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ALBATROSS Tours' 2017 full range of European itineraries is now 100% guaranteed to depart. The assurance extends to Britain & Ireland summer, pre-Christmas, Christmas Holidays, New Year and Winter Wonderland tours - **pg 9**.

## OPC winding up on 01 Jul

THE Australian Government has called on travel agents to cease issuing outbound travellers with Outgoing Passenger Cards (OPCs), confirming the old-school data collection method will be wound up from 01 Jul 2017.

"The OPC is no longer required because the government has found other ways to collect the information," the govt stated.

Dept of Immigration and Border Protection's (DIBP) director of traveller policy initiatives Melissa Bennett said OPC's collection

would be retired, and replaced with a new Incoming Passenger Card on the same day.

Travel agents are being advised to stop supplying OPCs to people departing the country from midnight 01 Jul, and to withdraw stocks of the green cards from all locations and remove all existing signage or reference to the OPC.

DIBP has begun communicating to outbound travellers the OPC will no longer be needed, but travellers must report currency.

The communication strategy to notify travellers of the change includes electronic and print signage displays in the departure halls, starting the last week of Jun & running for at least four weeks.

A spokesperson for the Dept of Immigration & Border Protection said "removing paper-based manual processes is integral to achieving a seamless and automated traveller experience".

"The government is focussed on low contact automated border clearance processes & technologies to manage the 50 million travellers expected annually by 2020."

## Grand Circle recruits

BOSTON-BASED Grand Circle Corp is scouting for new talent for its Australian ops including a country manager and program services manager following a major reorganisation, with roles to be advertised in **TD** this week.

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## 2018 FRANCE RIVER CRUISING

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## Raffles Hotel London

ACCORHOTELS will introduce the Raffles brand to London after securing a deal with Spanish company Hinduja Group & Obrascón Huarte Lain Desarrollos (OHL) to convert the historic Old War Office building in Whitehall into The Raffles Hotel.

Completed in 1906 and bought by OHL in 2014, the Old War Office is 'Grade II' listed building that was used by important and influential political and military leaders, such as Sir Winston Churchill, David Lloyd George, Lord Kitchener, TE Lawrence & Herbert Asquith, and was also used by the British Secret Service.

The Raffles Hotel in London is expected to accommodate 125 rooms and 88 private residences, restaurants and other amenities when it opens its doors in just over three years.

## Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news and photos, plus full pages from:

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## BA cabin crew strikes

**MORE** than 2,000 members of British Airways' mixed fleet crew will strike for two weeks next month, walking off the job to dispute pay from 01 Jul.

The move comes after union Unite's four-day industrial action due to begin last Fri was called off in a bid to resolve the dispute through talks with airline officials, *The Guardian* reported.

However, those talks were "rebuffed" by BA which has called the latest proposed strikes that will run until 16 Jul as "extreme and completely unnecessary".

"We had reached a deal on pay, which Unite agreed was acceptable. Unite has already confirmed it is pursuing the non-pay issues in this dispute through the courts," a spokesperson said.

## Luxury Escapes adds tours

**EXCLUSIVE**

**ACCOMMODATION** package specialists Luxury Escapes have quietly expanded their product portfolio over recent months to include a range of handmade tours around the world.

### HLO global corp exec

**TRAVEL** management specialist Ana Pedersen has been named as global director of corporate sales for QBT and APX at Helloworld Travel Limited, effective 01 Jul (*TD* breaking news Fri).

Pedersen has 27+ years' travel industry experience & was most recently vp - large market global sales at BCD Travel in the USA, promoted from the role of vp Asia Pacific, based in Singapore.

Her career also includes stints with BCD Travel in Australia, TQ3 Travel Solutions, Galileo & Qantas.

HLO ceo Andrew Burnes said Pedersen "has a proven track record in exceptional business development & created strong established relationships within the global business community."

"Her international reputation is of the highest calibre and Ana will assist the Corporate Division to identify national, regional & global opportunities."

Helloworld corporate and Air Tickets head Russell Cartensen said Pedersen's appointment rounded out the new management structure within Helloworld Travel's TMC businesses.

The program also includes a range of ocean cruises with some of the top cruise lines, including Cunard and Azamara, as revealed by *Cruise Weekly* last week.

Luxury Escapes general manager Blake Hutchison explained to *Travel Daily* the new 'Touring Created by LE' category has been selling to its million plus members for some time, offering small-group tours in 5-star comfort.

The new division is headed by former Intrepid Group brand & product manager Sonia Pilovska based out of Luxury Escapes' Melbourne headquarters.

Luxury Escapes' maiden Created by LE tour was to Morocco in Dec, and the team has subsequently launched trips to Sri Lanka, Peru, Botswana, Jordan, Egypt, Mongolia, Puglia and China.

