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## VS drops kangaroo route

VIRGIN Atlantic's decision to axe flights between Sydney and Hong Kong (*TD* breaking news) comes less than a decade after the service was flamboyantly launched by Sir Richard Branson.

At the time, Branson touted the airline's success in obtaining rights to the route, scoffing at then QF ceo Geoff Dixon whom he challenged to dress up as a female flight attendant when the flights launched (*TD* 21 Jun 2004).

However VS ceo Craig Kreeger now says the SYD-HKG service is "no longer considered profitable" due to increasing costs and the weakening Australian dollar despite the A\$ trading at just US69c when the route debuted.

VS will continue to operate flights between London and Hong Kong, but will cease Sydney operations effective from 05 May.

The airline says it's in talks with other carriers to "reprotect passengers travelling both between Hong Kong and Sydney as well as further afield," with initial options including rebookings with Cathay Pacific in CX Y class for Economy pax, W

class for VS Premium Economy bookings, and I class for those booked in Upper Class.

Affected travellers are also being offered a full refund.

The move leaves British Airways as the only European carrier still flying to Australia, with daily LHR-SYD 777 flights via Singapore.

Kreeger confirmed that Virgin Atlantic staff in Hong Kong and Sydney would be affected, with a formal consultation period having now commenced.

He said VS would continue to operate its published schedule until 05 May "and customers can be confident booking flights for travel prior to then".

#### Club Med ski special

**CLUB** Med is offering an early booking bonus of up to 30% on snow holidays - see **page ten**.

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## T-QUAL to be industry led

**GOVERNMENT** authority Austrade has been tasked with overseeing the transition of the T-QUAL accreditation scheme from a government-led program to being entirely industry regulated.

Funding of \$600,000 has been allocated by the Federal Govt to assist with the transfer, which will include an open competitive tender run through AusTender.

Austrade is currently seeking feedback and input from industry ahead of formal tender issuance.

It follows a Govt paper calling for industry input on demand driven infrastructure (TD 09 Jan).

Currently, bestowment of a T-QUAL accreditation - a nationally recognised symbol indicating to consumers that a tourism product or service is of an elite standard is granted by the Tourism Quality Council of Australia.

The scheme itself & businesses displaying the 'T-QUAL Tick' are effectively endorsed and promoted by Tourism Australia in its global marketing initiatives.

According to a discussion paper issued by Austrade, the tender to be issued will be for responsibility of the program to be assumed in full from 01 Jul by either a single managerial body or a consortium.

Duties will include all aspects of the scheme currently managed by Government, such as marketing of the scheme itself, administration, application assessment processes and management of customer feedback obtained from tourists.

The successful tenderer will also assume control of the National **Tourism Accreditation Framework** membership database.

Applicants must be able to show a sustainable business model and governance structure, with an expectation of further funding to come from industry contributions.

As part of the tender, the Federal Govt has proposed to either license the use of the registered T-QUAL Tick trademark to the successful bidder or transfer full ownership on the proviso of it being granted a "perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, fully paid-up, royalty free, irrevocable license" to use as it sees fit.

Submissions from industry are open until 21 Feb - CLICK HERE to read the discussion paper in full.







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#### Disney Hawaii deals

THE newly expanded Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa in Hawaii (TD 17 Oct) is offering a huge 40% discount to eligible travel agents for stays through to 10 Apr - see www.disneytravelagents.com.au.

The property also has a number of offers for clients, including a US\$500 resort credit for four night stays, or a four nights for the price of three deal.

For details & bookings, contact your preferred wholesaler.



### **Badgerys Creek decision looms**

**INFRASTRUCTURE** Minister Warren Truss has recommended government approval be given for Badgerys Creek to become the site of Sydney's second airport, News Limited is reporting today.

According to The Telegraph, Truss plans to issue a cabinet

minute for the new airport next week when Parliament resumes, with the full support of PM Tony Abbott.

The newspaper cites a senior govt official who said "it's [Badgerys Creek] on. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the plan is for it to go to cabinet next week."

A final pricetag on the project has

not been determined, however Truss' minute suggests the cost of infrastructure linking Badgerys Creek Airport to the city will be up to \$250 million alone.

#### Footy tipping regos

IT'S that time of year again time to start registering for Travel Daily's annual footy tipping competitions.

The first cab off the rank is the Super 15 Rugby Union which kicks off with the first game on Sun 16 Feb 2014.

