the South Pacific - with "filtration of content from worldwide sources" to offer competitive rates for 250,000 hotels and apartments, 5,500 activities plus transfer options.

Excite ceo George Papaioannou said the product had been developed with the ability to offer multi-currency and multi-language features, allowing its clients to "harness a worldwide consumer base".

Barcelona hotel deal

THE Hotel Connection is today promoting a special package available to Australian travellers at the upmarket Hotel Neri in Barcelona, Spain.

Prices start at €785 for two nights incl a private transfer and a tasting menu for two at Neri Restaurant - see the **last page**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news & photos, plus full pages from:

- AA Appointments jobs
- inPlace Recruitment jobs
- Hotel Connection

Free Panda tickets!

HELEN Wong's Tours is offering free family passes for its special screening of the movie *Sneezing Baby Panda* which will take place in Sydney on Sun 18 May.

The China specialist has booked out part of Event Cinemas in George Street for the 10.30am screening which will also include free popcorn for all!

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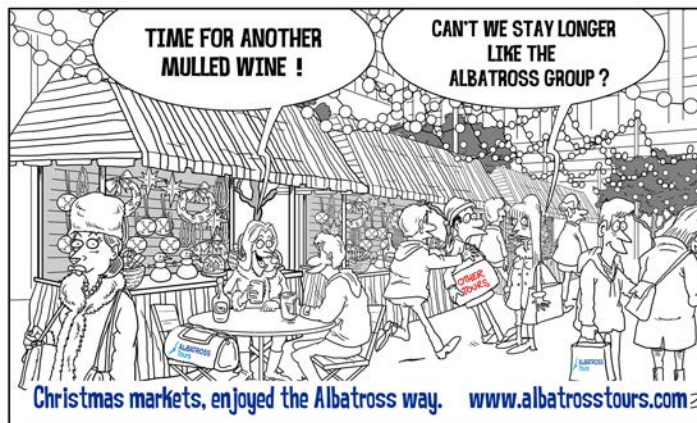
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Exhibition update

MORE than sixty exhibitors and sponsors have already confirmed their participation in the Travel Industry Exhibition, which will take place in Sydney in the lead-up to this year's National Travel Industry Awards.

As well as supplier updates and networking opportunities, the exhibition will feature educational seminars, with opportunities to participate still available by emailing pprakash@etf.com.au.

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Scenic "oversight"

SCENIC Tours says that not inviting consumers to contact their travel agent as a call to action on some of its current TV advertisements was "actually just an oversight" on one of the versions of the ads.

The TVC has been running in high rotation during prime time, and the company said it produced five versions of the same ad, with the omission of agent details unfortunately being on the one that aired.

"This has been rectified and since Friday all versions of the TVC now include agent details as they always previously have," a spokesperson told **TD** yesterday.

However during the Channel 7 news in Sydney last night, the advertisement which urges customers to "Call Scenic Tours or visit www.scenic.com.au," was still being broadcast.

Travelport renews VS

VIRGIN Atlantic has renewed its full content agreement with Travelport, providing access to the airline's "best inventory and fares" to travel agents using the Travelport GDS worldwide.

ATAS education needed

AN INDUSTRY poll has revealed a mixture of concern and apathy in relation to the upcoming changes in travel industry regulation, reflecting "confusion on the AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme (ATAS) versus consumer protection," according to the report's author Simon Bernardi.

Despite ongoing high levels of media coverage about the issue, the Australian Travel Industry Barometer survey conducted over the last two weeks attracted 80 anonymous responses, with the largest segment from agents not currently aligned to the major franchise groups.

Of the respondents, 32% said they were unaligned, while 26% were part of Helloworld, 16% from Travel Partners and 8% from the Independent Travel Group.

A recurring theme was lack of information about the potential costs of insurance options such as supplier insolvency, airline failure and participant insolvency so close to the launch of the scheme.

There was support for making agent insolvency insurance mandatory (67%) - but conversely,

almost a quarter of respondents said they would not take out any of the insurance options.

Almost half of those polled (45%) said they intended to join ATAS, while 48% were unsure and just 7% indicated they would not be signing up.

80% of respondents agreed that a national accreditation scheme is important, and almost half (48%) said suppliers should not support agents who don't have insolvency insurance.

30% of agents surveyed said the new scheme would be better for their business; 29% said it would be worse and 41% were unsure.

