

Meanwhile in

# New Zealand

We've been getting into the spirit of Christmas with the children of Portobello, Otago Peninsula.

CLICK TO PLAY







We've got France covered. Your French specialist

## 

### MASTER OF TOURISM MANAGEMENT

#### Postgraduate Information Evening Thursday 15 January





### Lofty ambition for Etihad

**ETIHAD** Airways yesterday took the covers off its first Airbus A380 superjumbo and Boeing 787-900 *Dreamliner* aircraft, with the new products continuing its quest to be "the best airline in the world".

CEO James Hogan labelled the designs as "like nothing ever before witnessed in global aviation," saying guests would see that once onboard, Etihad was "ushering in an impressive new era of luxury, comfort and service".

The two new aircraft were also the first sporting the new 'Facets of Abu Dhabi' livery, which will feature on all coming deliveries and will gradually be applied to the existing fleet of 109 aircraft.

"These ultra-modern aircraft serve an ultra-modern approach," Hogan added.

"More importantly, our guests

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news & photos, plus a front cover page for Air New Zealand plus a full page of jobs from (click):

AA Appointments

### ANTARCTICA BY AIR

The world's most unique sightseeing flight

EARN AN ICEBREAKING 10% COMMISSION ON ALL ANTARCTICA FLICHTS

Starting from \$1,199 per person For reservations please call 1800 633 449 antarcticaflights.com.au



deserve this experience. Today is the culmination of many years of hard work and many years of eager anticipation"

Following a few more test flights, the Abu Dhabi-based carrier will debut the A380 on 27 Dec to London Heathrow, followed by Sydney from 01 Jun 2015.

New York JFK and Paris Charles de Gaulle are also likely future destinations for the superjumbo.

For the Boeing 787 *Dreamliner*, service will begin from 01 Feb to Dusseldorf in Germany, with Mumbai, Moscow, Doha and Brisbane also among the first to see the new aircraft in service. For more details and photos of

both new aircraft, see **page four**.

### Happy Air NZ Xmas

**AIR** New Zealand is wishing the travel industry a "very Kiwi Christmas" via a specially created video which showcases the creation of an amazing Christmas tree - see the **front cover page**.



Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you from Abu Dhabi, where Etihad Airways yesterday took the covers off its two new A<sub>3</sub>80 and 787 Dreamliner aircraft.

**PLENTY** of pomp and ceremony surrounded the unveiling of Etihad's two new aircraft and cabin products yesterday.

Both aircraft deliver a range of new products and innovations, with The Residence, a threeroom "apartment" in the sky unsurprisingly the most popular.

The event took place inside one of the carrier's hangars at the back of Abu Dhabi Int'l Airport, across from the North Runway. CEO James Hogan, cco

Peter Baumgartner and vp of marketing Andrew Hunt were on hand to speak to the media, all rightly impressed with the final result from many years of hard work and collaboration.



### **Full-time Reservations Consultant**

We are seeking a full-time reservations consultant with passion and drive for sales whose written and verbal skills are surpassed only by the desire to satisfy the customer's needs! No face-to-face sales required, phone and email are the primary methods of contact with our customers.

You will be responsible for servicing new and existing bookings. A high level of customer service, accuracy and attention to detail are essential. Minimum of 3 years in the travel industry or a reservations role preferred. Your outstanding performance may allow for progression into a reservations management role.

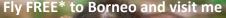
This role offers great potential to build your skills and progress in the industry- not to mention the opportunity to work in a dynamic, challenging and fun environment.

Apply now! Email your resume to: hr@aptms.com.au





dubaitourism.ae









### 2015 International Champions Cup Australia

Presented by Audi





For more information visit www.qhv.com.au

### Qld green lights Aquis EIS

THE Queensland government has granted approval of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed \$8.15 billion Aquis integrated resort, with the tourism sector saying it will create "significant economic development momentum" for the Cairns region.

The massive project will include 7,500 hotel rooms across eight separate luxury hotels, two casinos, two theatres, an indigenous cultural centre, a large aquarium and a massive convention and exhibition centre.

Qld deputy premier Jeff Seeney said the state government continues to work with Aquis to "make this exciting proposal a reality," with the resort having the potential to create more than

### Maestre speaks to TD

**POPULAR** celebrity chef Miguel Maestre recently sat down with *Travel Daily* in our latest Celebrity Interview, to talk about his recent experience onboard the Rocky Mountaineer while filming for Channel 10 show *The Living Room*. Check it out on **page five** today.



