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First with the news

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APT river preview

PRE-RELEASE bookings on APT's 2018 Europe River Cruising season are now open and the operator is offering earlybird deals bookable until 30 Apr.

Specials include fly free deals on all suite categories year round for river cruises of 14 nights or more, travel in 2018 at 2017 prices, and companion fly free offers.

For more information, visit aptouring.com.au.

MEANWHILE APT will kick off a series of expos and information sessions next week.

Travel agents can register clients for these free events and any bookings taken on the day will be made under the agent's name and will attract full commission.

The roadshow will visit Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Launceston, Perth and Adelaide - **CLICK HERE** for details.

Air NZ Perth lounge

AIR New Zealand has revealed it will be opening its first lounge at Perth Airport later this year.

The airline's gm customer experience Anita Hawthorne said Perth was an important destination for Air NZ and being able to welcome customers into a branded space would "significantly enhance their experience".

The Perth construction falls under the carrier's four-year \$100m lounge development program which will also see a renovated Melbourne lounge revealed shortly.

Travel leaders honoured

TRAVEL industry identities including Virgin Australia ceo and md John Borghetti and Pinpoint Travel doyenne Janette Davie were among those celebrated in this year's Australia Day honours.

Borghetti, the head of Virgin since 2010 and former exec gm of Qantas, was named an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia and will now carry the AO honorific.

He was awarded for "distinguished service to the Australian aviation industry", as well as for the development of national and international

tourism opportunities and his support for the arts and sport.

Janette Davie, the former gm of Pinpoint Travel and president of the Visit USA Organisation Australia, was named a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia and becomes an AM.

Her honour is for "significant service to the tourism sector through executive and advisory roles with travel industry associations" as well as for her work in the wider community.

Davie has held a long list of past roles including chairman of the Australian Council of Tour Wholesalers, a non-exec director of AFTA, a non-exec director of the Aust Tourism industry Assoc and board member of the Inbound Tour Operators Assoc.

Others awarded an AM include former Canberra Tourism and Events Corporation chairman James Service, Tourism Council of WA vice president Christopher Pye and Tourism Central Australia life member Robert Kennedy.

Viking ship delivery

VIKING Ocean Cruises has taken delivery of its third ship, *Viking Sky*, at Fincantieri's shipyard in Ancona, Italy.

Her maiden voyage on 25 Feb will sail the Mediterranean from Rome's port of Civitavecchia.

After sailing spring itineraries throughout the western and eastern Med, *Viking Sky* will be christened under Norway's "midnight sun" on 22 Jun.

Scenic info sessions

SCENIC is running free info sessions across Australia from the end of Feb through to 06 Apr.

The team will stop by Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne, Newcastle, Surfers Paradise, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth - **CLICK HERE**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has four pages of news and photos, plus full pages from: (**click**)

- Albatross Tours
- Travel Trade Recruitment
- Club Med

QF launches Beijing

QANTAS' new flights from Sydney to Beijing Capital International Airport took to the air on Wed.

Using a 235-seat Airbus A330-200 aircraft, the service adds 3,300 weekly seats to the market.

Inbound flights are timed to connect with onward destinations such as Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart, as well as the airline's trans-Tasman services.

Qantas ceo Alan Joyce said the airline's goal was to make the Beijing route a flagship corridor for tourism and trade.

"For Chinese travellers, our message is that there's no better way of getting to know Australia than with the national carrier," Joyce said.

MEANWHILE the *Australian Financial Review* is reporting that QF is considering replacing the last of its Boeing 747 jumbos with new-generation jets capable of flying non-stop between Sydney and London or New York by 2022.

Land and rail survey

THIS weekend is the last chance to get involved in **Travel Daily's** first ever Touring, Rail and Car Hire Survey.

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Air NZ Dec results

AIR New Zealand carried 1,595,000 passengers during Dec, a 5.4% increase on the same period last year, while group load factors inched 2.4% higher.

Short haul pax numbers climbed 6.1% and long haul numbers were up 1% on the PCP.

Tasman/Pacific routes saw little change, carrying 0.3% more passengers in Dec 2016 compared to Dec 2015, while pax load factor slipped 1.2 points to 78.4%.

Push for Budget backing

THE Tourism & Transport Forum (TTF) is bidding for greater tourism support including a boost in air capacity and new cruise infrastructure as the Federal Government prepares to hand down its 2017 Budget.

