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New Amadeus visa system

GDS firm Amadeus has today launched a new "hassle free visa management solution" which helps Australian travel agents to easily manage visa and passport requirements for their clients.

The Amadeus Visa Pass suite covers three modules to deal with various phases of the booking process.

Before booking for repeat clients, agents are automatically alerted of visa and passport expiry dates via email and queue messages.

Once a booking has been made, the system automatically checks visa requirements based on traveller nationality and intended destination.

PNRs are updated with the details for easy reference and tracking by the agent - and then the system can assist agents to

"easily create, track and update visa request applications" via a tracking portal, with progress notifications automatically sent to the traveller.

Leon Herce Amadeus Asia Pacific vp distribution commercial said that the system significantly reduces the manual processing required, thus reducing the possibility of errors.

"Amadeus Visa Pass completely changes the way travel agents can handle the visa process on behalf of their customers, which will undoubtedly remove some of the hassle commonly associated with visas in Asia Pacific," he said.

P&O 2015/16 schedule

A RANGE of 250 cruises have been announced by P&O Cruises for its 2015/16 program, with new ports including Honiara, Jakarta and Ko Chang.

Next year's program will also see the introduction of *Pacific Eden* and *Pacific Aria* (ex Holland America Line) joining *Pacific Jewel*, *Pacific Dawn* and *Pacific Pearl*.

See **TD Cruise Update** today for more details on ship deployment.

Santa Monica promo

SANTA Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau is promoting its incentive to win a famil to California during Aug by booking hotels in Santa Monica through wholesalers - details on **page 10**.

Aquis submissions

THE public consultation period for the planned \$8.15 billion Aquis Resort at the Great Barrier Reef ends at close of business today.

Proposed to be built over the next 10 years in two stages, Aquis will be home to 7,500 rooms & suites spread over eight hotel towers, a casino, aquarium, theatres and convention facilities, located at Yorkeys Knob north

Once fully operational, the project is anticipated to attract up to 1,000,000 guests annually, with just under three-quarters of visitors travelling from overseas.

AOT STARS rewarded

THE AOT Group treated its top 75 STARS agents, 20 staff and supplier partners on a 4-day famil to the Whitsundays recently.

See the **back page** for a wrap up & photos from this year's event.

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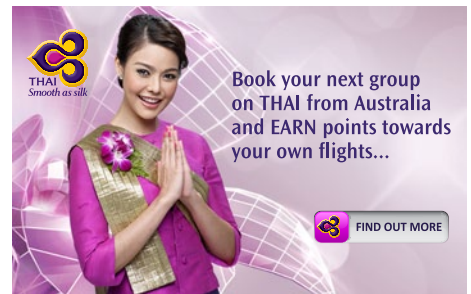
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Travelport local venture

TRAVELPORT has thrown its support behind Melbourne-based travel technology firm Locomote, acquiring a 49% share in the business for an undisclosed sum.

Locomote provides a corporate booking tool and expense management system used by organisations such as ANZ Bank, World Vision, Medibank & others.

The platform already integrates Travelport's Universal Profile,

Universal Record, travel policy engine and its state of the art Universal Application Programming Interface, from which it obtains real time access to Travelport's content including airline products & ancillary costs, car rental and hotel inventory.

The platform has been further developed to enable easy integration of third-party, complementary applications that an individual corporation might want to add to its travel and/or authorisation processes.

Travelport boss Gordon Wilson said the strategic investment in Locomote has "significantly strengthened our offering to both corporates and TMCs from an end-to-end customer experience perspective.

"Locomote has been, and will continue to be, totally focused on what corporations and their corporate travellers want, in order to make the management of their travel an empowered, improved and mobile user experience, leveraging all of the latest technology and content that Travelport brings," he added.

QF engineering cuts

QANTAS has cut an extra 97 jobs from its engineering department in Sydney & Melbourne, with 47 roles to be made redundant.

Vacancies will be made available in Brisbane & Perth.

Fifty jobs are also planned to be cut from Qantas' engineering planning, administration and support positions, *Fairfax Media* reported this morning.

"We've been saying for some time that our engineering workload is reducing as we continue to retire older aircraft and introduce new aircraft which require less maintenance," a QF spokeswoman commented.



