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QF/EK tariffs streamlined

QANTAS has confirmed it is continuing to evaluate changes to Premium cabin tariffs under its joint venture with Emirates, after introducing "simplified international fare structures" in Economy class across the network. Effective today, Qantas has

rolled out new Economy fares & structures on joint routes with Emirates to Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, UK/Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East.

It follows QF's international tariff review announced in Mar. The amendments affect QF's Economy class Saver Fares & Flex Fares to each of the destinations. Qantas' new tariff structure has reduced the previous number of Economy fare families from 4 to 3. Gone are QF's Semi Flex Fares,

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Travel Daily today has eight pages of news & photos, including a front cover page for Star Alliance, a photo page for Rail Plus and full pages: (click) • AA Appointments jobs

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with the existing booking classes rejigged to the remaining options.

The carrier said the "streamlined" fare family branding will "drive simplicity for issuing tickets in Australia to all int'l markets."

Further, Qantas' non-alliance international Economy, Premium Economy and Business tariffs to the Americas, South Africa, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia will adopt the new family tariff effective 01 Jul, pushed back from the originally flagged start date of 03 Jun in order to coincide with modifications to the earn model for the QF Frequent Flyer program.

QF/EK transTasman tariffs will also follow suit starting 01 Jul,

Also introduced is a simplified change and cancellation fee structure for all QF/EK operated overseas services, and a new 'Voluntary Cancellation fee.' For further details, go to the

Qantas Industry Sales website.

Star Alliance promo

THE Star Alliance has today launched a new training program on its Round the World fares (TD breaking news), with an incentive offering the chance to win two RTW tickets - see the **cover page**.

Paris hotel special

THE five star Victoria Palace Hotel in Paris is offering a stay 4, pay 3 deal from €306 per night for details see the last page.



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Star Alliance RTW

BUSINESS class travellers can save more than \$1,800 on roundthe-world fares under a new Star Alliance structure which allows travellers to pay less for fewer miles (TD breaking news).

All of Star's Business class RTW fares continue to offer between three and 15 stopovers, but the new CRWSPCL level comes with 26,000 miles (rather than the previous minimum of 29,000) and leads in at A\$10,015+taxes.

Economy class RTW fares have also been revamped, with a saving of up to \$408 on the new YRWSPCL1 fare which offers 29,000 miles and 3-7 stopovers, now priced from A\$3681.

Customers can build their own routings within the mileage limits of the various fare levels.

Travel needs to start and end in the same country, and in general be in one direction either East or West, although some limited zigzagging is permitted.

There are also now three First Class Star Alliance RTW fares, ranging from 29,000 to 39,000 miles each with between 3 and 15 stops - for more details on the new structure, CLICK HERE.

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NSW Fair Trading minister Matthew Mason-Cox has welcomed the passage of the Travel Agents Repeal Bill 2013 today, saying the move "will remove outdated and significant red tape burden on industry".

He said the act had regulated the industry from the late 1980s, when "there was virtually no alternative but to pay for travel using a travel agent.

"Since payments are now frequently made to travel providers and through credit cards, the Travel Compensation Fund and licensing have become redundant with protections under the Australian Consumer

Harrison to head **Qantas industry sales**

ROB Harrison is set to become the new Head of Agency Partnerships for Qantas, with John Simeone to focus on the corporate market as Head of Business and Government Sales, under the restructure of the QF sales operation (TD 19 Mar). More appointments on page 6. Law being far more relevant to consumer travel purchases now and into the future," he said.

The repeal of the legislation is a key part of the implementation of the Travel Industry Transition Plan which will also see the introduction of the AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme.

MEANWHILE TravelManagers has released a comparison chart which it says highlights the key differences between the ATAS and the TCF, with the aim of helping dispel confusion about the issue.

The company has urged the agency community to be actively discussing the pros and cons of ATAS, with the new regime coming into effect in six weeks.

Chairman Barry Mayo said he's trying to offer "clarity to the industry" in the light of the recent Travel Agent Barometer survey (TD 29 Apr) in which just over half of the 80 respondents indicated they wanted more info on ATAS.

CLICK HERE to download the TCF/ATAS comparision chart. AFTA today kicks off the third

round of its national "Becoming Travel Accredited" workshops.

