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EK to suspend Clark

EMIRATES is set to suspend operations on its daily flights between Dubai and Clark Airport in the Philippines.

Currently served by 777-300ERs the last flight is scheduled to depart Clark on 03 May.

Jetstar launches trade site

JETSTAR has today launched a new travel agent website which it says will make it faster for consultants to "quote, book, research and manage Jetstar bookings".

It's not clear whether the move signals a softening in the carrier's approach to agents, but the new portal is "an investment in our valued relationship with the travel trade," according to Evan Kruse, the carrier's Trade Distribution Manager.

Titled the *Jetstar Agent Hub* (JAH), the new portal soft launched about a month ago as a replacement to the former Jetstar Tradesite.

Jetstar said it has revamped the system after receiving consistent feedback from agents about problems with the former portal.

Key improvements include a shorter booking path involving just four pages and with fares, bundles and bags all priced on one page to expedite the process.

Pre-selected seating can also be booked via the site; unpopular trade products have been removed from the options, and the JAH has separate booking lists for PNRs with schedule changes or payments due.

Existing Tradesite usernames and passwords can be used to log on, and although it's only available in English at this stage, over the next few months the updated site will roll out in

additional languages.

A trade incentive is running to celebrate the launch, with 20 \$100 Jetstar flight vouchers up for grabs to agents who create a booking on the JAH and email the booking reference and details to prizewinner@jetstar.com by close of business on 03 Apr.

The JAH can be accessed online at agenthub.jetstar.com.

Ballot first week Apr

RESULTS from the Official Federal Government Ballot for the Gallipoli Centenary in 2015 are expected to be announced in the first week of Apr, according to Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours.

The announcement is likely to lead to a flurry of enquiries and bookings from people wanting to travel to Europe for the 100th anniversary, McLachlan said.

Two tours are being operated for the centenary, along with a dedicated Anzac Dawn Service at Gallipoli to cater for passengers unsuccessful in obtaining a ticket in the official ballot.

Heavy interest in the event is expected to lead to a booking rush in Apr, with agents strongly encouraged to act now to secure flights and add-on tours.

Mat McLachlan Tours has negotiated special group fares to Turkey available for sale now ahead of general release in May - details gallipolitour2015.com.au.

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QANTAS has launched a
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Nominally priced at \$89.50,
for some years there have been
free membership loopholes,
such as a no charge sign-up page
associated with the Woolworths
Everyday Rewards program.

In the latest offer, QF says free
membership is only available to
30 Jun - see qantas.com/joinfree.

Fiji training to be revamped

TOURISM Fiji is preparing to
launch a completely refreshed
online specialist training program
for travel agents as part of a major
shake-up of its global marketing.

Travel Daily can reveal today
that as part of the destination’s
ongoing relaunch in the Australian
market, a new focus on niche
traveller markets will form a big
part of Fiji’s coming promotions.

Tourism Fiji global marketing
director Ken Freer told **TD** the
organisation was now tendering
to find an education partner to
help build a refreshed destination
education platform for the trade,
earmarked for an Aug launch.

Details on exactly how many
modules or how the program will
be administered were yet to be
finalised & announced, he added.

Ten niche markets ranging from
diving, golf, families, adventure,
surfing, MICE, weddings and a
“catch-all” in romance have so
far been identified as targets but
there was no definitive list or limit.

“At the same time as we’re
going out with deeper messages
around Fiji at a consumer level,
the trade will be equally well

trained to have those quality
conversations with the consumers
that are coming in to their
stores,” Freer added.

“It’s no good having those niche
markets and marketing those
without having the support for
the agents behind it,” Tourism Fiji
regional director Australia Carlah
Walton added.

“They [agents] know that if
somebody comes in and wants to
go diving in Fiji they know they
can go on to our site, or if they’ve
already done the module, the
information is there”.

In addition, the next 18 months
will see a multitude of new sales
campaigns for the destination
unveiled in conjunction with
key online travel firms as well as
‘bricks-and-mortar’ agent groups.

These are expected to involve
funnelling consumer web traffic
visiting the Fiji.travel platform
directly to trade partners where
the booking can then be finalised.

Famil opportunities to be run
through industry partners will
also be targeted at agents who
have either never visited Fiji or
had not returned in a long time.

Scenic Canada 2015

SCENIC Tours this morning
released a preview of its Canada,
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Sabre announces Fiat winner



THERE'S a new *helloworld* branded Fiat driving around Helensvale on the Gold Coast, after Tony Strong from Helloworld Helensvale was named as the winner of Sabre's "Win a Fiat" sales incentive.

