

Bumper Jun in Canada

DATA released by the Canadian Tourism Commission today shows the number of Aussies entering the country soared 9% to 37,100 during Jun compared to the corresponding month in 2013.

FOR the first six months of the 2014, the number is up 6% y-o-y.





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Investors circling Aquis

HONG Kong businessman Tony Fung has showcased the site of his planned \$8.15 billion Aquis resort at Yorkeys Knob to a group of investors from China.

More than 20 international investors and executives from the likes of China Poly Group

Wotif assessment

THE review of the planned acquisition of Wotif.com by rival Expedia continues, with the competition watchdog requesting "further information" from both parties on Fri and yesterday.

Market inquiries for the Informal Review have closed, but the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission was keen to address areas of "competitive overlap" between the OTAs.

A final decision or release of Statement of Issues on the sale is expected to be released by the ACCC in coming weeks.

The 'over the ditch

and far away' sale

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A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER

Corporation (an int'l trading and real estate entity), Credit Suisse and Deutsche Bank were flown into Cairns last weekend by Fung to visit the site of the eight hotel resort, conference, sports and entertainment resort.

Eight of the investors were backed by "very large" capital funding, *The Cairns Post* reported.

Fung said he was buoyed by the "positive" response from possible investors, who would bankroll different aspects of the project.

He said once Aquis had received a green light to takeover the gaming licence at the Reef Hotel Casino from the ACCC, it "will make my job much easier to promote for finances."

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EK up Rome capacity

EMIRATES is introducing a new third daily service to the Italian capital of Rome starting 26 Oct.

According to GDS displays, the new return service from Dubai (EK099/98) will arrive into FCO at 0735, and is to be operated by Boeing 777-300 aircraft.



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SPTE 2015 to Melbourne

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VA to trim Esperance

THRICE daily services between Perth and Esperance in regional Western Australia will be scaled back to twice daily on weekdays by Virgin Australia, The Esperance Express has reported.

The proposed change will have flow on effects for the Perth-Albany route and some services to Busselton and Ravensthorpe.

"Despite our best efforts to stimulate the market through airfare pricing and promotional activity, the Albany & Esperance routes continue to sustain unacceptable losses," Virgin Australia Regional Airlines group executive Merren McArthur told the WA Dept of Transportation.

McArthur is reported to have told the WA Government the changes "are necessary to ensure we can continue to provide air services to the Esperance and Albany communities.

Virgin Australia has serviced the route since May 2013 after it acquired Skywest Airlines, and is planning to adjust its schedule, effective 11 Nov.

In Jul. VA confirmed it was cancelling its Perth-Learmonth service on 13 Oct (TD 11 Jul).

SUN ISLAND TOURS

THE South Pacific Tourism Exchange will migrate across the Tasman in 2015, with Melbourne confirmed as the host city by event organisers.

The inaugural SPTE was held in Auckland in May and was timed to coincide with Tourism New Zealand's annual TRENZ expo.

This year's SPTE was a direct reaction to the cancellation of the Bula Fiji Tourism Exchange, South Pacific Tourism Organisation ceo Ilisoni Vuidreketi told Travel Daily late last year (TD 19 Dec). At that time, Vuidreketi revealed the intention would be to hold the 2015 show in partnership with Tourism Australia's ATE (Australian Tourism Exchange). SPTE is comprised of 17 tourism groups from the Cook Islands,

Bali Lifestyle Retreat

SINGAPORE-BASED hotel operator Lifestyle Retreats has opened a new all-pool-villa property in Bali, The Santai. It features five 2-bedroom villas & six 3-bedroom villas, offering 24hr butler service - thesantai.com.

Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, PNG, Solomon, Islands, Palau, Niue and others. Following a successful first

vear. Vuidreketi this month said the South Pacific Tourism Organisation was keen to develop its own show, which showcases the diverse products of the 16 Pacific Islands destinations.

Over 60 buyers from Australia, Belgium, China, Canada, Finland, Greece, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, USA and the UK participated at SPTE 2015.