20,000 new jobs.

And Tourism Tropical North Queensland ceo Alex de Waal said Aquis is the world's biggest tourism project, paving the way for TTNQ "to position this region as Australia's mono vacation destination for the Chinese."

The developers have released a new "fly through" video of the project see traveldaily.com.au/videos.

### Herridge joins AOT

**NEALE** Herridge has been appointed by the AOT Group as Group General Manager Sales for ATS Pacific.

Herridge has a wealth of experience in dealing with wholesale customers across the globe after 23 years with Accor.

To be based in the ATS Pacific Sydney office from Mon 16 Feb, he'll be responsible for sales activities in the firm's Australian, NZ and Fijian businesses.



Apart from our Cosmopolitan cities, quaint villages, award-winning visitor experiences, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the island of Ireland is a treasure trove of unique and authentic experiences.

Contact us for info & brochures: Visit: www.ireland.com Call in: Level 5, 36 Carrington Street, Sydney Tel: (02) 9964 6900 Jump into B Ireland

### We're redefining your selling experience

#### Travelport Smartpoint

With the same content as the leading travel providers' websites and more features, we're helping you sell more, earn more and give your customers the right travel choices.

Discover more 🕨





Friday 19th December 2014

### **Chinese online visa trials**

**APPROVAL** to travel to Australia has been given to the first round of Chinese travellers piloting a new online visa application system launched this month.

The latest measure to improve ease-of-access to Australia's largest source of inbound visitors began a trial on 01 Dec.

Chinese arrival numbers closed for 2013 at 100 million and are forecast to surpass 200 million by 2020, with Australian tourism export lobby groups long calling for an easier visa application process to encourage growth.

Trade and Investment Minister Andrew Robb said the new pilot program is aimed at maximising Australia's ability to appeal to the booming Chinese travel markets.

"Providing Chinese travellers with the ability to trial online visitor visa processing, is all part of a broader strategy to ensure Australia maintains its position as a preferred destination for Chinese tourists and investment."

The online visa application trial follows similar initiatives including the introduction of three-year multiple entry visas for business travellers and a trial of SmartGate automated border control for Chinese passports.

TTF Australia welcomed the trial, with chief executive officer Margy Osmond saying the move was "long-awaited and a critical step in making visiting Australia simpler".

"We congratulate the government for applying common sense and listening to calls for

reform from industry," she said.

#### easyJet Paris-Tel Aviv

**EASYJET** is set to debut a new route between Paris CDG and Tel Aviv, with thrice weekly A320 services to operate from 30 Mar.

### DAILY FROM MELBOURNE

Click here for more information.

### France record for Oz

**AUSTRALIA** was the eighth biggest market for France in 2013, with new figures revealing another record of 1.2 million Aussie arrivals into France during 2013, along with 10.7 million bed nights.

## Global recognition for CTM founder

**CORPORATE** Travel Management ceo Jamie Pherous has been named as one of the world's most influential travel executives by New York-based BTN Group.

He's in lofty company, with this year's 30th annual listing also including Uber ceo Travel Katanick, IBM chief Virginia Rometty and the ceo of Hilton Worldwide, Chris Nassetta.

CTM has been rapidly expanding its global footprint, this month buying Europe's Chambers Travel and Diplomat Travel in the USA.



#rbbetterfly

ROYAL BRUNEI

AUSSIE actor Melissa George showed deep insight when she attended the opening of the new Qantas First Class Lounge in Los Angeles (*TD* yesterday).

She brought along her gorgeous son Raphael, and made sure he knew exactly what the event was all about (**below**).

The former *Home and Away* starlet who has gone on to huge success in the US does lots and lots of travel, and told *Travel Daily* she basically commutes

between New York and Paris. With all of that flying time, "Having a good travel agent is super important," she said.





### Quest Townsville on Eyre – opens 15th December

Quest Townsville on Eyre is set to become Townsville's newest accommodation provider. Located just a block from The Strand, and a short distance to the CBD, Quest Townsville on Eyre comprises studios, one, two and three bedroom serviced apartments, ideal for the business traveller or holidaymaker.