Just over half (55%) of respondents said they needed more info on the changes, with some professing total ignorance.

However the new AFTA website (**TD** yesterday) features an extensive section on ATAS incl the features of the scheme and frequently asked questions.

AFTA will host a series of ATAS workshops in Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and online starting from Thu 15 May - to register **CLICK HERE**.

Skimax agent night

SKIMAX Holidays is inviting Sydney-based travel agents to a special Ski Expo evening at the Grace Hotel on Wed 21 May.

A number of key snowsports suppliers from Canada, the USA and even Korea will be in attendance, providing a perfect opportunity to learn more about selling ski to clients.

Resorts attending include Whistler Blackcomb, Big White, Silver Star, Banff & Lake Louise, Sun Peaks, Aspen Snowmass, Vail Resorts, Telluride, Mammoth Mountain, Crested Butte, Copper Mountain, Steamboat, Jackson Hole, Park City, Big Sky and Yong Pyong in Korea.

RSVPs essential to Jenny Coros via email jcoros@skimax.com.au.

Quest Toowoomba

QUEST Serviced Apartments has broken ground on its newest development in Queensland.

When it opens in Jun next year, Quest Toowoomba will feature a mix of 40 studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments.

Quest said Toowoomba is a major commercial centre with strong growth potential.

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Vale Mac McDonald

QUEENSLAND travel industry stalwart and the founder/owner of MACSUE Travel Marketing Mac McDonald passed away peacefully at his Sunshine Coast home on Wed last week.

Over a career spanning multiple decades, McDonald also worked for many years at Peregrine Expeditions as national sales manager and trek leader.

A memorial service will be held at the chapel of Gregson & Weight Funeral Directors, 202 Noosa-Eumundi Road, Noosaville, Qld at 2pm on 02 May, followed by a celebration of McDonald's life.

Malaysia prod update

AGENTS in regional Victoria and Tas have the opportunity to win one of ten places on a famil to Penang and KUL by attending an upcoming product update session or logging in for a virtual update.

Sessions will be run by Malaysia Airlines, Tourism Malaysia and Shangri-La Hotels - **CLICK HERE**.

Insight mulls cruise combos

INSIGHT Vacations president & chief exec John Boulding remains unperturbed by the continued ascension of river cruising across Europe, saying growth is proving beneficial for touring companies.

Last year, Boulding said a large percentage of travellers to Europe were booking river cruises "in tandem" with land touring, but suggested cruise lines lacked the volume to compete (**TD** 06 Sep).

Since then, there has been multiple river cruise lines add or announce new vessels, including Viking (with 12 ships), Avalon, APT/AmaWaterways, Scenic Tours & newcomer Emerald Waterways.

Speaking with **Travel Daily** this week while in Sydney, Boulding said that river cruises provide opportunities for agents to link water and land based journeys.

"We have a lot of itineraries that tie-in with commonly used cruise ports across Europe - the product lends itself to cruising," Boulding commented.

"The travel agency fraternity in Australia understands the linking and are very good at pairing up tours with cruises - they are very complementary products."

Cashing in on the combination market growth, Insight Vacations has teamed with fellow The Travel Corporation company Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection to offer a one-off 16-day package through France in Oct 2015.

The land/cruise package proved such a success, Insight is currently evaluating whether to expand the

offering further in 2015.

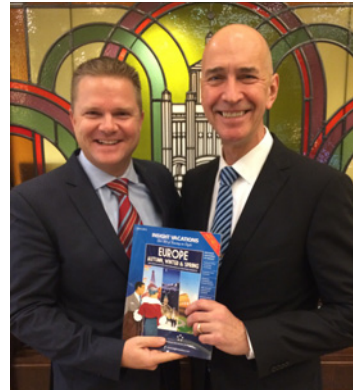
ELSEWHERE, Boulding said sales from the Australian market for North America in summer are tracking ahead of schedule.

He told **Travel Daily** the USA is "doing really well, and that's based on last year being our strongest year ever."

Boulding said Insight's diverse product offering from coast to coast was leading the booking bonanza, with itineraries in the South proving very popular.

Insight's USA & Canada brochure will be rolled out in early Jun.

Boulding is **pictured** (right) with Insight Vacations managing director Joost Timmer.