"We had a total of 1,300 business appointments during that event and anticipate an even higher response when we arrive in Australia for SPTE 2015," Vuidreketi commented.

Next year's show has been set for Fri 19 and Sat 20 Jun, however a specific location and program of events are still to be advised.

ATE 2015 will start the next day, on Sun 21 Jun.

"The SPTO is currently consulting with tourism stakeholders incl Tourism Australia to promote the event," the organisation added.



Rail+ adds Suica pass

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JAPAN'S Suica rechargeable smart card for use on Tokyo's trains, subways and buses has been added to the range of products on offer with Rail Plus.

Equivalent to London's Oyster Card, the Suica ('Super Urban Intelligent CArd') offers a "smooth and convenient way to travel on transport lines across greater Tokyo," said Rail Plus product manager Sana Malihi.

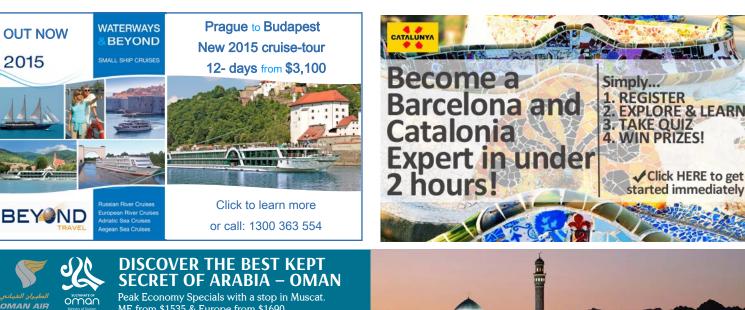
Cardholders avoid gueues and swipe the card over a reader which automatically deducts the transportation fare.

Rail Plus has also expanded its depth of product to include Japan Airport Coach Transfers - a doorto-door transfer service between Narita Airport and central hotels.

Syria no-fly zone

THE Federal Aviation Admin has issued a new notice to US airlines banning flights into, out of and over Syria, due to the presence of anti-aircraft weapons.

"The ongoing armed conflict and volatile security environment in Syria poses a serious potential threat to civil aviation," it said.



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MH rewards support cast

MALAYSIA Airlines is thanking travel agents and the industry for its unwavering support through difficult times by launching a window of increased commission.

Sales of Published Gross Fares & YQ Fuel Surcharge in all classes made to 15 Sep will attract 11% commission (*TD* breaking news).

The increased comm applies for all gross tickets sold in the period irrespective of departure date, for

Pinpoint laughs loud

TRAVEL agents have the chance to win a \$500 Visa debit card by sharing their funniest client stories in a new incentive from Pinpoint Travel Group.

Entries in the "Clients say the darndest things" incentive are open until 02 Sep, with entries on www.pinpointtravelgroup.com.au.

The top ten stories submitted will be highlighted for the industry to vote to pick a winner. departures from Australia. Fares must be issued on 232 Australian BSP ticket stock.

Tickets issued for travel starting from outside Australia remains at 6% commission, along with all re-issued tickets.

Tickets containing only domestic sectors in Malaysia or travel from KUL to SIN/BWN will remain noncommissionable as per normal. A range of tactical MH airfares

are currently on sale until 31 Aug. The move aims to reward agents for continuing to book clients on the carrier after two tragic hull losses in a four-month period.

Attraction sheds skin

ALICE Springs' popular Reptile Centre attraction will benefit from beautification works using a \$36,000 grant from the NT Govt.

The centre attracts upwards of 30,000 tourists annually and is home to more than 100 animals.

AW Head of Groups

ADVENTURE World today announced the appointment of Tasman Cassim to the Sydneybased position of Head of Groups, with immediate effect.

Cassim has extensive senior level experience within the travel sector, including a five year tenure as managing director of Present Australia and a prior five year role at OTA Zuji in the role of product & operations manager.

Agent group go pink

ITRAVEL has signed a platinum partnership with the National Breast Cancer Foundation, setting a goal of reaching \$100,000 in funds raised by the end of 2015.

The organisation will make contributions to its goal through bookings made, accept donations from clients and host a number of dedicated fundraising events.