"The tours continue to blitz our expectations in terms of member satisfaction and sales results," Hutchison said.

"Unlike most tour companies, Tours Created by LE take a maximum of 16 people per tour - in fact some tours have been designed just for two."

"Tours Created by LE go direct to the source to ensure all our tours are not only tried & tested 5-star quality, but are also the best price in the market."

Hutchison further revealed to *Travel Daily* that Luxury Escapes members would soon be able to engage directly with the company to purchase private tours.

## Batik beyond Perth

**SYDNEY**, Melbourne and the Gold Coast have all been flagged as potential future destinations for Indonesian carrier Batik Air, the airline has stated ahead of this week's inaugural Perth flight.

Batik Air (OD) pr manager Andy M Saladin said that Perth remained a favourite destination in Australia for Indonesians, "and we believe that there is still a big market for us in Australia".

The full service carrier will begin flying twice daily to PER from Bali on 21 Jun, with morning (0830) & afternoon (1820) services using a combination of Boeing 737-800s, 737-900s and Airbus A320-CEOs.

OD's int'l expansion includes the addition of flights from Jakarta Soekarno-Hatta Int'l Airport to Jakarta on 10 Jun.



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## AFTA reports 16/17 financials

**THE** Australian Federation of Travel Agents recorded a surplus of \$9,247 for the 12 months to 31 Mar 2017, according to the AFTA annual report released to members late last week.

CEO Jayson Westbury said 2017 was a "solid year" with the ATAS accreditation scheme boosting membership and the Federation operating within its means while still delivering on its business plan and budget.

Total revenue was \$2.42 million - the majority (\$2.12m) from

membership and accreditation, while the 2016 National Travel Industry Awards delivered a net profit of \$70,554.

Other income was received from marketing in the afta@mail newsletter and email distribution, amounting to \$29,508 and AFTA earned \$30,129 in interest.

An \$85,000 grant was received from the Tasmanian government, with the funds directed to an education process for travel agents and consumers.

Staff costs amounted to \$1.36 million, while significant expenses were incurred in relation to the legal matter with former member Bestjet Pty Ltd, which challenged a decision not to renew its ATAS accreditation (**TD** 14 Oct 2016).

The accounts detail \$144,700 in legal costs during the year, along with \$160,222 in representation expenses and \$297,242 in marketing & advertising.

## WWT adds Sanctuary

**WENDY** Wu Tours is now offering a five-day Independent Touring river cruise in China, on the *Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer*.

The voyage travels between Yichang and Chongqing via the Xiling Gorge and Three Gorges Dam - more info 1300 727 998.

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## NZ All Stars kicks off

**TOURISM** New Zealand, in partnership with Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia will tonight kick off the first of its biggest ever NZ All Stars events to date.

The first national training event of the series starts in Brisbane tonight and will be followed by Sydney tomorrow, Melbourne on Wed and Perth on Thu.

For more exclusive details, see tomorrow's issue of *Travel Daily*.

## DNSW regional HQs

**DESTINATION** NSW has named Dubbo, Wagga Wagga and Bega Valley as the new respective headquarters for its Country/ Outback, Riverina Murray and Southern NSW Destination Networks, part of the NSW Govt's aim to boost regional tourism.

A satellite office was also being established in Queanbeyan for Destination Southern NSW.

## CT baggage scanning

**THE** US Transportation Security Administration has begun testing new state-of-the-art screening technology for airports that could make it possible for passengers to leave liquids, gels, aerosols, as well as laptops in their carry-on bags at all times.

In collaboration with American Airlines, the TSA is trialling the computed tomography (CT) scanner at Phoenix Int'l Airport's Terminal 4 with a view to roll the technology at other checkpoint locations if successful.



## Window Seat

**THE** mission to locate a vacant power outlet at an airport gate to recharge portable electronic devices between flights can be extremely satisfying, especially when an outlet is found that's been overlooked by others.

But a company that produces fake wall socket stickers sold on Amazon is creating confusion for travellers who think they've perched themselves beside the best vacant charging station at Miami International Terminal.

Twitter user 'Just Basic Dave' shared videos of a hoax he set up using the stickers at MIA, which travellers attempt to plug their cords to no avail - view the video by **CLICKING HERE**.



## Tempo, Katarina pact

**TEMPO** Holidays is bolstering its range of cruise options in Croatia under a new partnership with local specialist Katarina Line.

Katarina offers a range of cruise themes, including food, wine, yoga, naturist and gay options.

The venture has been branded Tempo Holidays Cruise Croatia and "will take Croatia cruising to another level," Tempo says.

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## Flight Centre gives insight

**FLIGHT**  
Centre's new Turner Report into the travel patterns of Australian leisure consumers (**TD** breaking news Fri) provides insights that will be useful



to everyone involved in the Australian travel industry.