Boulding on Egypt

JOHN Boulding says Insight Vacations is eager to relaunch its Egypt program in the future, but will hold its ground in the short-term due to operational and insurance "issues."

The Australian market formerly represented around one-third of Insight's business to Egypt.



Window Seat

SPANISH party island Ibiza will next month open what is being labelled as "the world's most expensive restaurant".

Housed inside the soon-to-open Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza, the exclusive outlet Sublimotion will cater to a maximum of only 12 people per night, each paying £1,235 for the experience.

Spain's most famous chef Paco Roncero has been hired to front the restaurant, designing and creating a 20-course degustation to justify the price.

According to the Hard Rock's website, the experience is described as "a unique space where culinary art and technological innovation come together to create a complete and unprecedented emotional experience".

HOW high is too high?

An Ohio woman is suing the Crowne Plaza Syracuse in New York for US\$1 million after falling off one of their bar stools and claiming it as "too high".

While staying at the property in 2011, the woman claims she suffered multiple wrist fractures after falling off the "wooden, high-back bar stool".

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Accor Govt training push

ACCOR chief operating officer Asia-Pacific Simon McGrath has called on governments at state and federal level to invest in hotel and hospitality training programs to stimulate employment growth.

McGrath's push was in response to forecast slowdowns in mining, agriculture and manufacturing sectors in the next five years.

Overall jobs growth in the hotel and food service sector is tipped to grow at 7.1% per year, adding more than 55,000 new positions by Nov 2018, according to a newly released Federal Department of Employment report.

Conversely, mining jobs were forecast to contract by more than 40% in the same time period.

McGrath said that if employment opportunities are to be realised, investment from Govt is needed.

"The hospitality sector needs a regular flow of qualified employees who are able to work in cities, and regional

and remote areas, and there is considerable scope to advance the training sector to meet these requirements.

"There is significant new hotel and tourism infrastructure being developed, but no corresponding increase in training resources. It is not just about numbers, it is also about quality of service in what is an increasingly competitive environment," McGrath added.

No winter for Wotif

ONLINE travel firm Wotif.com has partnered with Gold Coast Tourism to launch a two-week promotional campaign pushing the south-east Qld destination.

Dubbed "100% Fun, 0% Winter", the pitch aims to showcase the Gold Coast as an ideal holiday spot even in the cooler months.

Packages inclusive of flights and accom have been developed for the promo, running until 11 May.

Clients heading to Gallipoli in 2015 and have a ticket in the ballot?

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Record AA Grp result

AMERICAN Airlines Group has reported its 2014 first quarter financial results as a newly-merged entity with US Airways, with a US\$777m turnaround back to profit on Q1 last year.

Net profit for the quarter was US\$480 million, a significant reversal in fortune from the \$297m loss posted for Q1 in 2013 as the former AMR Corporation.

"We are very pleased to report a record profit in our first full quarter as a merged company," American Airlines group ceo Doug Parker said.

From the launch of the merged entity on 09 Dec, AA Group has launched the world's largest codeshare pact by destinations served, enabled reciprocal earn & burn capability for the carriers' frequent-flyer programs, brought US Airways into the oneworld alliance and the trans-Atlantic joint venture with BA, IB and AY, and linked operations at over 58 airports including hubs.

Warwick Dubai debut

THE 357-room Warwick Hotel Dubai has opened, marking the debut of Warwick International Hotels into the emirate.

Located on Sheikh Zayed Rd, the hotel is within walking distance of Dubai's Financial Centre.

The property features four food & beverage outlets, an Executive Lounge and rooftop Pool Bar.

MEANWHILE, Hotel Paseo Del Arte in Madrid, Spain has been added to Warwick International Hotels portfolio.

It is positioned in Madrid's Art Triangle and features 260 rooms.

JAL Italy charter flts

JAPAN Airlines is introducing new charter services between Tokyo Haneda and Italy for the European summer period.

Nine 787-8 *Dreamliner* services will operate to Milan and eight to Rome between Jul and Sep.

Sales and reservations for the flights will open on 01 May.



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GALTA/Out Now pact

GAY and Lesbian Tourism Australia (GALTA) has formed an alliance with global LGBT tourism network Out Now Business Class (ONBC) to help boost education in the sector among its members.

A complimentary 12 month membership to GALTA members is now available, offering access to unlimited online staff training on the OutNow.travel certification program.