Managing director Steve Labroski said itravel was proud to be associated with the foundation.



الإتجاد TIHAD

ASIAN billionaire and Aquis resort visionary Tony Fung is getting started on bringing his high-flying lifestyle to Australia.

Potential Chinese investors in the project (**see p1**) were shown the company's Boeing B757 corporate jet, which sports the Aquis logo on the underside.

The jet (**pictured** below) offers a range of seating options from sofas to armchairs arranged in a face-to-face dining layout.

Fung is hoping Cairns can lure one million visitors annually in order to make Aquis viable.





Quest Woolloongabba – opening 1st September

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Travelmarvel excited about Africa



AGENTS across Australia are clearly thrilled with the new guide to Africa by Travelmarvel ahead of an educational webinar scheduled for Fri this week.

Earlybird deals including Fly Free offers are proving popular with savings of up to \$2,000 per couple on selected itineraries.

Clients can avail a free return international flight on the 15-day Cape Town to Chobe Adventure which also visits Kruger and two nights at Victoria Falls in Zambia. The in-depth training webinar will offer information on how

to help clients choose the right African adventure for them.

The 45-min webinar will begin from 9am - **CLICK HERE** to register. **Pictured** above from left is APT

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PTMs access to OTA

A NEW supplier agreement will be signed shortly between TravelManagers & Expedia Travel Agent Affiliate Program (TAAP), providing access to the system for the company's hundreds of Personal Travel Managers.

A dedicated system for PTMs to access TAAP which is compatible with Tramada NextGen is being developed and is expected to be launched middle of next year.

It will mirror an existing system used by House of Travel NZ which has been in use for a few years.

New consumer portal

FRESH off the back of the launch of TravelManagers' new brand logo (*TD* yest), a refreshed consumer-facing website will next be built from the ground up.

"We want to optimise the website and get more Australians to search for TravelManagers," general manager Michael Gazal said in Singapore at the weekend.



TM head for NextGen

MIGRATION of TravelManagers' mid-office systems to Tramada NextGen will gradually commence from 01 Oct, the move announced at the company's Singapore conference by Tramada Systems head of sales Maree Young.

The migration is expected to last for up to a year, factoring in ongoing training for Personal Travel Managers (PTM), process reviews and additional steps.

Assisting the move will be a new in-house Tramada support team which will be established in the National Partnership Office.

Features of the new NextGen system for PTMs will include the ability to hold up to 100 PNRs per booking, costing breakdowns, automatic CalypsoNet integration with many preferred supplier bookings and much more.

Development and building of the Tramada NextGen system began back in 2010 and has seen more than 150,000 working hours invested by its Sydney head office.

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Win with Lufthansa

This week **TD** & **Lufthansa** is giving 4 readers the chance to win an iPod shuffle & 1 reader the chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tab 3.

The new Lufthansa Premium Economy is on sale now with the first saleable flight on

the HKG route and worldwide by 2015. The Class that offers more is perfect for that long trip to Europe.

See HERE for product details.

To win the iPod shuffles, be first to send in the answer Mon-Thu.

For your chance to win the Samsung Galaxy tab, correctly answer all 4 questions from Mon to Thu, & the final question on Fri. Email answers by COB 22/8 to:

lufthansa@traveldaily.com.au

How many pieces of baggage are permitted in Lufthansa Premium Economy?

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Atlantic City Summit

NEW Jersey Governor Chris Christie has announced a tourism and gaming summit to brainstorm ideas to arrest falling revenues and attract new visitor markets.

The move will take place on 08 Sep and comes following word of another imminent casino closure on the boardwalk.

State officials, tourism industry reps and casino management will be in attendance at the meeting.

"There is no doubt that Atlantic City faces real challenges as the city undergoes revitalisation, which is why this summit of key policymakers, local leaders and stakeholders is needed to be an active part of the conversation as to how we can best address these issues," Governor Christie said.

TC Back to the Future

TRAVELLERS Choice conference delegates will seek to experience future consumer trends and tech innovations through a virtual time machine as part of its upcoming gathering on the Gold Coast.