### Visit questtownsvilleoneyre.com.au Or Search "QG" on the GDS

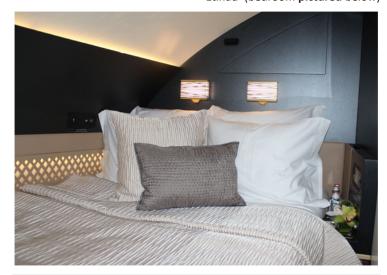
Your perfect travel companion





EY raises the stakes in battle for air supremacy

FIRST Class is no longer the pinnacle of air travel, at least not according to Etihad Airways. Unveiling 'The Residence by Etihad' (bedroom pictured below)



### **Crew model new-look uniforms**



IN LINE with the new aircraft, livery and overall image, Etihad has also revamped the uniforms of its entire crew, from inflight positions to those on the ground.

Envisioned & created by Italian designer Ettore Bilotta, the new threads aim to combine classic elegance with modern fashions, while not compromising on the



practicality and overall comfort. Different designs will be rolled out for inflight crew, ground staff and specialty staff such as chefs, Flying Nannies and butlers.

Nearly two dozen existing Etihad Airways working crew paraded the new uniforms for the media. For additional photos of these designs and more, CLICK HERE.

in Abu Dhabi overnight, Etihad ceo James Hogan said the airline had "rewritten the rule book on what is possible and created definite new standards".

The Residence is a three-room product measuring 125 square feet in total & offering a separate living room, a bedroom furnished with a double bed and large TV screen, and ensuite with shower.

It is anticipated The Residence will be loaded into the GDS and available for travel agents to sell.

As for pricing, the approximate fare for return Sydney to London will cost a flat AUD\$86,000 for the cabin, which caters to either one or two passengers and also includes dedicated service from butlers trained at The Savoy.

For a photo tour of each cabin class on both aircraft. CLICK HERE.

RIGHT: EY says the new First Apartments are another first for commercial aviation and offer a reclining lounge chair, a minibar and adjustable ottoman, which converts to a flat bed.



ABOVE: Etihad Airways ceo

James Hogan introduces the

proudly declaring "we are

reshaping the landscape of

world to the new-look carrier,

modern air travel in our own way".



**RIGHT:** Economy class will be the likely habitat for the majority of pax. This cabin has also been reimagined, with the "Smart Seat" on both aircraft offering 20% more space with non-invasive reclining.

LEFT: Over on the 787 Dreamliner, the new First Suites are configured as 1-2-1 across the cabin, with centre suites able to be opened up to create a double bed for couples.









#### THL profit upgrade

**NEW** Zealand's Tourism Holdings Limited says it's now expecting a half year net profit after tax of more than \$5 million, while the full year result is likely to be at least \$17 million according to an update today.

The company based the upgraded results on current strong trading patterns.

THL has also announced the appointment of SKYCITY gm corporate services Gráinne Troute as a new non-executive director.

### Hawaii holiday prize

HAWAII Tourism Oceania is giving away an Hawaiian holiday valued at over \$10,000 including HA flights, accom and activities as part of a consumer promotion for its recently released Hawaii family guide, which is available as an online download.

The competition closes on 02 Jan, with an associated website at alohadownundercompetition.com.

### Shark dive minus cage

**ADVENTURE** Bay Charters in Adelaide has launched what it claims is the world's first Shark Aqua Sub - allowing guests to dive with sharks yet staying dry.

As part of its new six-seat *MV Shark Warrior* submersible, the eco-certified offers full 360° views of sharks off the SA coast but with food and wine service.

### **SkyPriority rollout**

THE SkyTeam airline alliance says it's the first alliance to deliver "aligned priority services worldwide," with the global roll out of SkyPriority access right across its network.

The next enhancement is Fast Track lanes at security and immigration for top customers, with SkyTeam working to implement these with operators of the sixty top airports.

#### High ropes at Taronga

VISITORS to Taronga Zoo can now enjoy the attraction's newest activity - a treetop high ropes adventures known as Wild Ropes.

Four courses are available, with users able to navigate 60 different challenges and activities including suspension bridges, rope climbs & zip lines 10 metres above ground.

The course takes users above animal enclosures and also offers views of Sydney Harbour.

### Kakadu park fee hike

**INTERSTATE** and international visitors will be charged more to visit the Kakadu National Park under a new fee structure to take effect from 01 Apr 2016.

From this date, wet season passes from Nov to Mar will cost \$25 per adult, \$12.50 per child and \$19 for pensioners.