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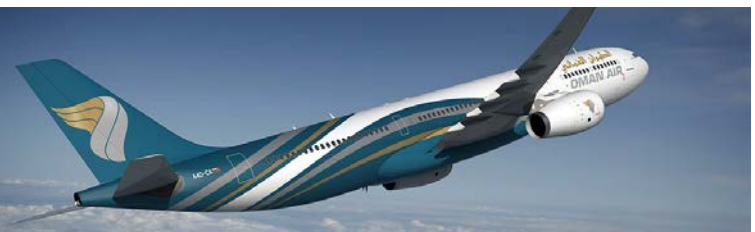
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Privacy laws defined

TRAVEL agents are invited to participate in an upcoming webinar to detail recent changes to Australian privacy laws and how they affect travel businesses.

Hosted by the Australian Federation of Travel Agents, the free webinar will be conducted by guest speaker Daad Soufi from the Association for Data-Driven Marketing & Advertising.

Soufi will explore the Privacy Policy regulatory changes to ensure travel agencies are operating compliantly.

Topics to be covered include informing customers of changes to policies or processes, opt-out & notification statements & more.

The webinar session will be held at 11am on Wed 20 Aug - **CLICK HERE** to register your details.

Worldhotels connect

REAL-TIME rates & availability displays of properties marketed by Worldhotels can now be accessed on TripAdvisor's new TripConnect platform.

TripConnect provides hotels with the ability to direct traffic to the hotel's own booking engine, driving additional direct bookings.

Hayman pool setback

DELAYED construction works on the Aquazure family pool and beachside restaurant at the new One&Only Hayman Island are progressing well, the resort said.

The reopening date for the new facilities has now been advised as taking place late next month.

One&Only said it will do "all possible to minimise any inconvenience to guests who may be staying in the Hayman Wing during the final completion phase of this area".

THAI Ebola caution

THAI Airways Int'l has stepped up preventative measures on the ground and in the air due to the outbreak of Ebola in parts of West Africa (**TD Fri**).

Although the carrier doesn't fly to Guinea, Sierra Leone or Liberia, it's preventative measures are on par with the outbreak of SARS in 2003 and bird flu in 2004.

Measures include observing and screening pax during check-in and prior to boarding aircraft, observing passengers inflight, observing passengers inflight, spray disinfecting & deep cleaning of aircraft interior, monitoring health of employees and more.

Window Seat

GUESS you can't win them all.

Bunnik Tours has been reporting a surge in bookings and enquiries from its inaugural advertising campaign on TV and online, however it appears not everybody has been won over.

An email from "Ray" (below) expressed his apathy for the campaign, saying whenever they are on, he immediately mutes the TV or leaves the website featuring the advert.

Dennis Bunnik took the jab in his stride, posting the email on the company's Facebook page - view the ad by **CLICKING HERE**.



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A350 touches down in Sydney



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AIRBUS made history when its new A350-900 arrived in Sydney from Johannesburg this morning as part of a 14 city Route Proving test - the first time the aircraft type has landed in Australia.

The three week trial will see the A350XWB next head to Auckland, then Santiago & Sao Paulo before returning to its home, Toulouse.

A future trip will see the A350 operate from Doha to Perth and return, then Moscow and onto Helsinki later this month.

Chiva-Som stay pay

THAILAND'S Chiva Som spa resort has released a Stay 7, Pay 6 deal for travel up until 30 Sep.

The package incl complimentary return private car transfers from Bangkok Airport, three spa cuisine meals per day, a choice of daily massage - Thai, Chiva Som, Invigorating or Foot - and individual health and wellness consultation on arrival.

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ibis Styles for Dubai

ACCOR has signed a deal with India's Hiranandani Group to bring the ibis Styles budget hotel brand to Dubai by mid-2016.

The 350-room property will be built at Dubai's Business Bay, offer views over Downtown Dubai and will feature two restaurants, a bar, lobby lounge, swimming pool, fitness centre and up to three meeting rooms, *Arabian Business* reports.

ibis Styles Business Bay will be the fifth Accor property under development in Dubai.

Accor currently operates seven ibis-branded hotels in the UAE.