Serving as Keynote Speaker will be future trends expert Michael McQueen, while Mars chief digital office in Australia Chris Riddell will enlighten delegates on ways the digital revolution will continue to impact business life.

The company's conference will take place at Jupiters Gold Coast from 31 Oct to 02 Nov.

Tempo Hols price fix

TEMPO Holidays has advised it provided an incorrect price on the "2-for-1 Wonders of Egypt Tour & Cruise of the Nile" itinerary featured in yesterday's Brochures of the Week *Travel Daily* feature. The itinerary is priced from \$3,424 per couple, not \$3,770 which is instead the NZD price.

Wine o'clock at TRYP

UPCOMING Brisbane property TRYP Fortitude Valley has signed Moët Hennessy as its official beverage partner.

Half-bottles of Veuve Clicquot champagne bottles will be on sale through mini-bars under the deal.

AB offers upgrade bid

AIRBERLIN has become the latest airline to introduce auction functionality for pax to bid for an upgrade to Business Class up to 72 hours prior to departure.

Passengers can check if an auction is available for their flight at www.airberlin.com/upgrade and place a bid.

Successful bidders will be notified at least 12 hours ahead of departure and charged the amount pitched.





ABOVE: This group of highpowered corporate consultants from BCD Travel saw high power of another sort as they visited the US Capitol building during a famil

Paint the Night start

HONG Kong Disneyland will launch its brand new "Disney Paint The Night" evening light and technology show from 01 Oct, the park has announced.

The night spectacular will see the park's cast of characters light up the resort with a magical paintbrush in the first-ever LED parade ever created by Disney.

Shows will also be tailored to suit holiday periods such as Halloween and Christmas.

MEANWHILE, Disney has formed an alliance with Pandora Jewellery in the United States.

The tie-up will see Pandora design and release a range of character-themed sterling silver and gold charms in retail stores. to the United States recently.

The group was hosted by United Airlines, travelling from Sydney and Melbourne to San Francisco in luxury aboard the carrier's BusinessFirst B777 flatbed cabin.

Destination DC treated the group to a three-day itinerary of the capital, staying at the Park Hyatt and Grand Hyatt hotels.

On the way back west, a stop in San Francisco saw the group explore some of the Bay City's highlights over two days courtesy of San Francisco Travel, staying at the Hotel Palomar and the palatial Sir Francis Drake.

A behind-the-scenes tour of SFO was also a highlight, with the group checking out three United Clubs, the First Class Lounge, Terminal E & the Operations Hub.

Pictured above at the US Capitol Building from left is Noel Rose, Desiree Rye, Peter Hathaway and Megan Armstrong from BCD Travel, with Kate Cuthbertson from United Airlines.



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Air China French flair

STAR Alliance carrier Air China has introduced a selection of French gourmet dishes for guests at the 'pointy end' under a co-op agreement with Paris-based 'Sky Chefs Studio'.

Available in First and Business Class on flights between Beijing & Shanghai to Paris, the gourmet dishes will be crafted by an int'I team of renowned chefs.

French inspired dishes include Steak with Sliced Duck, Columbus Chicken Roll, Garlic-flavoured Prawns and Foie Gras Pine Nuts.

Economy Class meals have also been enhanced with locally sourced French ingredients.

Book 3, Cruise free

TRAVELMARVEL is reminding agents that its 'Book Three, Cruise for Free' trade incentive to win a self-famil cruise in Vietnam and Cambodia ends on 31 Aug.

DFW to Dallas rail line

A NEW light rail passenger service linking Dallas/Fort Worth Airport to downtown Dallas has been launched in the Texan city.

The DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) Orange Line will operate up until 1am on weekdays and midnight on weekends, ex DFW. DART's DFW Airport Station is

located just three minutes walk from Terminal A.

Mudgee tourism ceo

FORMER Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia director of guest experiences Cara George has been appointed as chief exec officer at Mudgee Region Tourism. George will commence with the organisation next month.

TL inaugurates Gove

AIRNORTH yesterday begun operation on its new route from Darwin to Gove, taking the place of Qantas which ended its own services (*TD* 20 Jun) on Sun.