From Sep - Dec last year, Sabre Pacific ran the promotion which offered prizes for agents making car and hotel bookings via the Sabre GDS, with monthly prizes of iPads and the overall winner

receiving a brand new car.

Strong, who is **pictured** above left with Skye Collie and James Quinlan of Sabre Pacific, won the Fiat after making the highest number of eligible bookings.

"We experienced incredible growth over the period of the competition, and are really pleased to see lots of new agents using the Sabre GDS to its full capacity," said Sabre Pacific's gm marketing, James Quinlan.

Phillip Island funding

TWO new tourist attractions are set to be developed on Phillip Island thanks to a \$1.2m financial boost from the Vic state govt's \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund.

The projects will consist of an Eco Boat Tour, to be operated by Wildlife Coast Cruises, and a World Wide Fund for Nature multimedia interpretive display.

Both new attractions form part of the overall \$4.24 million Nobbies and Summerland Tourism Expansion Project.

"These additional tourist attractions will add value to the local economy, with a further 25,000 visitors each year expected to book an Eco Boat Tour," Vic Minister for Tourism & Major Events Louise Asher said.

The funding injection has been welcomed by Victoria Tourism Industry Council ceo Dianne Smith, who said it was vital the state's iconic tourism experiences were regularly refreshed.



Window Seat

UNDERGROUND exploration enthusiasts and tourists to London will soon be able to explore a disused network of tube tunnels which were once used to transport freight and mail under the city.

Expected to open in 2020, visitors will be able to ride on driverless trains through a small part of the network.

The original route, which opened in 1927, ran for 6.5 miles from Whitechapel to Paddington.

Islington Council has given its approval for the tunnels to be opened to visitors, with details on their history to be given to passengers as they ride.

A museum highlighting the Tube's history will be opened on the site at Mount Pleasant.

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FTE “oversubscribed”

TOURISM Fiji has reported an overwhelming response to its upcoming Fiji Tourism Exchange (FTE) trade show at the Sheraton Denarau from 05-08 May.

Global marketing director Ken Freer said the show was well oversubscribed by both exhibitors and buyers, with many more on a waitlist for last minute openings.

APT luxury ship guide

LUXURY tour operator APT has today released its 2014/15 Luxury Small Ships brochure, with the new program featuring seven new itineraries & two additional ships.

Itineraries across a total of eight vessels are offered as part of the program, with the newest additions being Paul Gauguin Cruises' *MV Tere Moana* and *L'Austral*, owned by luxury French line Compagnie Du Ponant.

Among the new itineraries is an 18-day Six Seas Odyssey departing Darwin on 05 Aug 2015, starting with a cruise to Sandakan aboard the *MS Caledonian Sky*, priced from \$14,495ppts.

APT general manager marketing and sales Debra Fox said the new program combined APT hallmark service with “wow” destinations.

New lounge at ZQN

QANTAS, Emirates and Jetstar will open a new 75-seat lounge at Queenstown Airport in a bid to help with high passenger levels during the busy winter season, *Aus Business Traveller* is reporting.

ACCC MH370 warning

CONSUMERS are being warned by the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) to be alert to potential scammers looking to capitalise on current events such as the MH370 drama.

ACCC deputy chair Delia Rickard said scammers used tools such as seeking false charity donations.

People looking for information on MH370 could be targeted with links to stories and videos infected with malware.

News reports from seemingly legitimate websites were able to infect computers,” Rickard added.

MEANWHILE, insurance giant Allianz says it has started paying claims in relation to MH370.

Chinese media said payments totalling around US\$100 million have already started being made, but Allianz has declined to go into further detail on affected policies.

According to Chinese state-run news agency *Xinhua*, an Allianz spokesperson said payments were “in line with normal market practice and our contractual obligations where an aircraft is reported as missing”.

QF satisfaction in Jan

QANTAS has again retained its title as Domestic Airline of the Month in the Roy Morgan Research Customer Satisfaction award for the month of Jan 2014.

Hanging on to the title of Int'l Airline of the Month was Singapore Airlines, with Virgin Australia claiming Domestic Business Airline of the Month.

MH to boost Krabi

MALAYSIA Airlines is set to add an extra daily flight between Kuala Lumpur and Krabi from 15 Sep this year, with the move lifting frequencies to 12 per week.



TOURISM Malaysia's sixth annual 'Buyers Meet Sellers' annual conference wrapped up last night with the host hotel, the Pullman in Kuala Lumpur throwing a party for the Aussie buyers, complete with tasty Malaysian treats and luscious cocktail libations.