SQ adds Sapparo

SINGAPORE Airlines has added 14 seasonal services between Singapore and Sapporo over Dec/Jan to cater for expected demand during the peak winter season.

The two-class A330-300 services will operate on Mon and Fri between 01 Dec and 16 Jan.

WetnWild Syd reopen

VISITORS to Sydney will be able to make day visits to Wet'n'Wild Sydney on a day pass for the 2014/2015 season, the water park has confirmed.

Opened last year in Prospect, the park is now promoting season passes priced from \$109.99, and renewals from \$99.99.

Options include Silver and Gold Season Passes and an all new Platinum Season Pass that includes a free VIP Magic Pass which can be used for unlimited access to sister water-park Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast, Warner Bros. Movieworld and Sea World.

Single Day admission passes will also be available online or at the gate when Wet'n'Wild Sydney opens for Season 2 on 20 Sep.

According to its online season guide, Wet'n'Wild Sydney will be open for 133 days, including everyday in Dec & Jan (excluding Christmas Day) through to 19 Apr. **CLICK HERE** for more details.

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SilkAir seat selection

PASSENGERS flying with SilkAir, the regional subsidiary of Singapore Airlines, can now reserve preferred Economy Class seats when booking flights.

The preferred seats are located in exit rows and can be accessed online or via travel agents.

Surcharges of US\$40 apply on flights to/from China, India, Australia and Nepal and US\$20 for flights to all other destinations.

Mandatory safety guidelines apply for exit row seats, including minimum age & full body ability.

Ghana outbreak

THE Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade yesterday reissued its advisory for Ghana, warning travellers of a confirmed outbreak of cholera in the country.

"The majority of cases have been reported in Accra and the Eastern Region, with several confirmed deaths," the govt's Smarttraveller website cautions.

Ghana's overall travel advisory remains 'Exercise normal safety precautions'.

Regent opens eighth

REGENT Hotels & Resorts has opened its second property in Europe and eighth globally at Porto Montenegro.

The 86-room & suite Regent Porto Montenegro property is the first and only hotel in the super-yacht marina resort.

Rooms afford views of Boka Bay or the Montenegro mountains.

Gulf carriers flying out fuller

QATAR Airways and Etihad Airways flew the fullest aircraft out of Australia during May, latest airline passenger data shows.

Doha-based Qatar operated a total of 62 flights into Melbourne & Perth in May, while Abu Dhabi-based Etihad made 110 flights to Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

According to the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics' study on int'l activity, both QR and EY filled their planes to 95.9% of full capacity, leaving an average of 12 spare seats on each flight.

Flights operated by fellow Gulf carrier, Emirates, were less full, departing the country bound for

Dubai, at 77% of capacity.

However, EK's flight frequency far out-weighted those of Qatar Airways and Etihad Airways, with 341 services in the month.

Air Canada and Qantas were the only non-Gulf airlines to achieve seat utilisation on outbound sectors of more than 90%.

AC flights to Vancouver from Sydney flew with loads of 93.7%, while Qantas' routes to Manila and Santiago operated at 93.7% and 91.6% respectively.

Cathay Pacific Airways flights to Hong Kong were 89.9% full.

Collectively, Qantas' 1,151 int'l services out of Australia to foreign ports operated with a seat utilisation factor of 73.9%.

Comparatively, Virgin Australia flew 718 flights with a load factor of 72.9%.

HM/AZ codeshare

AIR Seychelles and Alitalia have inked a new codeshare deal on flights between Italy and the Seychelles, via Abu Dhabi.

The pact will see the 'HM' code placed on Alitalia's five weekly non-stop Rome-Abu Dhabi frequencies, and tag-on services to Milan and Venice.

Alitalia will have its 'AZ' code placed on seven Air Seychelles return flights between Seychelles and Abu Dhabi, and onto nearly 50 weekly services to Praslin.

The new arrangement takes immediate effect.



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Pictured is the prize winner of the recent Delta Air Lines 5th Anniversary Quiz, which featured exclusively in **TD** last month.

Vicky Gilden from Jetset Travel Rose Bay won two return Economy Class tickets with DL to any destination in the USA, and she is **pictured** in this retro image with Peter McKeon, sales and marketing mgr, Delta Air Lines.