Data for the report was collated from several million travel bookings made by Flight Centre customers - and has been collated into geographic areas across the country as well as linked to customer psychographic profiles.

An associated website at [trends.flightcentre.com.au](http://trends.flightcentre.com.au) allows users to "drill down" by postcode to analyse travel patterns, with Tourism & Transport Forum chief

executive Margey Osmond, also present at the launch, hailing the new availability of "real data" about the industry.

Flight Centre brand head Tom Walley said the site won't be used to directly market to Flight Centre clients, but it's hoped it will "start conversations about travel" as consumers compare their travel patterns with their peers.

**Pictured** at the launch are TTF's Margey Osmond with Flight Centre md Graham Turner & Tom Walley.

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## APT key FCTG partner

APT'S long-term partnership as a Flight Centre preferred supplier has seen astonishing growth in recent years, according to FC md Graham Turner.

During a briefing in Brisbane on Fri, Turner said a decade ago, when it was decided to pursue a closer relationship, Flight Centre was selling about \$7 million worth of APT product annually.

Since then sales have grown steadily, and "this year we'll sell just over the \$154 million mark worth of APT," Turner said, describing the APT range as "a top, high-end baby-boomer product".

## Superbowl 52 access

**MELBOURNE-BASED** DMC Insider Experience has been appointed as the Australasian agent for the Super Bowl 52 On Location Experiences hospitality program in Minneapolis on 04 Feb 2018 - [insidereperiencedmc.com](http://insidereperiencedmc.com).

## Complaints summary

AFTA'S newly released annual report (**TD** Fri) details a total of 329 complaints in 2016 about agents which were managed under the formal process laid down in the ATAS charter.

That was a significant increase on the previous year, due to the continued growth in consumer awareness of ATAS and referrals from consumer affairs agencies.

Over 150 gripes were ineligible for consideration by the scheme because they related to non-ATAS accredited agencies - these were referred to the relevant state and territory Fair Trading authorities.

Of the 177 eligible complaints, most focused on refunds, ticketing and products & services.

A majority of complaints (47) were resolved by mutual agreement, while in 34 cases there was no breach found.

Overall AFTA assisted in returning \$63,004 to consumers via the ATAS complaints process.

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## BW Premier Ubud

**BEST** Western Hotels & Resorts has opened its first property in Ubud, Indonesia.

Best Western Premier Agung Resort Ubud features 75 rooms with a private balcony or terrace and is located 15mins from Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport.

The four-star property complements Best Western's three properties in the Kuta area.

## EXPO 2017 open

**MORE** than 1.3 million tickets have been sold so far for the Astana EXPO 2017 which began in Kazakhstan this month.

The expo has 115 participating countries and 22 international organisations taking part in the event, which is focused on renewable energy.

Attending the official opening ceremony on 09 Jun were heads of states and governments from the likes of Russia, China, Mongolia, Spain, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia and Turkmenistan.

EXPO 2017 runs up until 10 Sep.

## Qld tourism funding

**QUEENSLAND** will aim to increase airline connections to Asia under a four-year strategy boosted under the state budget handed down last week.

Qld Tourism Minister Kate Jones said ongoing funding to connect with new Asian cities and develop new domestic routes would deliver more tourism jobs.

"Under the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund we delivered an extra 436,000 seats on air routes into the state and secured two new international air routes as well as a new domestic route," Jones said.

The govt would now roll out a four-year \$33.5 million Advance Queensland: Connecting with Asia strategy.

The Queensland budget gives an extra \$47m to Tourism and Events Queensland's \$400m four-year allocation, aiming to support an expected 20,000 new jobs.

## Tigerair 'street eats'

**LOW-COST** carrier Tigerair Australia has expanded its inflight Tiger Bites menu with a range of new seasonal hot and cold items.

The 'Street Eats at 30,000 feet' menu includes Thai green curry, butter chicken, pizza, penne and meatballs and more, each priced from \$11 when pre-ordered.

## Vino Orange Express

**EARLYBIRD** fares for The Vino Express 2017 Food & Wine train from Central Station Sydney to Orange for the city's Wine Festival in Oct are on sale until 30 Jun.

The event runs from 13-22 Oct, with the train journey on 20 Oct now priced at \$847ppts, which includes two nights' accom, wine tastings, local dining & a vineyard tour - for more info, **CLICK HERE**.

## Lorde on Air NZ IFE

**AIR** New Zealand has become the first airline in the world to share Kiwi singer Lorde's newly released album 'Melodrama' as part of its inflight entertainment options on international flights.

To celebrate the album's roll out on Air New Zealand, some of the airline's staff have performed their own version of Lorde's hit song, Green Light, which can be viewed online **HERE**.