Dry season passes will be priced from \$40 per adult, \$20 per child and \$30 for a pensioner visitor. Discounts of 10% will be offered

for passes purchased online. The park said the extra funds

will be reinvested in initiatives to improve visitor facilities and to keep park landscapes healthy.



#### FULL TIME MANAGER SPENCER TRAVEL EASTSIDE

We are looking for a full time Manager for Spencer Travel Eastside, located in Edgecliff Sydney.

Minimum consulting experience of 10 years with strong leadership skills.

The role will involve leading a team of three, with a focus on figures, growth and marketing of the business.

You will need good organisation skills and time management. You will also be consulting and preferably have a good client following.

Sabre/Tramada preferred.

Please send an expression of interest to penny.spencer@spencertravel.com.au



How did you come to be involved with Rocky Mountaineer?

Rocky Mountaineer, Air Canada and Channel 10 came up with the idea to send myself and Chris (co-star Dr Chris Beown) to Canada to showcase the train and what we're trying to come up with is an experience people can get and to inspire people to have that experience themselves in Canada.

What would be your career highlight? I've worked with amazing companies in the past, I cooked in the Emirates marquee for the Melbourne Cup, so that was a very prestigious event. I've cooked for a lot of famous personalities and I opened my first restaurant when I was 28. The biggest personal highlight for me though is to have had a family.

#### What is your favourite holiday spot?

The south of Spain I love. I love Scotland, I lived there for three years and I love Edinburgh. I loved Hawaii, it was a lot of fun. South Africa, Cape Town was great. I love Chile, South America was fascinating. We had a lot of fun in Canada. The Rocky Mountaineer is something so unique and Canada is definitely in my top five. Where is the most exotic destination that you've been?

Probably Tropical Queensland. I used to work for Foxtel and had a TV show called Miguel's Tropical Kitchens and I got to be in place like Cape Tribulation. I have been in Green Island, Mission Beach and other breathtaking destinations in Queensland. They just have the biggest paradise in the world.

What is one thing you can't leave home without when you travel? I'm very light when I travel but I always

love to make sure I dress well, so I have a lot of clothes. But one thing I always have with me are photos of my family in a pocket of my suitcase.

### What's the most common item you find you leave at home?

I always forget crazy things like my Passport. I have to call on my way to the airport. I always forget my sunglasses, my mobile. I always realise when I'm on the way to the airport, and I have had to turn around and

### Travel Daily Exclusive

### Celebrity Interview with TV chef Miguel Maestre

AUSTRALIAN TV viewers welcome charming and charismatic TV chef Miguel Maestre into their homes every Friday night as a regular presenter on Channel 10 show The Living Room.

Earlier this year, the affable Spaniard travelled with The Living Room co-host Dr Chris Brown to Canada to travel on the Rocky Mountaineer.

He recently sat down with *TD* to discuss his experience.

go back to get some things. I get so excited with the trips. But I love my beautiful wife, she makes sure and if I was by myself, I would be a disaster. My wife makes sure that I check, check and triple check. She is very good at keeping an eye on me. Do you have an embarrassing travel story that you'd like to share? Oh gosh, I have a million. One of the most embarrassing stories happened in Canada. These guys are world champions at throwing axes, so Gringo (Brown) and I, we arrive for filming with them and they have the most amazing skills you've ever seen in your life. Gringo gets the axe and we have to throw a bulls-eye. He throws it for the first time in his life, and just hits the middle. It was so embarrassing because after, the world champs got really guite nervous because they thought we were stitching them up. So they thought we were professionals. But on the next activity, the men saw, we were crap.

### Do you have a tip for travelling you'd like to share with our readers?

Keep it simple, like cooking. When you go to a destination, don't try to get involved in something complicated. Just keep it simple. Go and choose two or three of the best things to do in the area, and just stick to it. And, always try and see the quirky things so you can see the beautiful destinations in a slightly different way.

### Who would you want to sit next to on a plane?

Jesus Christ. We'd be really, really safe. What's a food item not currently served that you'd like on a plane? I would like to see more tapas action. I think when you're on an airline, it's all exciting, you're on your way somewhere, you should be having a little bit of this, a bit of that. You should have four or five little tasters of things so you can enjoy.

### Do you have a favourite childhood travel memory?

When I was little, we always used to go to La Manga. It's a beautiful place in Murcia. I had the best times of my life there.