It's free to register but you have to be part of the Australian travel industry to take part, with the major Super 15 tipping prize again being flights to Dubai courtesy of Emirates.

To sign up for the competition go to rugby.traveldaily.com.au.

It's understood a master plan for Badgerys Creek Airport was submitted last month, with a decision likely later this month.

In Oct, Treasurer Joe Hockey was cited saying a decision for the \$6 billion airport was likely to be made within months (TD 23 Oct).



#### BA to shut NZ office

**BRITISH** Airways is set to close its one-man office in Auckland at the end of next month as part of changes to its commercial operations in South West Pacific.

Effective from Apr, relationships with the NZ industry and clients will be handled from Sydney.

### **Window** Seat

NICOTINE addicts rejoice - a new hotel search engine will help you locate accommodation around the world "where all our rooms are smoking!"

Smoketels.com brags that site users can save "endless hours" trying to locate a smoke-friendly hotel, pinpointing a search within just 60 seconds.

The portal says it has access to over 100,000 hotels worldwide.

**BRITISH** Airways has issued a unique challenge, seeking five contestants from around the world to race an A380 on the runway at Johannesburg.

The #ManVsPlane contest follows last year's "smash hit viral video" which featured South African rugby legend Bryan Habana beating the superjumbo over 200m from a standing start (CLICK HERE).

The winners will travel to Johannesburg on BA's new direct A380 flights from London Heathrow, which will commence operations next week.

#### MARKET MANAGER AUSTRALASIA

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Rail Europe is the leading global distributor of European and some non-European trains. Active in more than 50 countries, RE4A acts both as a wholesaler to General Sales Agents and as a retailer through fully owned websites. Annual turnover of the OZ/NZ region is 50 Million Euros (80 Million AUD) of which 23% is sold through Rail Europe's B2C websites: w

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- Define and implement the marketing plan for the region

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  Develop strategic partnerships to enhance positioning of rail product

  Manage an integrated PR strategy generating broad, rail focused editorial both in print and online
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- Manage an office with one marketing/web marketing coordinator (Sydney)

The applicant should have a minimum of 5 years experience in the travel industry with preferably some knowledge of European rail products, a strong Marketing background and some degree of knowledge regards web

managing and e-commence.

Autonomy, team spirit, dynamism, and an ability to relate to people from other cultures are key qualities required for the job.

Availability: February 2014

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### **Levin lunch levity**



DAVID and Lynne Levin, the owners of London's ideally located The Capital and The Levin Hotels, are in Sydney this week for their annual catch-up with the Australian travel industry.

The five star boutique properties in Knightsbridge (near Harrods) enjoy strong patronage from Australians, with David Levin telling TD Aussies comprise as many as one in five guests.

Special deals currently on offer include three nights accommodation with full English breakfast, complimentary wi-fi,

afternoon tea or a \$50 restaurant credit per person and a roundtrip LHR, LCY or St Pancras airport transfer priced from just A\$1758 including VAT - for details see www.capitalhotel.co.uk.

Pictured above from left are: Barbara Whitten, Anywhere Travel; Claudia Rossi Hudson, Mary Rossi Travel; Don Beattie, MTA Travel; Lyn and David Levin, The Capital London; Adrienne Wittemann, North Shore Travel & Cruise; Steve Lloyd, Cruiseco; and Jonica Paramor, The Unique Tourism Collection.

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### Restaurant website for QFFF

A NEW "Qantas Restaurants" online booking platform for Qantas Frequent Flyers has launched, in partnership with the

#### Qantas seat selection

**ADVANCE** Seat Selection for Qantas bookings will continue to be available via "Manage my Booking" at gantas.com during the phased implementation of the Electronic Miscellaneous Document (TD Mon).

QF says it will update to the trade by mid-Feb as to when Advanced Seat Selection functionality will be available on the GDSs using EMD-A.

#### QF/JL Tasman c'share

**QANTAS** and Japan Airlines have flagged their intention to codeshare on the New Zealand route effective from 04 Mar.

The International Air Services Commission has confirmed receipt of a confidential codeshare pact, with the IASC inviting submissions on the proposal which are due 18 Feb.

Dimmi.com.au booking network. Under the deal, members will be able to earn Qantas Points when eating out at over 2,000 restaurants across Australia.

100 points per booking per person are on offer, with free live reservations confirmed instantly.