The show was hailed a big success, with buyers saying they had negotiated contracts with a wide range of Malaysian tour operators, hoteliers, resorts and attractions that would generate business and offer tourists good, affordable holidays in the coming year.

“The buyers were able to familiarise themselves with a whole range of new product and to see how better they can sell Malaysia,” said Jim Basedow, Director of Brisbane-based Malaysia Holidays.

Some told *Travel Daily* that they felt Malaysia has for years been somewhat overshadowed by other popular SE Asian destinations like Thailand, Vietnam and Singapore, but Malaysia is just starting to come

into its own and is fast gaining widespread popularity.

Tourism Malaysia's Balljid Kour summed up by saying: “Every year the buyers look forward to our event, and this year we had a lot of newcomers who have learned how to sell Malaysia and expand the business into the country.”

The Aussie contingent is **pictured** above at the wrap party, back row from left: Hannah Jones, Webjet; Chris Hardy, Peak Adventure Travel; David Bassett, Helloworld; Mitchell Andrews, The Travel Corporation; Graham Lang, Venture Holidays; Mandy Wang, Wotif.com; Kanchana Ragan, Wotif.com and Marilyn Milner, Asia Escape Holidays.

Front row: Balljid Kour, Tourism Malaysia; Jocsan Depaz, Adventure World; Anita McGaw, Adventure Destinations; Phil Youdale, Borneo Tour Specialists; Jim Basedow, Malaysia Holidays; Amanda Hennessy, Pinpoint Travel Group; Yvonne Chappel, Flight Centre/Infinity; Rod Carrington, Ignite Travel Group; and Hien Tran from STA Travel.

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Agents lap up African savannahs



WILDLIFE & scenic landscapes were available at every turn during an educational trip to Africa enjoyed by this group of agents last month.

The fortunate participants were treated to the sights of Zambia and Botswana, courtesy of African Wildlife Safaris (AWS) and flown by South African Airways.

Each night, the group enjoyed the facilities at a host of luxury safari camps including Toka Leya, Savuti Camp, Tubu Tree Camp and Little Vumbura, with the land arrangements made courtesy of Wilderness Safaris.

Highlights of the trip included

witnessing an elephant herd crossing a river, walking with rhinos and having the opportunity to see a rare baby leopard.

Pictured above at one of the many picturesque sights of the trip, from left are Cassie Albion, Wolf & Turner Travel Associates; Gemma Gannon, Gannon & Turner Travel Associates; Kate Witton, African Wildlife Safaris; Bryan Wye, Wye & James Travel Associates; Candice Marsh, Flight Centre Eagle Street Brisbane; Clive Busch, Au Revoir Travel in Mount Lawley WA; and Kierston Conradsen from Flight Centre Avalon NSW.

EK commits to Pies

EMIRATES today announced a renewal of its longstanding sponsorship of the Collingwood AFL Football Club, with a further five year agreement taking the pact through until 2019.

That will mark 20 years that the carrier has been the Premier Partner of the AFL team, with the carrier saying the partnership has been a key part of its local brand recognition.

"When Emirates first arrived in Australia, we were not a well known brand...we partnered with the Collingwood Football Club to become part of the local community and 14 years on, it is partnerships like Collingwood that have made Emirates a household name," said Boutros Boutros, EK Divisional Senior vp, Corporate Communications, Marketing and Brand.

New Magellan outlets

THREE former JTG agencies have today been announced as the newest agencies to join the Magellan Travel Group.

The new members are Freeway Travel in Adelaide, former Jetset office Journeys by Design, located in Melbourne and Travel Diversity in Tamworth, New South Wales.

The new additions will officially join the agent group from 01 Apr.

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MSC to add two new "mega-ships"

MSC Cruises has overnight confirmed a new letter of intent with the STX France shipyard for the construction of two new cruise ships plus an option for a further two.

The new vessels will join the current twelve-strong MSC fleet in 2017 and 2019 respectively - and will have capacity for a whopping 5,700 passengers each.

Un-named at present, the ships will have a gross tonnage of 167,600 tons, with 2,260 guest cabins & almost 820 crew cabins.

"The new prototype will be the biggest cruise ship ever built by a European ship owner and the most versatile and flexible of the world," MSC ceo Gianni Onorato said of the new fleet additions.

Full details of the new ships haven't been revealed but they will have an extended MSC Yacht Club, a two-deck 'inside promenade' and a "spectacular amusement park connected to an outdoor aqua park" - more in **TD Cruise Update** on Tue next week.

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A bridge for baseball

ARIZONA Diamondbacks Major League Baseball players yesterday participated in a BridgeClimb to take in some of the best sights of Sydney ahead of their first match against Team Australia tonight.