In its annual pre-Budget submission to the Government, the TTF argues for initiatives including better visa measures, a \$10 million business events fund and tax reform for the accommodation sector.

It also highlights a string of infrastructure projects that warrant funding including new cruise ship facilities at Sydney's Garden Island, additional runways for Melbourne and Perth airports, and several rail links across the

five major capitals.

At Sydney Airport, the TTF calls for an increase in aircraft limits from 80 to 90 movements per hour as a means of boosting capacity until the opening of the planned Western Sydney Airport.

It also asks for joint visa arrangements between Australia and New Zealand to simplify twin-destination visits.

"The sector is looking for a Budget that can generate the level of confidence and facilitate the types of investments that will propel the industry forward into the coming decades," the TTF's submission says.

Middle East touring

BUNNIK Tours has rolled out its latest Middle East program, spanning Egypt, Jordan, Cyprus, Israel & Oman, as well as Kenya.

New in 2017/18 are two small group trips that combine Egypt and Jordan with Cyprus, along with nine favourite journeys.

In Petra, Bunnik has included a visit to the breathtaking Treasury at night on most itineraries.

Each tour ranges in duration from 12 to 25 days and has a maximum group size of 20 pax.

An earlybird saving of \$250pp is available for bookings made by 28 Apr - [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

MEL int'l pax up 10%

MELBOURNE Airport achieved record international passenger traffic during Dec, rising 10.2% compared to the year prior.

Overseas travellers passing through MEL grew to 952,855, as domestic passenger volumes increased 2.1% to 2.18 million.

Total passenger movements for the 2016 calendar year grew to 34.6m, up 4.6% year-on-year.

CEO Lyell Strambi said the challenge for MEL this year would be "to ensure we enhance our capacity to accommodate even further growth" forecast.

New AFTA resources

AFTA has launched three marketing tools for ATAS accredited agents.

The ATAS pre-departure guide provides a checklist for clients on what to pack, plan and organise before they head on their holiday, while agents also have access to a Facebook tile and Participant Email Banners promoting their ATAS accreditation.

The tools are downloadable in the ATAS Participant Zone.

Croatia cruise freebie

BEYOND Travel is running a buy one get one free deal on its eight-day Croatian Elegance cruises departing 06 and 13 May.

On sale until 15 Feb and priced at \$1,510, the sailing includes seven nights' accom, daily breakfast and lunch or dinner, bottled water daily, free wi-fi and guided walking tours of Dubrovnik, Hvar, Korcula & Split. For details, [CLICK HERE](#).

Marketing awards

TODAY is the deadline to enter the inaugural Mumbrella travel marketing awards.

Accolades up for grabs include marketing team of the year, ad campaign of the year, PR idea of the year, best website and more.

Late entries will be accepted for another week, but an additional fee will apply.

See mumbrella.com.au/travel.

IHG names AMEA cco

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group has named Lara Hernandez as chief commercial officer for the Asia, Middle East and Africa (AMEA) regions.

She will be responsible for the performance of IHG's InterContinental, Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn & other brands.

More appointments page [four](#).

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Zika in Angola DFAT

SMARTTRAVELLER is warning there is sporadic transmission of Zika in Angola, Central Africa.

Australian travellers are being advised to protect themselves from mosquito bites in Angola and exercise a high degree of caution in the country.



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AA cuts seat-back IFE

AMERICAN Airlines has opted for a BYO model for inflight entertainment on its new fleet of Boeing 737 Max aircraft intended for US domestic routes, the UK's *Telegraph* is reporting.

Instead of investing in seat-back screens, the airline said it would upgrade in-flight internet speed. "More than 90% of our pax already bring a device or screen with them when they fly," the airline said in a statement to its employees on Tue.

Indonesia roadshow

AGENTS are invited to meet over 20 Balinese hotels, eco-resorts, and private and themed villas next month for the Badung Region hotel sales mission.

The Sydney event will be held 03 Feb 9am-12pm; Brisbane, 06 Feb 6-9pm; Melbourne, 07 Feb 6-9.30pm & Perth 09 Feb 6-9:30pm, email is@varatrip.com.

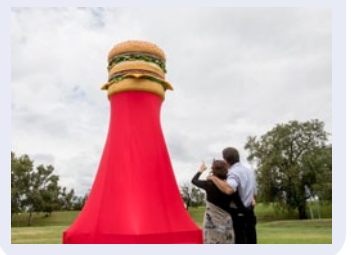
Window Seat

TAMWORTH in northeast NSW has celebrated Australia Day in style - by creating an eight metre tall Big Mac.