### It's not a bad Hobbit



**YOU** could forgive Tourism New Zealand and Air New Zealand for feeling a bit Smaug this morning, after hosting an advance screening of the last instalment of the Hobbit trilogy, ahead of its cinematic release on 26 Dec.



'The Battle of Five Armies' drew hordes of travel industry movie goers to the Event Cinemas VIP Gold Class screening in Sydney, with screenings also taking place in Brisbane and Melbourne, for a total of more than 650 agents, media, corporate and travel partners.

Many posed for a photo with a gigantic replica of the One Ring, chaperoned by Tourism New Zealand's Leah Greengarten (pictured above), which *Travel Daily* was told had not been dropped - so far.

The evening started with

#### **New Horizons Asia**

**NEW** Horizons Holidays has released its 2015 Asia brochure, with a range of product in China, Singapore, Malaysia & Hong Kong.

New product includes more flexible cruising options as well as day tours such as Legoland, the River Safari in Singapore, a Historic Malacca tour from Kuala Lumpur and a Coral Islands tour in Sabah.

More info on 1300 302 230.

canapes and drinks, enjoyed by the attendees including the Flight Centre NSW/ACT product team (**pictured** above from left: Todd Hall, Elliot Mendick, Rhys Treloar, Josh Steele, Lauren Anderson and Bec Cushing).

Tourism NZ Australia gm Tony Saunders introduced the movie, with Hobbiton Movie Set Tours gm Russell Alexander speaking about the match between the movie's panoramas and New Zealand's actual landscapes.

Then guests settled back into their armchairs with 3D glasses to enjoy the glory of the last Hobbit movie - no spoilers, but people won't be dragon their feet to see this one.

The screenings come as part of Tourism NZ's '100% Middle Earth, 100% Pure New Zealand' tourism campaign launched last week. **CLICK HERE** for more photos of the night.

#### Sydney traffic up 1.5%

**SYDNEY** Airport ceo Kerrie Mather is citing strong growth in load factors into SYD during Nov, which were up 4 points on international services.

Overall passenger numbers rose 1.5% to 3.247 million, with domestic up 1.3% to 2.174m and international rising 2.25 to 1.07m.

"Higher load factors indicate demand for air travel continues to increase at Sydney Airport," Mather said.

The strongest growth was in travel from China (+24.8%), the Philippines (+21.5%), Taiwan (+8.7%), India (+7.7%) and the USA (+6.3%).

Australian residents travelling to the Philippines increased 56.4% during the month due to the new Cebu Pacific services as well as more Philippines Airlines capacity.

#### Red Gum over the line

**RED** Gum Resources is finally on track to become The Australian Travel Group, after the company's reconvened Extraordinary General Meeting yesterday approved the acquisition of Holiday Planet, Asia Escape Holidays and Motive Travel.

The vote will see the consolidation of Red Gum's existing share capital on the basis of 1:44, with post-consolidation trading now set to commence next Mon 22 Dec on a deferred settlement basis.

### New FC media agency

**FLIGHT** Centre's head of customer experience Keith Stanley today announced the appointment of Ikon to manage the media buying for its \$40 million marketing budget across six leisure brands.

Escape Travel, Student Flights, Cruiseabout, Travel Associates and My Adventure Store are included in the arrangement alongside the flagship Flight Centre brand.

The new appointment follows a decade-long partnership with incumbent agency Carat.

### DVI to buy iBuyNew

SHARES in BYOjet parent Disruptive Investment Group are back on the market, after the firm confirmed it is set to acquire a 50% stake in iBuyNew.com.au, an online marketplace for "off the plan" properties.

The acquisition would reinforce DVI's focus on finding growing and profitable disruptive technology businesses, the company said.



### **MEL self-service**

MELBOURNE Airport is claiming a world first with the installation of 28 new self-service kiosks and 12 automated bag drop facilities in its international terminal.

It's the first full self-service solution for passengers at an international airport, utilising the latest technology from SITA and BCS.

Trials of the new kiosks are now underway, with full deployment expected in early 2015.

### CVO, IAG NZ partner

**COVER-MORE** Group (CVO) has partnered with Insurance Australia Group (IAG) in New Zealand to provide specialised travel insurance and assistance services for IAG's brands.

These included AMI Insurance, State Insurance and NZI, Cover-More said.