Players J.J. Putz, Will Harris, Cliff Pennington and Miguel Montero were unanimous in their awe for the city and the experience of playing in front of Australian fans.

A special video documenting the climb is available - [CLICK HERE](#).

New R&C Aus hotel

ELITE hospitality group Relais & Châteaux has added a fourth Australian member to its portfolio with The Louise Barossa Valley and Appellation today admitted.

South Australia Tourism Commission ceo Rodney Harrex said the inclusion will bring further recognition to the Barossa premium food and wine region.

The Louise Barossa Valley sits alongside qualia resort & spa on Hamilton Island, Sydney's Tetsuya's restaurant and Jonah's at Whale Beach in the group.

Middle Earth yielding

NEW Zealand has reported a 9.5% increase in overseas visitor arrivals for the first two months of 2014, which continue to be driven by *The Hobbit* trilogy and its association as Middle Earth.

Increases from all five of the country's largest markets were reported, with Australian visitor numbers up 12.1% year-on-year.

Rolling statistics for the year ending Feb 2014 released by NZ's Int'l Travel & Migration figures showed 2.77 million arrivals in total, with holiday arrivals up 10.6% for the preceding year.

Jumeirah agent deals

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Tuscany foodie tour

A NEW seven-day Harvest in Tuscany food-themed tour has been introduced by Back-Roads Touring, with guests also taking part in the annual olive harvest.

Frequent Flyers on wine & wheels



SYDNEY'S rampaging new gourmet food truck trend has now joined with Qantas to launch a series of special food and wine tasting events by Qantas epiQure.

Dubbed "Wine & Wheels", the new collaboration brings together the burgeoning pop-up food truck culture that has taken the Sydney culinary scene by storm with an extensive range of fine wines in the Qantas epiQure collection.

The tie-up was launched last night at an event focusing on the gourmet Mexican food truck "Cantina Movil", attended by a mix of Qantas staff and frequent flyer members.

A variety of delectable south-of-

the-border delights were dished up including tacos, nachos and burritos, paired with equally fine drops from the epiQure range.

The QF cellar boasts a myriad of exotic and home-grown drops including new and old vintages, samples and popular favourites.

Further events are set to take place in Adelaide on 27 Mar at The Mill in the CBD, in Canberra at the Foreshore Gallery on 02 Apr and on 09 Apr in Melbourne with more Mexican Taco Truck delights on offer at an inner-city location.

A Qantas team member is **pictured** above showcasing the carrier's wine collection with a group of attending guests.



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ACTE networking success



THE Association of Corporate Travel Executives saw Sydney's corporate travel and meetings/events community come out in force, with a huge 167 attendees taking part in a networking reception at the new Doltone House facility in Hyde Park.

ACTE Regional Director, Andrew Kelly said "ACTE in our Australia/NZ region is on fire!

"Last year we saw over 1100 attendees to our ACTE events, a tripling of ACTE membership and robust industry endorsement from some 45 Sponsoring Partners," Kelly said.

He said the organisation was creating a strong community by delivering quality education and strengthening of peer networks.

The next ACTE networking reception will take place in Auckland on 08 Apr - more info from akelly@acte.org.

Pictured above at last week's Sydney reception are, from left, Sharon Stanley and Robin Woods from Amadeus; Rebecca Neilson and James Highsted of Leighton Holdings; Andrew Kelly, ACTE; Fabiano Rocca of Microhire; and Sally deFina of Travelpart.

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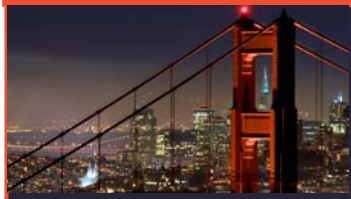
The itinerary takes guests into San Gimignano, Siena and more, with two departures available on 11 & 18 Nov 2014, priced from \$2,418pp - ph 1300 100 410.

Accor Easter booking

STRONG occupancies are being reported across Accor's Australian hotels for the Easter holiday period, with bookings up 13.8% year-on-year, the hotelier said.

Accor added it is expecting its resort and regional properties to be at or close to 100% occupancy.

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Filo airport upgrades

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Reduced nightly rates are available across the most popular **Las Vegas** hotels and resorts. Offers start from \$109pp staying four nights, plus book any of the Caesars properties for your chance to win a spot on a USA famill! [Click here](#) for more info.

The 4.5 star Modern Honolulu is on sale from \$615pp with 4 nights accommodation, including 1 free night, free room upgrade to a Partial Ocean View and more. [Click here](#) for more info.