TL is operating the Darwin-Gove-Cairns (and return) on a seven day per week basis using 76-seater Embraer 170 jets.

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

FOR those agency owners who have retained their IATA accreditation, I note with interest that changes are being made to the BSPlink service in Australia. For many these days, the idea of dealing with IATA and an IATA accreditation is a thing of the past and there is no doubt that Australian travel agents have embraced the alternative by ticketing their airline tickets via a consolidator.

But for the IATA agents that remain, the enhancements via this new BSPlink are a good thing. Of course there is a charge involved for using the software, but nevertheless the services that are now available on the new enhanced version will bring some welcome relief to IATA agents when dealing with the various issues that do occur from time to time.

One issue is the ADM. The "pest of all pests" will be able to be processed via BSPlink for all airlines. This was one of the rule changes that was brought in last year during the IATA conference and the ability to use the BSPlink software will make it more efficient and easier for travel agents to deal with ADMs.

Not only will the BSPlink enhancements offer a solution for managing ADMs, it will also provide access to electronic refund applications and the management process involved, request ADM and ACM via the system and it will maintain records for the agent to be able to access for up to 12 months.

One might say "Welcome to 2014", as e-tickets have been in place for some time, and you would think that the management of the processes surrounding the e-ticket world would have caught up before now. But, regardless of that I am confident that IATA accredited agents will benefit from this new enhanced service.

On the other hand, those who choose to use a consolidator have all these hassles and problems removed, and I am sure that is one reason why so many agents have taken that path.



If you are an IATA agent, check out the new BSPlink, I hope it is everything you wanted and more.

Smartphones on hols | Fiji Air LAX lounge

NEW research has determined the "must-have" item when on a holiday is a smartphone.

According to InterContinental Hotels Group's IHG Rewards Club survey data, nearly 40% of some 10,000 polled travellers from 13 countries agreed a smartphone was the most important item to accompany them on a vacation.

Depressingly, the top use of a smartphone was to check work emails (68%), followed closely by navigation/maps (67%) and texting (64%).

ICC cricket packages

PREMIUM Sports Tours has reported "very strong" early bookings for its ICC World Cup matches to be held in Australia and New Zealand in 2015.

The firm has cricket packages for all 49 matches of the ICC tournament, and has just released Ashes packages that will be escorted by former Australian Test cricketers Keith Stackpole and Rodney Hogg.

See www.sporttours.com.au.

A NEWLY designed International Lounge shared by Fiji Airways, Air Tahiti Nui, EL AL & Philippine Airlines has opened at Los

Airlines has opened at Los Angeles International Airport. The LAX facility is available to Business Class passengers of FJ and features upgraded interior

designs and amenities, including free wi-fi, complimentary food & beverages and a patio with views of the new Tom Bradley International Terminal.

TFE, Vittoria tie-up

GUESTS staying at Toga Group & Far East Hospitality Holdings hotels in Australia and NZ will enjoy Vittoria Coffee inhouse after TFE Hotels signed a new deal with the coffee company.

The partnership will see Vittoria Coffee served by all trained baristas at the majority of the group's collection of local hotels and apartments.

Vittoria coffee and La Maison Du Thé French tea will also be included in all in-room tea boxes, excluding the Travelodge brand.





RIGHT: Showing

off his hidden percussion talents was TravelManagers general manager Michael Gazal.



ABOVE: Danica Bennett, Karin Evert, Barry Mayo, Megan Stanley, Anita Noon, Michelle Kingston, Daniel Price and Katy Hurd.

LEFT: Michelle Michael-Pecora and Sue Kuti.

persona

RIGHT: Tanyu Cilek, Kylie Cilek and James Hermiston.

BELOW: Ally Casey, Judy Gillings, Angharad O'Malley and Linda Williams.

GLAMMED up and ready to celebrate, delegates at the 2014 TravelManagers conference in Singapore capped off the weekend's activities at the gala dinner closing event.

Following dinner, the company recognised its top-achievers with its annual awards ceremony.