The companies would work together to provide additional travel insurance services to IAG business partners, including products, claims services and international medical assistance for IAG customers.

**MEANWHILE** following Flight Centre's profit downgrade (*TD* 18 Dec), CVO confirmed the company was "comfortable" with market expectations for its 2015 financial year profit.

These expectations were for EBITDA ranging from \$53.8m to \$56.9m, CVO said.



#### Area Sales Manager (Adelaide based, Internal Role)

Phil Hoffmann Travel is a South Australian family owned business employing over 200 South Australians operating from 10 branches throughout the state, and is 10 time winner of the prestigious NTIA award 'Best Travel Agency in Australia'. The Area Sales Manager is a newly created internal role responsible for driving profitability and growth through mentoring and management of Branch Managers.

> To learn more about this opportunity and Phil Hoffmann Travel please go to http://www.pht.com.au/positions-available.asp

### Qantas rolls out the red carpet at LAX

QANTAS pulled out all stops in Los Angeles last night for the official opening of the new First Class Lounge at LAX (TD yesterday). The red carpet affair included a number of Aussie celebrities, with a special performance by Human Nature and appearances from ceo Alan Joyce, Qantas celebrity chef Neil Perry and more including local dignitaries, top clients and industry partners.

> LEFT: How cute is this! Australian actor Melissa George brought along her son Raphael for his first red carpet, and was clearly preparing him for a life in the limelight.

Qantas head of Americas, Vanessa Hudson, echoed Joyce's sentiments when she spoke, saying the vision was to create "the best lounge in North America" - the equivalent of a five star hotel with a fabulous fine dining experience.

"North America is the fastest growing market for Qantas," she said, with the investment in the new lounge part of the carrier's ongoing transformation.

TD took these photos on the spot during the event, with lots more at facebook.com/traveldaily.



**RIGHT:** Another Aussie who's made it big in Hollywood. Nick Bishop is pictured with Amanda Bolger of Qantas Corporate Communications.

ANTAS



LEFT: Neil Perry and Alan Joyce break out a magnum of bubbly to celebrate the LAX Qantas First Lounge.

QANTAS



QANTAS



ABOVE: Qantas ceo Alan Joyce with the fabulous Human Nature -Toby, Mike, Phil and Andrew.

**RIGHT:** Xavier Samuel, Aussie star of The Twilight Saga: Eclipse.

**BELOW:** Some of the very stylish Los Angeles Qantas First Class Lounge staff.







see facebook.com/traveldaily. Website: www.traveldaily.com.au | Phone: 1300 799 220 | Fax: 1300 799 221 | Email: info@traveldaily.com.au

bar, Saarninen Womb Chair and more

the launch.

and chef Neil Perry.

ANTAS

QANTA

### Italian court clears EK on MXP-JFK route

**EMIRATES** has been given the green light to resume flying between Milan and New York JFK under fifth-freedom rights by Italy's top administrative tribunal.

Earlier this year, EK was told by Italian airline association Assaereo it could not operate the lucrative business route as it was not an EU-registered carrier (TD 17 Apr).

Assaereo's largest airline member is Alitalia, which itself is now 49% owned by Emirates' regional arch-rival Etihad Airways.

However, the Italian Council of State has now rejected the legal challenge and approved the route, which operates as a tag-on from the Dubai to Milan route.

### **Good Karma for CTM**

**COMPLETE** Travel Marketing has announced a new partnership with Indonesian hospitality group Karma Resorts, representing Karma Kandara and Karma Jimbara in Bali plus Karma Reef in Gili Meno, Lombok.



**DUBAI** and its luxury element came calling for this group of Travellers Choice agents recently, treated to a long weekend of high-end activity in the emirate. Coming from around Australia

to Dubai, the group was hosted by Creative Holidays and flown to the booming city by Emirates.

It was difficult enough trying to tear themselves away from the palatial accom at the Jumeirah Zabeel Saray and the Dar Al Masyaf Arabian Summerhouse.

## Win a trip to Abu Dhabi flying with Etihad Airways

This month *Travel Daily* is giving the travel industry a chance to win a trip to Abu Dhabi, courtesy of Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority, Etihad Airways, Shangri-La Hotels and Arabian Adventures. The prize includes:

- 2 return Economy Class flights to Abu Dhabi with Etihad Airways
- 4 nights staying in a Deluxe room at the five-star Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri
- Breakfast daily

Airport transfers and sightseeing tour with Arabian Adventures Everyday TD will ask a different question about Abu Dhabi and Etihad Airways. The subscriber with the most correct answers and the most creative answer to the final question will win this amazing prize. Send your answers to: abudhabicomp@traveldaily.com.au

Tell us in 25 words or less why you'd love to visit Abu Dhabi.