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StayWell into South Africa

SYDNEY-BASED StayWell Hospitality Group is continuing its global expansion, with a new joint venture in South Africa which will see it establish the Park Regis and Leisure Inn brands there.

Staywell currently manages and owns 34 properties in Australia, New Zealand, India, Indonesia, Singapore, the Middle East and the UK, and is partnering with African hospitality group Mantis Collection in this new expansion.

StayWell ceo Simon Wan said the new JV would operate all of the group's properties in sub-Saharan Africa.

"It provides a vital platform for StayWell's expansion into a region that is accelerating in growth.

"It is widely recognised that sub-Saharan Africa is outpacing North Africa in terms of development in the hospitality space...using this platform we will deliver proven hotel management, hospitality service and training skills and position our new joint venture company to capitalise on lucrative opportunities," Wan said. Mantis chairman Adrian

Gardiner said the opportunities in the region were abundant.

"Sub-Saharan Africa is where India and China were 20 years ago in terms of development and opportunity," he said.

StayWell's strategy is to grow its portfolio to a network of more than 100 hotels within 3 years.

LH Y+ now bookable

LUFTHANSA has opened reservations for its first Premium Economy services (*TD* 06 Mar), which will debut this Dec.

The new class will initially be offered on 747-8 flights from Frankfurt to Beijing, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Hong Kong, Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Seoul and Washington. It will be added to the Frankfurt-Los Angeles route from 29 Mar 15.

Great Keppel project

THE developers of Queensland's Great Keppel Island have formally launched an Expressions of Interest campaign, seeking investors to back the \$2 billion project (*TD* 01 Apr).

It's being touted as "the world's premier eco-luxury island resort and villa development opportunity," with the project 'fully approved and ready for immediate development".

It will comprise 700 luxury villas, 300 apartments, a 250room beachfront hotel, a 250 berth marina and a commercial airstrip providing "direct access to Sydney, Brisbane and Cairns".

There will also be a Greg Norman designed 18 hole golf course and a premium retail precinct, while the project also has "zoning approval for a casino".

It's being marketed through JLL, with a full information package available by emailing Mike Walsh on mike.walsh@ap.jll.com.



SEVERAL hundred Aussie travel agents descended on Dubai yesterday as part of this year's Emirates/Dubai Tourism "Giga Famil" (*TD* 09 May).

Last night they were welcomed to the Emirate in a lavish function at Fairmont, The Palm where the tables groaned with a stunning selection of tasty treats.

The highlight for many attendees was the "Iced Chill Top Experience," where the agents were able to create personal sundaes using a variety of gelatos topped with assorted nuts and sauces and a generous selection of Kit Kats, Snickers, Oreo Crunch, M&Ms and Reeses Peanut Butter Cups.

A few of the guests apparently were even tempted by the fresh fruit toppings too.





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Amadeus plans 'Altéa for rail'

AMADEUS this morning announced a long-term strategic IT partnership with a group of European rail operators, with the aim of creating a "solution to cover all end-to-end processes for rail travel in Europe".

Similar to the Amadeus Altéa system used by many airlines around the world, the proposed system would be hosted and run from the Amadeus data centre in Germany.

The deal is with BeNe Rail International, a distribution technology joint venture set up by Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourng Railways, which will be the launch partner of the Amadeus Total Rail system.

Total Rail will provide a complete IT solution to manage schedules, fares and inventory information as well as shopping, booking, ticketing, after sales, payment, reporting and settlement, Amadeus said.

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"The platform ultimately aims to provide a benchmark community model in the industry whereby all rail operators share an integrated hosting platform and have access to the same levels of functionality," said BeNe president Arnold de Brauwer.

Thomas Drexler, Amadeus director of Rail & Ground Travel said he was confident that the success of the Altéa suite codeveloped for airlines would be replicated in the rail industry.

"We look forward to welcoming more rail players onto our platform," he said.

Bordeaux on Today

CHANNEL Nine's *Today* morning TV program will next week feature live crosses to Bordeaux in France where weatherman Steve Jacobs will showcase Scenic Tours' new France river cruise program. Coverage runs from 5:30 to 9am.