Air Vanuatu is offering a special airfare to Port Vila - packages start from \$959pp and include flights, 7 nights, including 2 free nights and breakfast daily. [Click here](#) for more info.

A number of fantastic specials are currently available at the Alila properties in Bali. Packages include flights with Garuda Indonesia, 4 nights, breakfast, private transfers and more from \$959pp - sale ends 31st March 2014. [Click here](#) for more info.

Harmony for MEL

AIRSERVICES Australia has expanded its 'Harmony' air traffic flow system to cover Melbourne Airport, with the move said to help reduce delays, save fuel and cut aviation congestion at MEL.

Already in place in Brisbane, Sydney and Perth, the system uses weather and scheduling information to provide advice on maximum arrival rates.

Airservices is able to then work collaboratively with airlines to absorb any potential delays on the ground, prior to departure, rather than in the air.

Airborne delays at BNE in peak periods have dropped 35% since Harmony was introduced in 2012.

New Manhattan hotel

HOTEL Indigo, part of the InterContinental Hotels Group, will open its fifth location in New York City in 2016 after signing a management deal for a property in the city's financial district.

The Hotel Indigo NYC Financial District will open after a US\$32m refurbishment project and will offer 190 rooms on Maiden Lane.

MEANWHILE, Spanish hotelier Melia Hotels International will bring its lifestyle property brand Inside by Melia to Manhattan in 2016 after signing a deal for its first property in the bustling city.

Inside Manhattan will feature 313 rooms and will be located near the Empire State Building.

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MTA agents at Virtuoso shows



OVER 100 home-based MTA agents collectively attended three Virtuoso national roadshow events which took place recently in Sydney, Melbourne and on the Gold Coast (**TD** Mon).

As a major source of clients for Virtuoso suppliers, the events provided excellent opportunities to catch up with existing contacts and forge relationships with new luxury travel suppliers.

A multitude of prizes were also up for grabs including Silversea Cruises, Rocky Mountaineer train journeys, accommodation in hotels, castles and Tuscan villas as well as fine Turkish porcelain.

Pictured above at the Gold Coast event laden with prizes, from left is Linda Critchell, Margaret Rae, Margy Stimson and Doug Trenham.

New Pearl River resort

MACAU hospitality and gaming giant Galaxy Entertainment has signed an agreement to develop a \$1.8 billion resort on a nearby island in the Pearl River Delta.

The property would not have a casino, according to the group.

TK to Bordeaux

TURKISH Airlines will add a new Istanbul-Bordeaux direct service, with the route to debut 28 Jun.

The 737-800 operation will fly the route four times per week.

TCF ins and outs

THE Travel Compensation Fund has added seven new head office and one branch location in the last couple of weeks.

New agents include Synergy Travel of Canning Vale, WA, Red Horizon Travel Services of Kogarah, NSW, Cricket Travel Australia of Ballarat, Vic and CTS Travel Services in Altona Meadows, Vic and a new Travelworld outlet in Woy Woy on the NSW Central Coast.

An update on recent voluntary TCF terminations includes The Departure Lounge of Kooyong, Vic and Southern Italian Tours of Collingwood, both of which have surrendered their licenses.

Canada Jan arrivals

VISITOR arrival figures from the Canadian Tourism Commission in Jan show a healthy 6% rise in Australian visitors to the country for the month, with New Zealand also climbing strongly, up 14%.

More than 18,000 Aussies ventured to Canada in Jan, with the CTC saying the figures are "a great start to the year".

Excite's new techie

DAMIAN Sutton has been named as the new Chief Technology Officer for agent-only online wholesaler Excite Holidays.

Sutton's career includes seven years with the Wotif group.

Myanmar visa change

VISITORS to Myanmar are being strongly advised to ensure they obtain a visa to enter the country prior to departure.

A number of tour operators are reporting that immigration authorities in Myanmar have stopped offering the Visa-On-Arrival service, pending the launch of a new electronic visa system which has not yet been implemented.

Urban tour additions

INTREPID day tour operator Urban Adventures has released three new niche interest day itineraries, adding to its range which now currently includes 265 adventures in 90 destinations.

The new tours include an 11-hour rural farming experience near Egypt's Red Sea resorts in which pax also enjoy a meal made from farm produce.

Also available is a photography tour of Barcelona including expert tips on landscape photography and a Gnawa Music Experience in Essaouira, Morocco, offering a look at the urban dance culture.

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Q.15: Two NZSKI fields offer season free lift passes to children 10 years and under - Which fields are they?

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