Disney Shanghai boss

EURO Disney SCA has named Philippe Gas as general manager of Shanghai Disney Resort which is slated to open by 2016.

Tom Wolber will replace Gas as president of Euro Disney SAS - a position he held for six years.

Tintswalo ANZ reps

AFRICAREPS has been assigned representation in Australia & New Zealand of boutique lodge Tintswalo Atlantic, near Cape Town, South Africa

The five-star lodge is nestled on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean and features 10 suites - for more info, see www.tintswalo.com.

Free flight to Africa

APT is offering a free return Economy Class flight to South Africa when booking an African small group safari before 30 Dec for two people.

Flights are with South African Airways, with passengers only required to pay air taxes of approximately \$750.

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Big party for Micro anniversary



ONLINE niche cruise wholesaler Micro-Cruising recently donned the party hats to celebrate its first birthday, ecstatic at the response it has received from the industry.

Marking the occasion with a dinner at the Hills Lodge in Castle Hill, Sydney, the firm celebrated the year that was and confirmed its course for the second.

"We are elated at the travel trade response to our efforts to become the ultimate small ship cruising platform in our first year of business," managing director Nicola Caygill said.

In recent weeks, the company

has signed a preferred supplier agreement with the Magellan Travel Group (**TDCU** 10 Jul) and continues to expand its niche cruise product selection.

The company currently offers more than 600 itineraries to 70 destinations on cruise ships with capacity for 100 pax or less.

Travel agents can learn more at www.micro-cruising.com.au/agent.

Caygill is **pictured** above right with her Micro-Cruising team.

Windy for Le Meridien

STARWOOD Hotels & Resorts has opened the doors to the new Le Meridien Chicago, introducing the brand to the Windy City.

The property in the Oakbrook Centre has undergone a US\$25m refurbishment and now offers 172 guestrooms and suites, event and meeting space and rooftop El Tapeo Spanish restaurant.

Premium Econ switch

CATHAY Pacific will switch some of its Premium Economy seats with Economy on A330 flights to Australia to suit market conditions, a report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* says.

Sixteen additional Economy seats on 13 reconfigured aircraft will come following the removal of seven of its 28 Premium seats, a net gain of nine seats.

The carrier said it believes the change will better suit current demand in the Australian market by adding capacity in a market affected by a bilateral flight limit.

"The decision to deploy the reconfigured aircraft to and from Australia is mainly due to high demand for Economy class seats on these routes," CX said.

AH retires flight no

NORTH Africa carrier Air Algerie will formally retire flight numbers AH5016/5017 from service as a mark of respect to the recent plane crash disaster near Mali.

Effective 26 Oct, the service from Algiers to Ouadagoudou, Burkina Faso and Niamey, Niger will be amended to flight number series AH5300-5319.

Tempo feeling hot

TEMPO Holidays has wheeled out its 2015 Dubai / Middle-East brochure, with the latest guide featuring bonus content via its augmented reality technology.

The 68-page guide also features product in Abu Dhabi, Oman, Jordan, Qatar, Israel and Egypt.

Special offers and earlybird deals on luxury hotels, cruise itineraries and escorted touring in the region feature.

Accom options in the new guide range from palatial luxury resorts to overnight stays in traditional Bedouin camps in the desert.

Tempo has applied a Middle East guarantee to the new guide, meaning that if DFAT applies a "Do Not Travel" overall warning level to Egypt, Jordan or Israel, pax can cancel and obtain a full refund if they are booked to visit.

The guarantee applies from when a deposit is received up to 24 hours prior to a passenger's scheduled arrival in the country.

Video viewing record

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SA wins Corroborree

TOURISM Australia has named Adelaide as the host city for the next Corroborree Europe event for specialist Australian travel agents across the UK and Europe.

Adelaide will host the fam and training event for the first time from 26-29 Apr 2015, with SA Tourism Minister Leon Bignell lauding the vote for the state.

“Having the event in Adelaide means 300 travel agents will experience Adelaide first hand and also travel to our regions and learn about our products.”

Three-hundred places are on offer, with the event being supported by the South Australian Tourism Commission and Singapore Airlines.