Popular eateries on the portal include the Rockpool portfolio operated by Qantas culinary consultant Neil Perry.

QF Loyalty ceo Lesley Grant said the majority of members "have great enthusiasm for dining on a regular basis".



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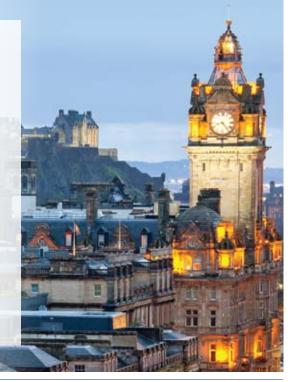
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#### **Inside look at Carnival**

**INTREPID** Travel's day-tour division Urban Adventures has launched a limited opportunity for travellers to see rehearsals of the annual Rio Carnival parade. held between 28 Feb-04 Mar.

The six-hour behind-the-scenes tour is available only for the next three weekends ahead of the iconic party and takes place on Sat evenings, priced from \$194pp - see www.urbanadventures.com.

#### Merpati wings clipped

**INDONESIAN** domestic airline Merpati Nusantara Airlines has cancelled all operations until the end of next month at the earliest due to a financial restructuring.

Flight crew and ground staff have reportedly not received wages for the past three months, with the airline also struggling to meet insurance premiums and fuel bills.

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#### Narrows temp closure

**THE** Sunshine Coast's Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat is set to temporarily close from next week for a month-long upgrade utilising funds received via a T-QUAL grant.

Works will include installation of brand new kitchens & bathrooms in each of the six cottages, a free wi-fi connectivity system, new soft furnishings and colour scheme.

To better cater to the Chinese market, the property will also be fitted with Chinese interpretive signage for the adjacent Great Hinterland rainforest trails.

#### **Cromwell Strip debut**

**CAESARS** Entertainment will open a new 188-room boutique property on the Las Vegas Strip, to be known as The Cromwell.

The new property will occupy the site formerly operating as Bill's Gamblin Hall & Saloon.

Closure of Bill's was announced last year (TD 19 Mar) with the original plan calling for a lifestyle hotel and resort to be branded as Gansevoort Las Vegas.

### Agents seeking Northern Lights

TWELVE highperforming Magellan **Travel Group members** have just landed in Helsinki as part of an exclusive Scandinavian educational.

Agents from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth are in tow, on a search for the awe-inspiring Northern Lights and other highlights.

The group are flying to Europe courtesy of Emirates and Finnair, and will also visit Ivalo, Tallinn and Stockholm, participating in activities including cross country skiing, snowmobile safari and winter fishing.

Diane Rawlings, Where2travel; Sue Watts, Platinum Travel; Trevor Jones, MTG: Emma Whiting. Emma Whiting Travel and Judy Tanner from Aurora Travel are pictured aboard their Emirates flight to Dubai ex Melbourne.

#### Thai AAX AOC tick

THAILAND'S air regulator has approved an Air Operator's Certificate for Thai AirAsia X - an offshoot of the Kuala Lumpur based budget carrier AirAsia X.

The new carrier plans to operate A330-330s on long-haul routes from Don Mueng Int'l, Bangkok.

### SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Singapore Airlines has opportunities for two motivated individuals to join our dynamic sales team in the Brisbane sales office.

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- Maintaining an accurate and ongoing sales pipeline
- Preparing regular reports on market activities and initiatives to enhance the Company's position in the market.
- Representing the Company at seminars, conferences, product launches, trade and public expos.

The successful candidates will need to demonstrate the following,

- · Proven business development skills within corporate travel procurement or travel industry or both.
- Sound industry knowledge.
- Proficiency in PC skills including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel.
- Excellent time management.
- Superior negotiation, presentation and communication skills.
- Willingness to travel within QLD, interstate and overseas.
- Australian citizenship or Permanent Residency status.
- Current drivers license and own car.

Experience within the travel industry with a business development background would be an advantage.

Qualified candidates are invited to send their application by 5pm Tuesday, 11 February 2014 to Michael Kirkby, Sales Manager QLD via info\_bne@singaporeair.com.sg or by mail to GPO Box 49 Brisbane QLD

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Navman also has your next off-shore trip covered as it is giving away a voucher for an overseas map.

For your chance to win, email your answer to the question below by Fri 7th Feb to: navman@traveldaily.com.au

What feature of the Navman MY Escape GPS will help you most on your next road trip and why?