Applicants signing up to the training will become certified members of OutNow.travel, recognising them as preferred agents for the LGBT market.

Members of ONBC are also able to contact key decision makers in the development of LGBT markets.

According to the latest OutNow Global LGBT 2020 Study, the global annual tourism spend by LGBT travellers was US\$202b, with \$6b by Australian travellers.

STA sees USA surging

NEW York City has taken top spot as the most desirable USA destination for Australians, the annual STA Travel survey showed.

The poll from the retail firm found the number of people heading over the Pacific to the US increased 17.5% year-on-year in 2013, with a huge 57% rise in trips of more than a month also noted.

SYD runway lighting

SYDNEY Airport has completed installation of new high-intensity and strobe lights on the north-south runway, meaning the strip can be used by more aircraft in conditions of low visibility and fog.

Chief executive officer Kerrie Mather said the upgrades at both ends of the runway will lead to improved safety outcomes, fewer delays and diversions to other cities due to adverse weather.

Strip to get a Park

MGM Resorts Int'l has revealed details for an outdoor park in Las Vegas, linking New York-New York and Monte Carlo resorts.

Dubbed 'The Park', the zone will act as a park, entertainment & dining district (below) and leads to the new 20,000 Las Vegas arena that is under construction.



AI to Rome/Milan

AIR India has loaded a new triangular service between Delhi, Rome and Milan Malpensa into travel agent GDSs.

The 787 service will operate four times weekly to Rome as the first leg, and thrice weekly non-stop to Milan on other days.

NT intrastate mission

TOURISM NT has embarked on its first ever industry roadshow through the Northern Territory to engage with tourism operators & businesses to present the govt's marketing plans and results from past brand campaigns.

The 10-day tour will visit Darwin, Litchfield, Katherine, Alice Springs, Kakadu, Tennant Creek, Kings Canyon, Uluru & other towns.

"We want to hear from operators about what they want and what they believe will help the industry grow," said Tourism Minister Matt Conlan.

Hawaii "challenging"

HAWAII Tourism Authority ceo Mike McCartney has forecast the US autumn period of travel to be "challenging, with increased competition, a strengthening US dollar and increased taxes."

His remarks come as HTA today reported a 5.2% year-on-year drop in overall visitor arrivals for the first quarter of 2014.

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Today's cruise news making headlines in TD Cruise Update:

- Small ship cruise wholesaler Wild Earth Travel and the South Pacific Cruise Alliance have become the newest executive partners of CLIA Australasia.
- Scenic Tours will embark on a huge national tour, conducting information sessions on the firm's 2015 European River Cruise season, new ships and destinations in major cities in regional centres.
- P&O Cruises has further expanded its range of regional Australian ports to be visited next year, adding a new four-night P&OSeaBreak to the Mornington Peninsula, priced from \$549pp quad share ex Sydney on 16 Mar.
- Princess Cruises has conducted five days of sea trials for its brand new *Regal Princess* ocean liner ahead of its debut next month & maiden Mediterranean voyage. For further details, [CLICK HERE](#).

Sometimes it is easy being green



ABOVE: Melbourne CBD agency Outdoor Travel has unveiled a brand new Africa look to its office.

Complete with artificial grass hugging the entire door frame and a striking leopard image, the frontage is designed to draw attention from passers-by and hopefully encourage bookings.

Pictured above at the new look office from left is Rolf Huber, South African Airways; Wayne Hamilton, Swagman Tours and Philip van Dueren, Outdoor Travel.

Free night in Istanbul

BEYOND Travel is offering a free night in Istanbul at the five-star Crowne Plaza Harbiye prior to its 14-day Marvellous Turkey tour in Jul & Aug - phone 1300 363 554.

Egypt tourism centre

EGYPT will spend EGP7.5m (AU\$1.15m) to develop a mini-city tourist precinct in Cairo aimed at restoring the city's appeal to tourism source markets.

To be located near Haram Street and close to the Giza Pyramids, the tourist precinct will offer 280 bazaars, commercial shops, restaurants, cafes and more.

The Egyptian Ministry for Tourism will fund the project, which will be implemented by the Ministry for Antiquities.

Egypt's Ministry of Finance recently reported tourist revenue was down 66% year-on-year for 2013/14 to EGP\$1.9b, largely due to well-documented violence-marred protests & political rallies.