Travel Daily is Australia's leading travel industry publication. Produced each weekday since 1994, the newsletter is first with the latest industry news and is available by paid subscription to people within the travel industry sign up at www.traveldaily.com.au.

Postal address: PO Box 1010, Epping, NSW 1710 Australia Street address: 4/41 Rawson St, Epping NSW 2121 Australia P: 1300 799 220 (+61 2 8007 6760) F: 1300 799 221 (+61 2 8007 6769)

But with much enthusiasm, the group took in many of the city's tourist attractions including the At The Top Observatory in the Burj Khalifa, pottered through the wares at the silk. spice and gold souks and headed to the desert for a Sundowner Dune Dinner.

Pictured above in front of the Aquarium at the Dubai Mall from left is Roslyn Spencer, Port Lincoln Travel and Cruise; Tanya Mourbey, Naracoorte Travel and Cruise; Jeanette Spry, Oliver Travel; Janis Tennent, Creative Holidays; Trinity Hastwell, Hastwell Travel and Cruise; Tullie Seneca, Travel and Cruise Ceduna; Steve Peters, Emirates and AJ Moore from Travellers Choice.

Kneeling in front: Caitlan Lambert, B&P Travel & Cruise and Dragnan MIlovanovic from Atlantis The Palm.

#### **New Swiss range**

THE Swiss Travel System has launched a new product range for 2015, with the aim of better catering to the changing needs of visitors to Switzerland including shorter stays and more flexibility.

The popular Swiss Pass is being rebranded as the Swiss Travel Pass with new validity dates of three, four, eight and 15 days.

The Saver versions of the pass are being discontinued, but pax under 26 can get a 15% discount.

The pass will also be printable from home, giving unlimited public transport and access to 480 museums across Switzerland.



### Quest global move

**QUEST** Serviced Apartments has been appointed as the primary Australasian partner of The Apartment Service, a global agent for serviced apartments with a network of more than 700 international locations

Quest now forms part of The TAS Alliance, with gm brand Tony Gauci saying the pact will benefit both parties moving forward.

"As part of The TAS Alliance, Quest will have access to an even wider network of international guests...further, the partnership will support the needs of our Australasian based corporate clients within EMEA markets."



I found my job on jito 99



simply join the jito community on our website and like us on facebook or follow us on instagram



winner will be drawn on 31st december 2014 www.jito.co

Publisher/Managing Editor: Bruce Piper Editor: Guy Dundas Assistant Editor: Matt Lennon Contributors: Louise Wallace, Jenny Piper, Sarah Piper Editorial email: info@traveldaily.com.au Advertising and Marketing: Sean Harrigan and Lisa Martin - advertising@traveldaily.com.au Business Manager: Jenny Piper - accounts@traveldaily.com.au Part of the Travel Daily group of publications.

CRUISE traveBulletin business events news Pharmacy Travel Daily Travel Daily is a publication of TDaily Pty Ltd ABN 34 108 508 765. All content fully protected by copyright. Please obtain written permission to reproduce any material. While every care has been taken in the preparation of Travel Daily no liability can be accepted for errors or omissions. Information is published in good faith to stimulate independent investigation of the matters canvassed. Responsibility for editorial comment is taken by Bruce Piper.



Travel





### ADD A NEW JOB TO YOUR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST!



### FOR ALL THE BEST VACANCIES VISIT www.aaappointments.com.au

NSW & ACT – 8/6 O'Connell St, SYDNEY – (02) 9231 6377 – apply@aaappointments.com.au VIC, WA & SA – 1/167-169 Queen St, MELBOURNE – (03) 9670 2577 – recruit@aaappointments.com.au QLD & NT – 13/97 Creek St, BRISBANE – (07) 3229 9600 – employment@aaappointments.com.au

CRUISE INTO ONE OF THESE FANTASTIC ROLESI RETAIL & WHOLESALE TRAVEL CONSULTANT SYDNEY NORTH SHORE – SALARY PACKAGE UP TO \$55k This is the rare & exciting opportunity to join this growing cruise company's retail or wholesale team. Located in Sydney's North Shore, you will enjoy booking the best cruise lines to exciting worldwide destinations from Cuba to Alaska and everything in between. You will be rewarded with a top salary, additional bonuses, generous famils and ongoing support and development. If you have 2 years travel consulting including cruise exp and a passion for cruise, apply now and set sail with one of these fantastic roles!