Attendees will first attend the trade show and training events in the SA capital before splitting up into 20 different groups to embark on familiarisation programs around the country.

Marriott eyes Africa

FORTY new hotels offering up to 6,000 rooms are in the pipeline for Marriott International in Africa over the next six years, the company’s chief exec has said.

Speaking ahead of the US-Africa Business Forum kicking off today, Marriott Int’l ceo Arne Sorensen outlined the expansion as coming on top of the company’s recent acquisition of the Protea brand.

The buyout of the brand earlier this year (**TD** 23 Jan) added 116 hotels to the Marriott network, making it the largest hotel firm operating in the continent.

Sorensen said the group is aiming to reach 150 hotels across 16 African countries by 2020.

MEANWHILE, the company has continued its expansion across the Middle East, opening a new property in Doha, Qatar.

The Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel offers 580 rooms and is the first Marriott Marquis in the Middle East region.

Copa boosts network

STAR Alliance member carrier Copa Airlines has expanded its route network, with new services to Brazil and Cuba to commence from late this year.

The carrier will operate to Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba and Campinas, Brazil, taking its network to 69 destinations across the Americas.

Aloha spend record

VISITORS to the Hawaiian Islands spent a collective US\$7.4 billion over the first six months of the year, according to official stats from Hawaii Tourism Authority.

The result was an increase of \$178 million on the first half of last year and breaks down to an average of \$40.2 million per day.

HTA president Mike McCartney said despite the strong results, the organisation was alert to travellers exercising more caution in budget thresholds due to rising costs of a Hawaiian holiday.

Crater Lodge roads

AFTER a two-year total rebuild, the ascent road used by &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge in Tanzania has reopened.

The reopening of the road sees a 70 minute reduction in the return trip on the lodge’s full-day game drives, cutting the trip from 90 minutes down to 20.



AFTA UPDATE
The latest updates from AFTA’s Chief Executive, Jayson Westbury

WITH the closing ceremony of the 20th Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland bringing the house down and putting a most fitting end to what has been a very successful international event, all eyes now turn to our own Gold Coast for the 21st Commonwealth Games which will be held in April 2018.

Australia has performed well at these games, finishing second on the medal tally behind England and with some amazing performances by both individuals and within the team sports. These games are on an international stage but do not seem to get the same level of coverage as other world sporting events. Perhaps this will change for 2018 as I think when these events are in our own backyard, they become ever more important to us.

The Gold Coast is shaping up well and I am sure the Australian Tourism industry will be salivating over all of the international exposure these world class events bring. The website for the XXI Commonwealth Games is www.gc2018.com and there is no doubt travel agents will have plenty of opportunities to get involved from across the country leading up to and during the games as Aussies love a good sporting event.

Year 2014 has definitely been a year for big global sporting events with the FIFA World Cup and the Commonwealth Games all in one year.

Attention will now move to the G20 Leaders Summit which will be held in Brisbane on the 15th and 16th November. While some might say this is not a sporting event, I am sure there will be plenty of performance questions and media attention as the events of the G20 unfold. The G20 Leaders Summit is the culmination of a range of political interactions that have occurred in Australia during 2014. The related groups are; B20, C20, L20, T20 and Y20. If you are interested in all the detail, take a look online at www.g20.org. Or you could get excited about the next Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. So much to follow on a global stage.



NRL Rd 21 Winner

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Inspire EX finds voice

CORPORATE event trade show Inspire EX has signed four singers from the 2014 season of Channel Nine’s hit program *The Voice* to perform live at the event.

Carlos ‘C-Major’, Elly-Oh, Rosie Henshaw and Mat Verevis will all appear at the 18-19 Aug event, previewing their wares for event planners to preview and book.

Scouting on iPhone

SCOOT has launched its debut smartphone app, with the new feature now available to download for free from the App Store.

The app allows users to reserve Scoot flights, learn more about cities on the carrier’s network, onboard F&B and much more.

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AFTER a panicky sell-off last week which saw the AUD hit two-month lows, the dollar has regained lost ground & returned to healthy levels.

Geopolitical worries, lower than expected profit guidances and valuations combined to spark a heavy off-load of market stock.

Economists labelled the panic selling as the worst weekly performance of global equities in two years.