#### Virgin including food

**COMPLIMENTARY** snacks and refreshments will be offered on much of Virgin Australia's east-coast network from today after a successful month-long trial.

Passengers on all scheduled flights between Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne will now be provided with a snack & beverage irrespective of the fare purchased.

Snacks will range from banana break, cheese and crackers to muffins and biscuits, alongside an expanded drinks policy which will now also offer juice with all-day coffee, tea and water.

All flights between mainland capital cities will also now include a soft drink or a selection of beer and wine on selected weekday afternoon flights between 4-7pm.

"We will continue to review the offering to ensure it is meeting our guest's needs," a VA spokesperson told *Travel Daily*.

#### Aava comp winner

**CONGRATS** to TravelManagers' Cassandra Zayonce who has been chosen as the winner of last week's Aava Resort competition, which appeared exclusively in *TD*.

Cassandra has won a three night stay for two people at Aava Resort & Spa in Thailand.



#### Sales Executive Sydney based

We are currently seeking a highly motivated Sales Executive with previous travel industry field sales experience to work in this newly created position, on a defined portfolio of Discover's clients.

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Competitive remuneration based on experience. Please send all applications to: hr@discovertheworld.com.au. Applications close on 7th February and only successful candidates will be contacted.

#### More earlybird time

**UNIWORLD** has extended its early booking savings of up to \$1,000 per couple on select 2014 European and China river cruise sailings until 28 Feb.



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#### **AFTA UPDATE**

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

**THE** travel industry is rightfully afloat with anticipation this week as Sydney plays host to the inaugural Australasian Cruise<sub>3</sub>Sixty event and the CLIA Awards which will be held this coming Saturday night. Travel agents have fallen in love with cruising and there is no doubt that Australian travellers have also.

As a travel category, the growth in departures from Australia and Australians taking a cruise is amazing and the local travel industry is very fortunate so many of the most awesome ships sail to our ports allowing us Aussies to enjoy a local based departure. But even without the sailings from our shores, the cruise category - including wandering down rivers from Asia to Europe and all places in between and the many other cruise options - is connecting with Aussies.

The numbers speak for themselves, and from the consistent advertising, product innovation and development, I don't see any "rough water" on the horizon for this wonderful travel category.

In an industry that can sometimes get very hung up on what airlines are doing or not doing, it occurs to me that there is a genuine connection between cruising and travel agents. And there are many really good stories to be told about cruise companies and their plans.

So to the many travel agents that have already "got on board" with the cruising phenomena, congratulations and I hope you are taking part in the CLIA events at the end of this week.

To those travel agents who have not yet found their "ship", now is your time, as cruising is definitely going to stay and bring with it a load of success for the industry and importantly travel agents into the future.

As with all awards nights, there can only be one winner in a category so I wish all those who are in the running for a CLIA Award the very best of luck, and I hope that Sydney and the Australian travel industry host a wonderful Cruise<sub>3</sub>Sixty event this week.

Best wishes to all involved.



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#### **Bush fishing package**

**BAMURRU** Plains in the Top End is converting its luxury camp into a fishing lodge between Feb and Apr, offering three- to six-day packages priced from \$2,350ppts.

Packages include accom, all meals, beverages (beer, wine & soft drinks) and daily guided fishing trips, from now until 28 Apr - see bamurruplains.com.

#### **Adina addition**

**TOGA** Hotels says it will soon begin construction of the group's second Adina Apartment Hotel in Frankfurt, slated to open in 2016.

Featuring 180 studio/apartment options, Adina Apartment Hotel Frankfurt Messe will be located in Europaviertel.

It builds on Adina's success at its nearby Neue Oper property.





**CARNIVAL** Australia's shoreside team this week celebrated the success of Seven Network's 4-hr Australia Day public holiday Sunrise broadcast, which took place aboard the Pacific Jewel.

It marked the first ever live broadcast of a television program aboard a ship while at sea.

In writing to P&O Cruises' Pacific Jewel Captain Stefano Ravera, Carnival Australia ceo Ann Sherry thanked both the shipside and shoreside teams for their efforts.

The historic broadcast played a major role in significantly raising

the profile of cruising as a holiday mode in a positive way.

Sherry is **pictured** above centre toasting to her team at the cruise line's Sydney headquarters.