#### \*NEW\* HURRY! SECURE THIS ROLE BEFORE XMAS HIGH END TRAVEL CONSULTANT MELBOURNE CBD - SALARY PKG TO \$65K (DOE)

Hot off the press! This exciting new high end leisure role is going to reignite your passion for travel and see you saying goodbye to time wasters! We are currently recruiting for an experienced leisure travel expert to join this new team in Melbourne. You will service a member based clientele with 5 star travel services and concierge services. This role will see you working a rotating roster while earning a high base salary of up to \$65K. If you have at least 4 years travel consulting experience we can help you land this role.

### MAKE THE MOVE TO GROUP TRAVEL IN 2015 GROUP TRAVEL CONSULTANT

MELBOURNE (INNER) - SALARY PACKAGE \$60k (OTE) Stop wasting your talents in your retail role and make the move to this dedicated group travel position in 2015! This well-known global travel company now requires a superstar travel expert to join their growing team. You will be responsible for arranging group travel for destination weddings, large families, school groups, sporting teams and more. You will arrange everything from flights, accommodation and tours and all the while dealing with exotic destinations! Call us now! Min 3 years retail

#### YOUR TICKET AROUND THE WORLD WHOLESALE TRAVEL CONSULTANTS BRISBANE CBD – UP TO \$55K OTE

Are you an experienced consultant looking to jump behind the scenes? Join this global wholesaler and start your new adventure! Your day will involve selling packages through Australia/NZ or internationally. You will sell a range of holiday destinations and packages in this fast paced role. Great career development, superb \$\$ package and the best benefits the industry has to offer! All you need is a min 12 mths consulting or reservation experience, proven sales skills, and a can do attitude to make this one yours!

#### DO YOU LOVE THIS SUNBURNT COUNTRY? INBOUND TRAVEL CONSULTANT SYDNEY – SALARY PACKAGE UP TO \$60K DOE

This boutique operator is looking for an amazing inbound agent to join their close knit team arranging prestigious & specialised itineraries to exciting destinations throughout Australasia. From luxury glamping at Ayers Rock to relaxing in Rotorua's bubbling hot pools. If you want to rub shoulders with the rich and famous you need min 2 years inbound exp and excellent customer service skills. Be rewarded with a supportive team, ongoing development, M-F only & beautiful CBD office. Apply Now if you love this sunburnt country!

### FROM THE INCA TRAIL TO NEPAL – NEW ROLE!! BDM / TRAVEL CONSULTANT

PERTH (CBD) – SALARY PACKAGE \$60K (DOE) We have an exciting NEW travel role in Perth that will see you stepping into the BDM side of the travel industry. This adventure travel company is now looking for a senior travel consultant to join their growing team. This is a mixed role and will see you also developing new business while being on the road and growing the clientele for the office. If you love to travel off the beaten track and have excellent relationship building skills let us help you secure this unique role in Perth. Call us today and never look back.

#### ARE YOU READY TO LEAVE RETAIL BEHIND YOU? CORPORATE TRAVEL CONSULTANT PERTH- SALARY PKG UP TO \$65K (OTE)

Are you looking for a change? Want to do something exciting and new? This is a great opportunity to work for a global travel management company and take a step into corporate travel. You will service a variety of exciting accounts with their worldwide travel arrangements. Working Monday – Friday hours with a fun team, you will benefit from uncapped commission and excellent staff benefits! If you have at least 3 years international consulting experience we want to hear from you!

#### START THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANG! TRAVEL CONSULTANTS BRISBANE – TOP \$\$ PACKAGES

Is selling travel your passion? This leading online agency is expanding and looking for sales gurus to join their expanding team. As an experienced Travel Consultant you will handle enquiries via phone and email and provide tailored itineraries for clients. Be a part of some sensational teams, booking a variety of destinations, earn a strong salary and enjoy fantastic educationals. If you have a minimum of 2 years experience as an International Consultant and have strong sales skills we want to hear from you!