CONGRATULATIONS
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5 Latin Hyatt Places

HYATT Hotels Corporation has struck a deal with LATAM Hotel Corp to debut the Hyatt Place brand in Central America.

The 10 property deal includes five hotels in Mexico plus Hyatt Place Managua in Nicaragua; Hyatt Place Guatemala City in Guatemala; Hyatt Place San Salvador in El Salvador and Hyatt Place San Pedro Sula & Hyatt Place Tegucigalpa in Honduras - all in Central America.

Hyatt has earmarked the new range of Hyatt Place hotels to launch in 2015 and 2016.

6.2m DXB movements

DUBAI Airports has reported a 7.5% year-on-year increase in passengers passing through Dubai International Airport during Mar, with over 6.28 million passengers.

Australasia was the fastest expanding marketing in terms of passenger growth, up 22%, which Dubai Airports says is result of the Emirates/Qantas alliance.

Beam 'Distillery Days'

BOURBON lovers can now take part in a series of 'Distillery Days' at Jim Beam's Heritage Center in Clermont, Kentucky.

Launching on 02 May, Distillery Days will operate on a monthly basis and provide visitors with the opportunity to not only tour the facility but sample products and mingle with the Beam family - see AmericanStillhouse.com for info.

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ON THE Go Tours recently took this group of Flight Centre agents from around the world on an exhilarating overland safari throughout Southern Africa.

The group explored Victoria Falls, South Africa's world famous Kruger National Park & Botswana, including visits to Chobe and the Okavango Delta over 11 days.

Pictured in Chobe from top left are Natasha Maio, FC Belmont; Casey Shone, FC Dandenong; Kimberley Wildeboer, FC Canada; Kerri Ross, FC Canada; Rebecca Egan, FC Gilles Plains; Lyndall Baldwin, FC Wendouree; Gamze Akkaya, FC Parramatta; Lisa Park, FC Weston; Fran Codispoti, OTG bdm WA; Rebecca Lunsted, FC Canada; Sheree Cattach, FC Belridge; Katie Griffiths, SF Live; Ryan Hughes, FC Mt Gravatt Plaza; bottom left: Simon Pacey, FC Canada; Kiah Murphy, FC Warringah; Kim Hodges, FC The Pines; Loni Hardy, FC Canada; Anji Johnson, FC Toowoomba Plaza; Shelley Franks; FC Tweed City; Alex Payne, ET Glenelg; Sarah

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Cebu flags AKL route

FILIPINO low-cost carrier Cebu Pacific has confirmed it plans to launch new direct services to Auckland from next year.

The airline is seeking approval from aviation regulators in the Philippines to operate daily flights to Auckland, *Fairfax NZ* reports.

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TOSP Tassie sessions

TREASURES of the South Pacific are holding agent seminars in Hobart and Launceston on 13 & 14 May, with nine Pacific Island tourist bureaus participating - more info at www.tosp.com.au.

While in the province, the group visited Jasper and Banff National Parks and participated in an array of winter activities, such as snowshoeing, dogsledding, winter wildlife tours and sleigh rides, topped off by unique and authentic Canadian accom.

Pictured from front, left to right are Matthew Robinson, Jennifer McMullen, Juliann Shields, Kendall Thomson, Keira Fackler, Nicole Ramsay, Gemma Moss, Mitchell Mccutcheon, Tamica Paulger, Keren Macleod and Clinton Northey.

JL/PG expand c'share

FROM 07 May, Japan Airlines and Bangkok Airways will expand their codeshare deal to include a further eight cities in Southeast Asia from Bangkok.

The new destinations include Yangon, Nai Pyi Taw & Mandalay in Myanmar, Phnom Penh and Siem Reap in Cambodia, Luang Prabang & Vientiane in Laos and Chiang Rai in Thailand.

Boomtown launch

SIX Flags Over Texas has opened its brand new child-focused Bugs Bunny Boomtown zone, home to rides for "little thrill seekers."

The interactive play structure includes swings and bouncers.

Swire enters the US

SWIRE Hotels has announced it will open its first hotel in the United States next year.

EAST, Miami at Brickell City Centre in Florida will offer 263 rooms & 89 apartments and will be the group's third EAST hotel.

Tibet motorbike tour

A \$1,200 per person discount is available on Extreme Bike Tours' 14-day Tibet tour which departs Kathmandu on 07 Sep 2014.

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