#### **EK expands Nigeria**

**EMIRATES** will launch a new linked route into Nigeria from 01 Aug with a service to Abuja and Kano using an A340-500 aircraft in a three-class configuration.

The new route will be on top of the carrier's existing twice daily B777-300 services to Lagos.

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- be able to handle challenges
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- be an coach and communicator with appropriate management skills

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#### **TripAdvisor flight tool**

PASSENGERS will be able to submit cabin photos and review inflight amenities and services as part of a redesigned Flights Search product from TripAdvisor.

The enhanced travel review platform will also see the addition of a flight aggregator, allowing users to search multiple websites for the cheapest air seats.

TripAdvisor Flights will allow pax to advise which amenities and features are available on different aircraft types operating a service, from wi-fi, personal power points and availability of extra legroom.

"The new TripAdvisor Flights experience provides transparency into the complete in-flight experience to enable flyers to make the best booking decision," TripAdvisor Flights general manager Bryan Saltzburg said.

#### **Hello CTM sailor**

**RETIRED** Admiral Robert Natter from the US Navy has today been named as a North America-based independent non-exec director for Corporate Travel Management.

Chairman Tony Bellas said Admiral Natter has assisted CTM in a consultancy role since Sep and "brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in the North America market."

Bellas added Admiral Natter's ethos was closely aligned with CTM's values, business operations and growth aspirations.

#### Tales from the Inside

#### The Trafalgar difference

Justine Pichaloff, Travelworld Kotara said: "I must say, I'm usually one of the first to recommend a FIT package as the preferred way to travel through Rome, Florence and Venice, however, as cliché as it may sound, upon experiencing my first ever guided holiday, I was very surprised to have so many defining moments. I was completely blown away by the professionalism, perfectly balanced itinerary featuring plenty of free time, the number of inclusions, experienced team and most of all the unexpected surprises that Trafalgar offered myself and the group during our entire trip."

Justine travelled as a guest of Trafalgar on an agent famil to Italy - November, 2013



#### Solomon extra weight

**PASSENGERS** travelling with Solomon Airlines can now take advantage of increased baggage allowance which has been bulked up by 10kgs in both Economy and Business class.

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#### St Pat's Tempo tour

**TEMPO** Holidays is promoting a four-day package that takes in the St Patrick's Festival in Ireland, operating on 14, 15 and 16 Mar.

Priced from \$673ppts, the offer includes three nights accom in Dublin, a hop-on hop-off bus tour of the city, admission to Ireland's top tourist site - the Guinness Stonehouse, daily brekkie and return transfers - 1300 362 844.

#### **ACL** ship designation

**AMERICAN** Cruise Lines has revealed it will operate the first of four new riverboats (*TD* 17 Dec) on the Mississippi and Columbia Rivers from 15 Mar 2015.

Vice president said demand for Mississippi voyages was "high."

#### Tahiti FC incentive

**INFINITY** Holidays has launched a new travel agent incentive with places on a luxury mega-famil to Tahiti up for grabs.

Attendees on the famil will stay at the St Regis Bora Bora and the Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort, participating in activities such as feeding manta rays, jet-skiing and sunset cruising on the lagoon.

All Flight Centre Travel Group outlets are eligible to enter, with places going to the Top 25 stores showing the most improved sales before 30 Apr.

#### **EVA accepting UATP**

**TAIWANESE** carrier Eva Airways has advised it is now accepting Universal Air Travel Plan (UATP) credit card sales via BSP.

According to an official notice, restrictions on all other credit cards remain in place, with ADMs issued for all charge reversals occurring due to erroneous use. Contact BR for enquiries.



#### Sales Executive - Melbourne

Aircalin is the international airline of New Caledonia and has recently announced weekly services between Melbourne and Noumea.

Aircalin GSA, The Walshe Group, is seeking a results orientated individual with previous travel industry/airline experience and a passion for sales in the Melbourne area.

This role is responsible for representing Aircalin and promoting tourism to New Caledonia via developing key relationships within the Victoria travel industry.

#### Successful applicants must possess the following;

- Previous airline/travel industry experience in maintaining regular sales calls across an assigned sales territory;
- Knowledge of airline airfare structure, terminology and processes:
- The ability to deal with both travel agents and corporate customers;
- First rate presentation and negotiation skills;
- Knowledge of the Australian travel industry and local distribution systems.