Gains have since been recorded against a number of Asian currencies including the Chinese yuan and Japanese yen, although little movement was recorded against the British pound.

Wholesale rates this morning:

US	\$0.932
UK	£0.553
NZ	\$1.095
Euro	€0.695
Japan	¥95.73
Singapore	\$1.162
China	¥5.763
South Africa	R9.942
Canada	\$1.017
Crude oil	US\$98.29

Walking into luxury

A NEW range of luxury hiking products have been launched in the Margaret River region of WA under the operational banner of 'Walk into Luxury'.

The organisation links hikes of the popular Cape to Cape Track with all-inclusive luxury accom & local food & wine experiences.

Packages range from a faster four day high-intensity adventure to an eight-day leisurely walk, with escorted or self-guided departures available year-round.

Guests are able to enjoy post-walk massages, wine tasting and receive canapes in villas daily.

See www.walkintoluxury.com.au.

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IH Haka Ski incentive

INFINITY Holidays is offering five places on an upcoming week-long NZ ski safari to travel agents in conjunction with the launch of its new product, Haka Ski Tours.

The ski trip to Queenstown and Lake Tekapo will take in six different mountains in seven days

To enter, agents can register and make a booking for Australia or New Zealand by 22 Aug, with one winner drawn from each state.

CZ staff trains at TAFE

FOUR employees of China Southern Airlines have completed a customised training program to upskill its Training Department at Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE.

The carrier's division in charge of Cabin Service Training took the course at the Northern Beaches facility and undertook a program incorporating a range of theory and practical real-life situations.

"Our training has given China Southern Airlines employees increased knowledge in fine tuning the balance between their service and safety training," TAFE manager Lynn van der Wagen said.

AAX Yangtze service

MALAYSIAN low-cost carrier AirAsia X has announced the launch of flights to Chongqing in China, starting from 13 Feb 2015.

The city is a starting point for Yangtze River cruises and will be served ex KUL four times weekly.

Strength in Sri Lanka

VISITOR arrivals to Sri Lanka surged in Jul, with official figures released today showing a 25.2% year-on-year increase.

The country saw 133,971 arrivals for the month, up from 107,016 recorded in Jul last year.

Tourism to boost Qld appeal

QUEENSLAND Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) will participate as one of 15 members in a specially assembled Ambassadors Council to develop a 30-year plan to improve the state's desirability.

QTIC chief executive Daniel Gschwind will contribute to the plan from the perspective of tourism, working with the state government to encourage input on relevant matters from industry.

The Queensland Plan Ambassadors Council has been tasked with positioning Qld as a desirable city to live and work.

It will serve as a link between government, business, industry & community sectors to contribute expertise in a range of fields including travel and tourism.

Gschwind said his participation on the Council provided a great opportunity for the industry to have its voice heard directly both by decision-makers and residents.

"My position on the Ambassadors Council provides another opportunity for tourism to be recognised for its critical role in each of the foundation areas that form the basis of The Queensland Plan."

He added it was important that this plan was shaped by residents and businesses by providing feedback and ideas on how to help take the state forward.

"This is not just another government strategy."

"My role on the Ambassadors Council will be to work with industry to discover how tourism can be a major agent in achieving this balance," Gschwind said.

He added that he will call on tourism businesses, regional and rural representatives to contribute to the plan to support all aspects, agendas and areas.

More information on the project at www.queenslandplan.gov.au.

WIN A LUXURY SOUTH OF FRANCE RIVER CRUISE

Throughout August, *Travel Daily* is giving readers the chance to win a luxury all-inclusive river cruise, courtesy of **Scenic Tours**.

The all-inclusive prize includes return economy class airfares to Europe, a 13 day South of France Luxury River Cruise for two adults with private butler service, all meals, complimentary beverages all day, all tipping and gratuities and airport transfers.

Every day this month *TD* will ask a different question about Scenic Tours France River Cruises. The subscriber with the most correct entries and the most creative response to the final question will win this great prize.