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\$8m NT tourism boost

THE Northern Territory Govt has welcomed an extra \$8 million investment by the Federal Govt for Tourism NT in 2014/15.

Tourism Minister Matt Conlan said the additional funds "will ensure the new plans, policies and initiatives we have recently put in place pay off."

"Investment will be targeted at driving actual bookings for holidays from all our international markets as well as other segments that bring visitors to the Territory such as business events and working holiday makers," he said. Included within the annual budget of \$44.7 million is a one-off \$500,000 injection for the NT's Tourism Infrastructure & Development grant program, aimed at developing new tourism experiences and products.

Cooperative marketing partnerships with airlines, travel trade and online travel agencies will maintain a "strong focus."



Seabreeze layby plan

ADULTS only Samoan property Seabreeze Resort has introduced a new layby payment plan option for potential guests.

The scheme is available when booking a minimum five-night package which is priced from \$1,225ppts and for the first time, includes all meals (an allowance of \$40 at lunch & \$75 at dinner).

Guests must make monthly instalments and have their holiday package paid in full 60 days prior to arrival.

Lux Collection Milan

STARWOOD Hotels & Resorts Worldwide will open its seventh property in Milan, Italy later this year - the newly renovated Excelsior Hotel Gallia.

Located in the Piazza Duca d'Aosta, the 235 room & suite property will be rebadged as Excelsior Hotel Gallia, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Milan when it opens in Nov.

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Kenya roadshow

KENYA Tourism Board will take to the road later this month on a four city showcase to promote the Southern Africa country.

Travel agents and wholesaler staff are invited to attend events held in Perth (on 27 May), Sydney (29 May), Brisbane (02 Jun) and Melbourne (03 Jun).

Attendees also have the chance to win a grand prize of a trip to Kenya flying with Kenya Airways and staying three nights at the Mara Serena Lodge, courtesy of Wildlife Safari.

Register to attend by emailing kenya@gtitourism.com.au or call (02) 9028 3577.

Samoa opening offer

SALETOGA Sands Resort & Spa on the south east coast of Upolu in Samoa has an opening Stay 7/ Pay 5 night special for stays until 30 Jun - see saletogasands.com.

Qld regional routes now up for grabs

THE Queensland Department of Transport is inviting offers for new service contracts of up to seven years on a number of regulated aviation routes across the state.

The dept says it's "looking for innovative solutions to manage passenger demand" for regional communities, with the routes including St George, Cunnamulla, Thargomindah, Charleville, Mt Isa, Quilpie, Windorah, Birdsville, Bedourie, Boulia, Normanton, Gununa, Burketown, Doomadgee, Winton, Longreach, Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek, Roma, Blackall and Barcaldine.

New service contracts will kick off on 01 Jan 2015 - for details see etender.qld.gov.au.

CZ AKL double daily

AUCKLAND Airport has this afternoon confirmed China Southern Airlines will crank up flight frequencies to Auckland from 10 weekly to 14, for travel between 26 Oct & 29 Mar 2015. Services will be operated using Boeing 787 aircraft, adding some 30,000 seats from Guangzhou.

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Paris looks stunning in spring!



TREATED to every luxury care of Cathay Pacific and Starwood Hotels & Resorts, this group of corporate agents are just back in the country following a week exploring Paris and London.

The itinerary included a private tour of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, a journey through the Chunnel on Eurostar and shopping time at Harrod's in the UK capital.

Participants sampled Cathay Pacific's Business Class product and stayed at the W Opera, Paris, the elegant Prince de Galles - A Luxury Collection Hotel (ALCH), W Leicester Square & London & Park Tower Knightsbridge - ALCH.

Pictured in Paris are Allysa Abalos, Concierge Traveller; Myriam Guyon, Paris DMC; Karen Morris, Starwood; Terrye Pepper-Hill, Goldman Travel Corporation; Fiona Perry, TravelManagers; Isabelle Imperiali, Cathay Pacific; Chris Felder, Travel Beyond; Denise Gilfeather, Spencer Travel; Melina Hayes, Solve Travel Management and Reshma Patel, World Travel Professionals.

SYD ground focus

SYDNEY Airport ceo Kerrie Mather says investment in ground transport is a key priority over the next 12 months.