Top earners in each state and territory were praised for their efforts and presented with a stylish trophy to take home, while five-year PTM veterans were also celebrated along with a new winner of the TravelManagers Spirit Award named.

After perplexing the crowd by teasing the next conference could be in North Korea, Burkina Faso or Mongolia, TravelManagers then revealed Adelaide as the true destination for the group to

gather again in twelve months.

Once formalities were concluded, it was time to hit the dance floor as a local band belted out a range of classic favourites to get the group up to dance the night away.

Enjoy this collection of exclusive photos from the evening, and for many more from the night, see Travel Daily on Facebook at www.facebook.com/traveldaily.

LEFT: Elly Eves and Jasmine Jackson.



BELOW: Lee Haase and Deb Fox from APT.





ABOVE: Darren Perry, Globus; Dan Penner, Keith Prowse Travel; Teena Hollwey and Stacy Harsh, TravelCube. BELOW: Kirra Moon-Curry and

Cheryl John.



BELOW: Aileen Collins, Andrew Thwaites, P&O Cruises and Tracy Cosgriff.





ABOVE: Lance Dye, Carnival Cruise Lines; Amy Ryan, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and Jim Petritsis, Travel the World.

TravelManagers winds up conference with a bash

Bashers roll into Sydney en masse



THE 2014 NSW Variety Bash concluded in Sydney on Sun, with teams from across the state and nationally meeting up at Moore



CONGRATULATIONS Barry Mayo

from *TravelManagers* Barry is the top point scorer

for Round 23 of *Travel Daily's* NRL footy tipping competition, and has won a High Tea for two, courtesy of **Captain Cook Cruises**.



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Park in Sydney to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first bash. Over 550 Bash cars and 1,700 participants arrived as part of a convoy at Centennial Park, where their vehicles were showed off to the public.

Nationally, Variety Bash raised \$7.78 million in 2014, and over the past three decades has raised more than \$200 million, funds which have gone to help disabled and disadvantaged children.

Car 1972 of Daniel Gray, Richard Loder & Gena Signorini and Car 128 of Steve MacKenzie & Mark Tuohy (**pictured**) completed the 5,000km journey from Brisbane to Busby's Bore, Sydney, averaging over 500km per day. Their entries were made possible by the generous support of Amadeus IT Pacific, The Lido Group, Time Target, Air Plus Int'I and individual donations.

Shangri-La Sanya

RESERVATIONS have opened for the soon-to-launch Shangri-La Sanya Resort & Spa in Hainan.

Hainan is located off the Chinese mainland and often dubbed the 'Oriental Hawaii' because of its immaculate white-sand beaches. Bookings can be made at the 340-room Shangri-La Sanya Resort & Spa for arrivals from 28 Sep, with an introductory rate of RMB988 (AU\$173) per night.

Carlson CWT deal done

US-BASED hospitality and travel firm Carlson has completed the acquisition of JPMorgan Chase & Co's 45% equity stake in Carlson Wagonlit Travel (*TD* 24 Jun).

Carlson president & ceo Trudy Rautio said: "We are pleased with CWT's past performance and are excited by its potential for continued growth and value creation."

Directors brochure

TRAVEL Directors has rolled out three new "cutting-edge" tours to its just released 2015 Adventure of a Lifetime brochure.

The program travels to over 70 destinations, with the new itineraries including the 25-day Namibia: Masterpiece of Nature, 29-day Baltics & Beyond and a 17day Road to the Holy Land tour.

Each trip is graded easy, active or moderate to suit passengers' individual needs - 1300 856 661.



English drawcards

THE Tower of London was the most popular paid attraction by tourists to England in 2013, with some 2.9 million visitors, according to the city's tourism organisation, VisitEngland.

The Annual Attractions Survey indicated visits to the Tower were up more than 18% on the corresponding period in 2012.

London's St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey were the next most popular paid attractions, each with 1.7 million visits.

The British Museum (6.7m), National Gallery (6m) and Natural History Museum (5.3m) were the top three free attractions in England during 2013.

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

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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 prize.

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

Q13: On which deck on board the *Scenic Gem* will you find the all-day dining River Cafe?

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