The Down Under Big Big Mac joins Australia's list of big things, including the Big Banana, Big Prawn and Big Merino.

Unveiled at sunrise yesterday, the giant Big Mac (**pictured**) is a tribute to the Aussie farmers that produce the ingredients for the burger.

To watch a video of the making of the Big Big Mac, **CLICK HERE**.



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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 email appointments@traveldaily.com.au.

Federico González Tejera has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer at **Carlson Hotels**. He was formerly the CEO of NH Hotel Group and a Senior Executive at Disneyland Paris.

Jeanne Jackson is being welcomed as the newest member of **Delta Air Lines'** Board of Directors. Jackson is currently a Senior Strategic Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer at NIKE.

Donna Barlow Travel Group has announced the appointment of **Michael O'Leary** as the new Group General Manager. O'Leary has more than 30 years industry experience and most recently oversaw the wind down of Creative Holidays.

Ateeb Shrestha has been promoted to General Manager of **Six Senses Ninh Van Bay** in Vietnam. He brings more than 14 years of experience across international and independent hotel groups.

PONANT welcomes **Craig Farrell** to the newly created position of National Business Development Manager. Farrell, who previously worked as Business Development Manager for Silversea Cruises, will work with the PONANT sales teams in Sydney, Brisbane and Shanghai.

The Rees Hotel Queenstown has appointed **Roman Lee-Lo** as its new Executive Assistant Manager. Lee-Lo returns to The Rees after a two-year absence.

Windstar for UTC

TRAVEL the World has enlisted The Unique Tourism Collection as its Australian public relations representative for Chiva-Som and Windstar Cruises.

Thai spa resort Chiva-Som and boutique small ship operator, Windstar Cruises are both within the Travel the World portfolio.

Boeing 4th quarter

BOEING has reported fourth quarter revenue of \$23.3 billion, reflecting "solid execution" on its product programs and services.

In the fourth quarter the company saw GAAP earnings per share of \$2.59 and core earnings per share (non-GAAP) of \$2.47.

Boeing chairman, president and chief executive officer Dennis Muilenburg said looking forward his team was "intent on accelerating productivity and program execution to deliver increasing cash and profitability from our large and diverse order backlog of nearly \$500 billion".

Contiki \$899 flights

CONTIKI is offering travellers the choice of adding flights to select Europe trips for \$899 return or to save 7.5% off the price of their tour.

Available until 23 Feb and valid for travel 01 Mar-31 Oct, flights are with Etihad Airways, Cathay Pacific and Qatar Airways and depart from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane.

To see which trips the fly-free applies to, **CLICK HERE**.

Brazil yellow fever

BRAZIL has ordered 11.5 million doses of the yellow fever vaccine in an attempt to combat the largest outbreak of the disease the country has seen in 17 years.

Around 70 cases of yellow fever have been recorded, of which 40 have been fatal.

Most of those falling ill with the disease are in the rural areas of the Minas Gerais state with a few cases recorded in Sao Paulo, Espiritu Santo and Bahia.

DFW terminal open

TERMINAL A renovations at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport are now complete with improvements including more space for security, dining & retail.

Lifting the veil on Ethiopia



A GROUP of Australian wholesalers is touring Ethiopia on a trip organised by the Ethiopian Tourism Organisation.

The purpose of the journey is to "lift the veil of mystique: that surrounds the country and promote it as a viable and diverse destination to visit".

Pictured above are: Rowan Waters, Intrepid Travel; John Savage, Savage Communication; Wayne Hamilton, Swagman Africa; Pamela Wright, Travel Broadcaster; Gerald McLaren, African Ubuntu Safaris; Wondmagegen Girma, Ethiopian Tourism Organisation; Taleen Gaidzkar, African Wildlife Safaris; Herbie Rosenberg, Africareps;

Sisay Dinku, Africareps Ethiopian Division and Meheret Solomon, Ethiopian Tourism Organisation.

SYD flight tweets

SYDNEY Airport has launched a new BizTweet service offering tailored, real time flight information to passengers via social media.

Pax flying to or from Sydney Airport can keep up to date with the latest flight information by tweeting their flight number to @flySYD or visiting the flight information page **HERE**.

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