Speaking at the company's agm this morning, she said that investing in the customer experience "remains core to the long term strategy to drive growth in revenue," with work on roads set to improve access particularly in peak periods.

The airport also revealed its Apr traffic figures, with international passenger numbers up by 6.6% to 1.083m for the month.

Mather said the result was driven by growth in most key international markets as well as "exceptional Australian outbound travel" during Apr.

Chinese passenger numbers were up 13.8%, while Mather also welcomed the news of the new Qantas A380 service to DFW.

Domestic passenger numbers during Apr at SYD grew 0.3% to 2.08 million for the month.





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'Star Ship' webinar

EVERGREEN Tours is holding a travel agent webinar to promote its recently launched Emerald Waterways fleet on Wed 20 May.

The sessions will provide details on Evergreen's 'Star Ship' and the Australian firm's 2015 Europe river cruising program.

Click on the times to RSVP for the webinars that commence at **8am** and **10am** Australian East Coast time and **8am** Australian West Coast time.

MH370 insurance hit

GERMAN-BASED insurance company Allianz says the loss of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 is likely to impact the firm's bottomline by US\$30 million, or about 9% of the insured market loss.

CFO Dieter Wemmer said the insured market loss of the Boeing 777 was near US\$350 million, a figure magnfied due to expenses associated with the search for the ill-fated aircraft.

Anantara addition

THE 77 suite and villa Anantara Layan Resort & Spa has officially opened on Phuket, Thailand.

Positioned at the far end of Bang Tao Bay and with its own 400m secluded beach, the resort offers two-bedroom family pool villas & two bedroom pool villas.

STA domestic focus

STA Travel and Tourism Australia have united to drive domestic tourism, aiming to capitalise on a positive uptick from the market.

The travel agency's marketing & e-commerce director Natalie Placko Thornton commented today that the Australian traveller's perception towards travelling at home is changing.

"Many have already travelled extensively overseas [and are] no longer wanting to hear secondhand from overseas visitors everything there is to know about the fantastic destinations they are yet to explore in their own country," she said.

At the core of the pact is a new website which enables Aussies to visualise their dream domestic holiday via View-Master images.

Accessed at the STA Travel WanderAustralia portal, users can build a reel of images of the country's most iconic landmarks, captured by STA's Insiders and 'Best Job in the World' bloggers, and share with friends using the #wanderaustralia hashtag - see www.wanderaustralia.com.au.

Five more into TCF

FIVE travel agency head offices have been admitted to the Travel Compensation Fund this month

The new additions include Alternative Events in Northbridge WA, Travellounge Connections of Rooty Hill, best and easy travel of Parramatta (both NSW based), and 123Travelconferences of Buderim and Briter Investments of North Rockhampton, in Queensland.

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Cheap fares plummet

NEW domestic airfare data out today has shown a heavy drop in discounted fares this month.

According to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport & Regional Economics *Domestic Air Fare Index*, 'Best Discount' fares have dropped to levels not witnessed since Jan 2011.

Business Class airfares have also dropped by more than 20 index points compared to last month, but are tracking ahead of the same time last year.

Full and Restricted Economy fares fell marginally versus Apr.

Rendez-vous record

THE Canadian Tourism Commission is forecasting record attendance levels for its annual Rendez-vous Canada tradeshow which is being held in Vancouver from 27-30 May.

Close to 500 foreign buyers will be present at the Vancouver Convention Centre for the show, where they will meet with local tour operators, wholesalers and packagers at close to 24,000 prescheduled appointments.

Delegates from 28 countries are participating at the event, including 16 from Australia.



Industry Appointments

WELCOME to Industry Appointments, *Travel Daily*'s Thursday feature which has the latest job appointments from across the industry. If you have just appointed someone to a new position and would like to update the industry, send us an email at appointments@traveldaily.com.au.

Home-based agent network **TravelManagers** has created four new roles to support ongoing growth. **Graciela Craig** has been promoted to the role of Business Partnership Executive. In addition, **Marlene Lane** is the firm's new Marketing Assistant, with **Sally Bates** named to the role of Training Coordinator and **Elly Eves** appointed as the new Operations Assistant.

Working alongside the **AFTA** chief executive Jayson Westbury on matters of domestic and int'l policy, the organisation has recruited **Dean Long** to fill the newly created role of National Manager - Strategy & Policy.