Applications including your CV and a covering letter must be forwarded no later than Friday 14 February 2014 via email to applications@walshegroup.com

### WIN A TRIP TO THAILAND



This month *Travel Daily* is giving one reader and their friend the chance to win a 10 day Thailand tour, courtesy of **On The Go Tours**. The prize consists of:

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- · Breakfast daily and one dinner
- 8 nights accommodation in a 4 star hotel and 1 night accommodation on a floating jungle lodge
- · Escorted by English speaking local guides.

Thoughout February **Travel Daily** will ask 20 questions. The subscriber with the most correct entries and the most creative response to the final question will win this amazing Thailand holiday.

Email all your answers by COB Fri 28 Feb to: Onthegotours@traveldaily.com.au

What is the name of their tour that visits Hua Hin?

#### **Dutch W Hotel debut**

**STARWOOD** Hotels & Resorts Worldwide will introduce its boutique W Hotels brand to the Dutch market later this year when it unveils the W Amsterdam.

Positioned on the prestigious Dam Square in Amsterdam's CBD, the property will feature 169 rooms and suites, including one Extreme Wow (Presidential) Suite.

#### **NBO** advance arrivals

**HEIGHTENED** security measures have been put in place by authorities at Kenyan Airports, according to a DFAT travel notice.

Travellers are being advised to arrive at the airport an additional hour ahead of normal to complete enhanced screenings formalities.

#### Phase 3 of Tas promo

**TOURISM** Tasmania has rolled out Phase Three of its 'Go Behind the Scenery' marketing campaign earlier than slated to continue to build on booking momentum.

The \$6.6 million promo builds on earlier phases launched in Mar & Aug last year, which according to research has been successful in raising people's awareness of Tasmania as a holiday destination.

Hitting TV screenings in Sydney and Melbourne first, marketing is also spread across print, online & outdoor advertising until 05 Apr.

Minister for Tourism Scott Bacon said co-op deals with air carriers & travel partners was "an important part" of Tasmania's new five-year tourism marketing strategy.

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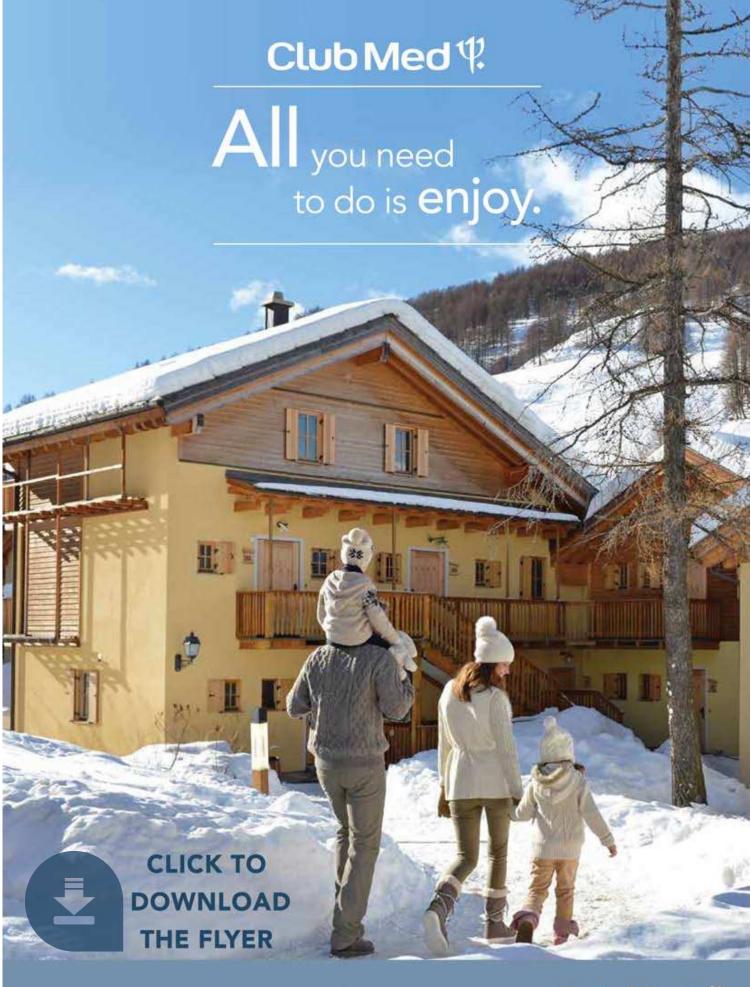
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