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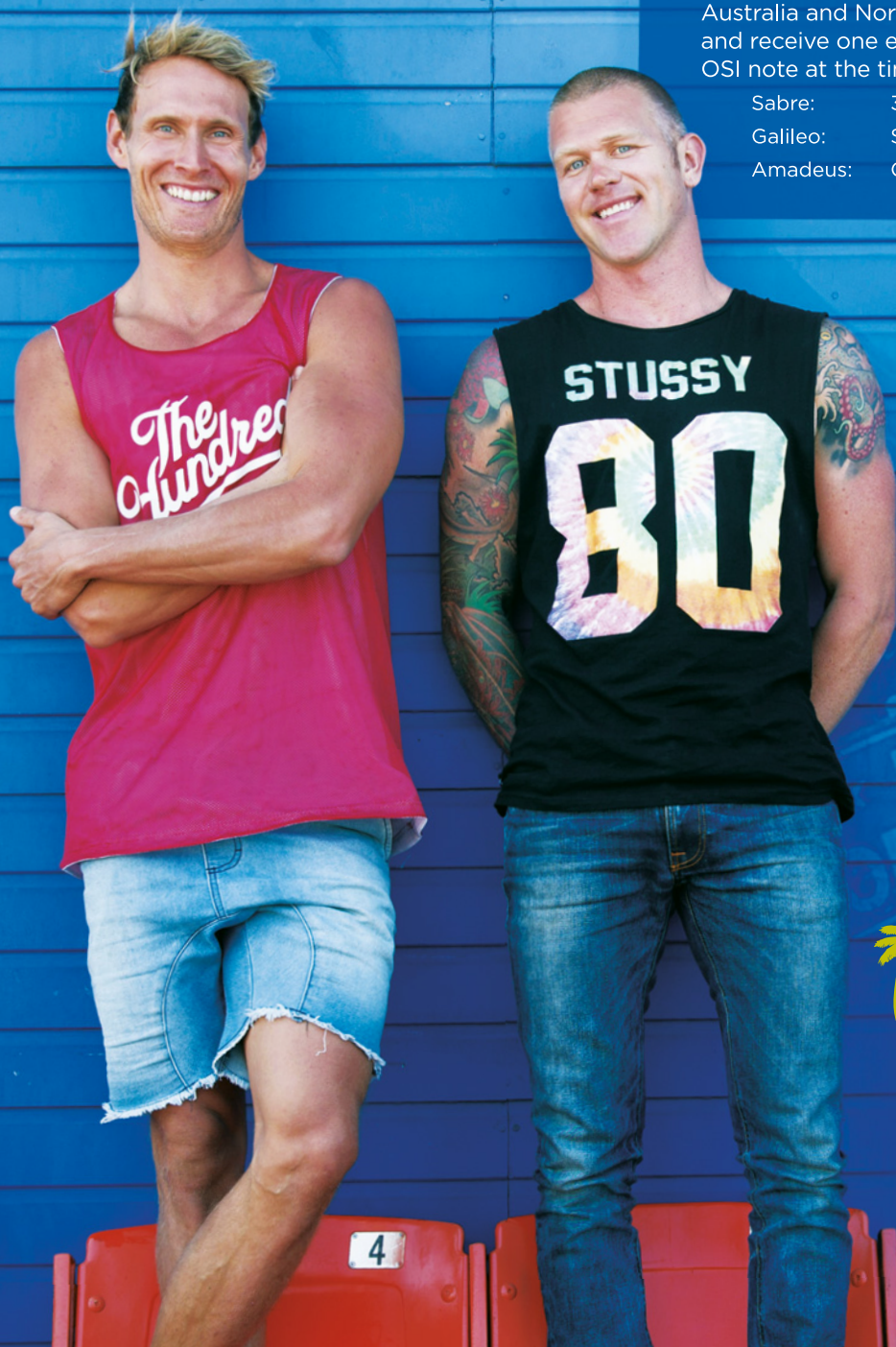
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The **2014 STARS Event** did not disappoint with Hamilton Island hosting three nights; the first night kicked off with a "White Party" held at the Yacht Club and the third night was the official "STARS Awards Night" held at the Convention Centre. Days were spent exploring the turquoise waters of the Great Barrier Reef with the top 15 Agents treated to helicopter flights over Heart Reef and spoilt with a luxurious evening staying at qualia.



It was a champagne inspired finale with the entire group cruising to the newly refurbished and opulent One&Only Hayman Island.

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