Anthea Somerville has been hired by Captain Cook Cruises / SeaLink for its int'l sales team. Somerville takes the role of Sales Manager, looking after the USA, Canada, South America and inbound markets.

Tasked with driving the group's PR strategy, **Sophie Baker** has been promoted to the role of Corporate Communications Director for **Hamilton Island** and its associated holiday Whitsundays resorts.

Chairman of the Board of VIA Rail Canada has made the decision to appoint Yves Desjardins-Siciliano as the firm's new President and CEO.

Starting from next month and based in Sydney, **Matthew Tripolone** will lead strategic growth and development for **InterContinental Hotels Group** in Australasia. Tripolone joins IHG from Accor Hotels.

Wyndham Hotel Group has named Warren Cullum as General Manager at Australia's first TRYP by Wyndham branded hotel in Fortitude Valley.

After 12 years at Pinpoint Travel Group and bringing extensive industry knowledge, Amanda Hennessy has been welcomed by online cruise retailer ecruising.travel as the company's new product & hotel executive.

InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa has recruited vastly experienced hotel operations executive Erik Stuebe as its new General Manager.

As part of a commercial restructure, **Fiji Airways** has appointed **Otto Gergye** as the carrier's Executive General Manager Sales and Marketing - a newly created role. Elsewhere, former Virgin Australia team member **Franc Zvonar** has also joined FJ as the new General Manager Marketing.

Following its expansion into South Australia, **Relaix & Chateaux** has appointed hotelier **Jim Carreker** as its new Regional Director.

Air Marketing Asia-Pacific has been engaged as the Regional Sales and Marketing representatives for Australia & New Zealand for the Irelandbased head office for online hotel reseller **Bookabed.ie**.

Moving from Virgin Group, **Shai Weiss** will take the role of Chief Financial Officer at **Virgin Atlantic Airways**, reporting directly to CEO Craig Kreeger.



Sunny Spain set to entice agents

IN LIGHT of the recently launched Renfe Spain Pass and the France-Spain TGV high-speed services, Rail Plus joined forces with Turespaña (Tourist Office of Spain), El Cortes Ingles, Spain and Portugal Travel



ABOVE: Some of the participants in the roadshow, back row from left: Ingrid Kocijan, Rail Europe; Kate Hunter, Emirates; Alvaro Franzo, Spanish Consul General; Cristina Teijelo, Trade Commission of Spain; Arturo Ortiz Arduan and Vien Cortes, Turespaña; and Gill Gaspar, Spain & Portugal Travel Connection.

Front row: Lisa Dinh, El Cortes Ingles; and Nicki Schleibs, Rail Plus.

RIGHT: Lisa Dinh with two lucky Loewe prize winners in Melbourne.



Connection and Emirates in a roadshow around Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, where they engaged agents with their product offerings and generous prize giveaways.

While a presentation by Vien Cortes from Turespaña refreshed the agents' knowledge of the country's major features including art, food, history and their vibrant party scene, reps from Emirates reminded agents of the carrier's 21 weekly flights between Dubai and Spain.

Agents were also reminded of the ability to access Renfe's rail network, children discounts and links to AVE services from Madrid and Barcelona via EK's booking system

Tying in travel around Spain, Rail Plus reinforced key points on the use of the increasingly popular Renfe Spain Pass, which differs from the Eurail Spain Pass.

Agents were reminded that unlike the Eurail Spain Pass, which offers travel days within two months, the Renfe Spain Pass works on the number of journeys (4,8,10 or 12) within a month - more info can be found on this **Rail Plus** link.

Agents also got a peek into the types of Spanish packages offered by Spain and Portugal Travel Connection; while Lisa Dinh from El Cortes Ingles captured the agents' shopping interest with the personal shopper service and discounts offered by the ubiquitous department store.

One lucky agent from each city also took home a holiday package courtesy of the partners, which included two economy return tickets, accommodation, a personal shopper, €200 spending money and two first class Renfe Spain Passes for four days.

Various door prizes were also given out to a number of agents.



RIGHT: Melbourne holiday prize winner Lauren Streifer with Arturo Ortiz Arduan, Gill Gaspar, Carl Matto (EK), Lisa Dinh, Kieran Healy of Rail Plus and Vien Cortes.

LEFT: At the Adelaide event, Vien Cortes, Steve Peter, Ingrid Kocijan, Lisa Dinh and Arturo Ortiz Arduan.



BELOW: Sydney holiday prize winner Renata Liu of All Tours & Travel, Edgecliff, with Lisa Dinh, Nicki Schleibs, Kate Hunter and Gil Gaspar.

RIGHT: Adelaide winner Cos from PHT Glenelg with Steve Peters (EK), Arturo Ortiz Arduan, Ingrid Kocijan and Lisa Dinh.







MORE than 600 international trade attendees and journalists from 43 countries took part in this week's German Travel Market which wrapped up overnight.

Delegates met with some 340 German suppliers at the B2B platform which was held in Bremen and Bremerhaven.

A two-day workshop at the Bremen Exhibition was a central element of the sales showcase, organisers announced today.

Buyers participating at GTM 2014 from Australia included Flight Centre, Holidays on Location, Qantas Holidays/Viva! Holidays and Scenic Tours.

The event was the 40th German Travel Market conducted by the German National Tourist Board.

Next year's GTM is to be hosted in Thuringia from 26-28 Apr, in the cities of Erfurt and Weimar. **Pictured** from left are Zeljka

UA LAX Merc transfer

UNITED Airlines is now offering its Mercedes-Benz transportation tarmac services at Los Angeles International Airport.

The chauffeur service provides an air-side transfer select Global Services members & Global First customers with tight airport connections to their onward flight.

UA already operates the service in Chicago, Houston, Newark and San Francisco. Cimic, Scenic Tours; Isabel Beckermann, Flight Centre; Svetlana Monastyrsky, GNTO Aus; Davielle Gardner, Qantas Holidays & Viva! Holidays & Charlene Tsui-Po, Holidays on Location.

Seychelles Paris fares

TICKETS have gone on sale for Air Seychelles new services from the Seychelles to Paris (via Abu Dhabi) which go on sale on 02 Jul. Flights will operate twice weekly

using Airbus A330-200 aircraft. CEO Manoj Papa said response

to the route has been outstanding "Travel agents, tour operators

and business partners now have additional choice and accessibility options, which will help to further promote what the Seychelles has to offer," Papa said yesterday.

Welshpool investment

THE West Australian Govt has pledged \$21 million for the revitalisation of the Welshpool Collections & Research Centre in Perth's Cultural Centre.

Welshpool is home to over 4.5 million artefacts and specimens including a blue whale skeleton.

Upgrade works are slated to being next year and will increase the size of the current museum four-fold its current size.

The project is expected to be fully operational by 2020.

China, Asia brochure

A 58-PAGE guide of all inclusive guided tours to China, Vietnam, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau has been dispatched by Nexus Holidays.

Itineraries in the firm's 2014/15 program are commissionable at 15% and include fares with Cathay Pacific from all local ports. See www.nexusholidays.com.au.

Lord Howe stay pay

ABERCROMBIE & Kent has released a Stay 7/Pay 6 deal at Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island, on sale for \$4,200ppts.

The offer is valid for travel from 01-28 Jun and 02 Aug-25 Oct, and includes free return QantasLink flights from Sydney or Brisbane.

Hyatt Kazakh return

HYATT Hotels Corporation has announced its re-entry into Kazakhstan with a new-build to open in the country's largest city.

Slated to welcome guests in 2017, Hyatt Regency Almaty will feature 270 rooms and will be built in the heart of the CBD near Esentai River.

Hyatt will manange the new property under an agreement with Tavros Investment Holding in Central Asia.

"Almaty's growing economy provides an opportunity to introduce a globally recognised brand that will resonate with the burgeoning base of business and leisure travellers," said president and ceo Tayfun Doskaya of Tavros Investment Holding.

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Throughout May, *Travel Daily* is giving readers the chance to win a fabulous holiday to the island Oahu, courtesy of **Hawaii Tourism**, **Outrigger Reef on the Beach and Hawaiian Airlines**.

The prize includes:

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Q.11: Name the 6 benefits of becoming an Outrigger Expert Agent.

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