## Belhotel for Manila

**SWISS** Belhotel International has opened the 271 room Valero Grand Suites by Swiss-Belhotel in Manila, the group's first location in the Philippines.

The property is one of Swiss-Belhotel's latest developments in Southeast Asia, with other hotels scheduled to open in Malaysia, Vietnam and Indonesia.

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## WTTC slams Trump

**US CITIZENS** will no longer be permitted to engage in self-directed, individual travel to Cuba under President Donald Trump's Cuba policy revealed on Fri.

The policy will restrict travel for non-academic educational purposes to group travel, but may take months to come into effect.

The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) said it was "disappointed" with the plan, saying the sector needed consistency from govts and stability of policy.

"Airlines, cruise lines and hotel groups have all made significant investments and plans to create jobs and to grow the industry in Cuba, based on clear direction from the previous administration...this is a clear and unwelcome reversal," David Scowsill, pres & ceo, WTTC said.

## easyJet eyes Alitalia

**EASYJET** has confirmed to Italian media that it is one of the parties who have expressed an interest in the troubled Alitalia.

Since 02 May, Alitalia has been managed by three special commissioners after it went into administration and it filed for bankruptcy protection in the US last week (**TD** 15 Jun).

Local GSA of Alitalia, Aviation Online previously reassured it was "business as usual" for Alitalia and that all flights would continue to operate.

Separately, the carrier cancelled several flights for last Fri (**TD** 16 Jun) due to strike action.

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## DriveAway supports charity



**THE** industry threw its weight behind the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, with 156 players plus supporters attending last month's 2017 Qld Travel Industry "Drive 4 Daniel" Charity Golf day.

DriveAway Holidays showed its support on the day by sponsoring

a hole, while David Reece (owner of EagleRider Brisbane) brought along a very slick Harley Davidson Electra Glide for show.

Claire Turner, Qld/Northern NSW bdm DriveAway Holidays, is **pictured** (left) with some of the team from Carbrook Golf Course.

## Address virtual tours

**EMAAR** Hospitality Group has introduced panoramic, 360 virtual tours of its hotels in Dubai.

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**VISIT** Flanders recently hosted a group of travel agents on a family trip to Flanders Fields in Belgium.

During their trip, agents also visited the Menin Gate in Ypres, located in the Belgium province of West Flanders.

The Menin Gate Lions have temporarily returned to their original home in Ypres from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra for the centenary anniversary events of WW1.

**Pictured** in front of the Menin Gate is: Deb Latham, Holidays on Location; Jacinta Anderson, Gippsland Travel; John Layton, italk Bribie Island; David Wright, Travel Prospects; Ky Graham, Flying Colours Travel; Sonia Holt, Visit Flanders; Andrea Alloway,

italk Newcastle; Tony Freedman, Travel Associates; Kay Reid, Travel & Cruise Bright and Andrew Denishensk, Travel Counsellors.

### Abu Dhabi visits up

**ABU** Dhabi welcomed 1.6m guest arrivals in the first four months of 2017, up 7% on the same period in 2016.

The figures reported by the Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority (TCA Abu Dhabi), showed a continuing growth in Apr with a 15% increase in hotel guest arrivals year-on-year.

Apr's figures showed China maintained its position as the largest overseas market with 131,253 hotel guest arrivals.

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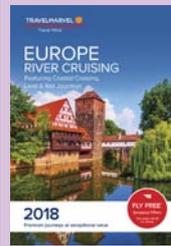
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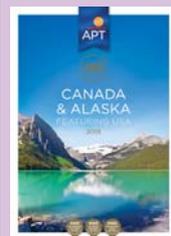
### Travelmarvel - Europe River Cruising 2018

Travelmarvel has added boutique coastal cruising to its Europe program for 2018, complementing its river cruising and land touring options across Europe and Russia. Newly available is an 11-day Greek Islands Odyssey and the Adriatic Coast & Dalmatian Island cruise. They feature in the new Europe River Cruising 2018 brochure, which includes Travelmarvel's flagship European Gems cruises from Amsterdam to Budapest. The new brochure includes a fly free deal on select offerings.



### Rocky Mountaineer - Destination Wonderland 2018

Rock Mountaineer's new 2018 brochure features over 65 holiday packages and four unique rail routes through the Canadian Rockies and Pacific Northwest. Inside the brochure, there is something for everyone including a range of tours from a helicopter ride over the glaciers in Alberta or a bus excursion to the glaciers. Guests can also participate in a Banff to Calgary sightseeing trip.



### APT - Canada & Alaska featuring USA 2018

Available to agents now, APT's Canada & Alaska featuring USA 2018 brochure features a number of new options including the chance to sail the Inside Passage with Seabourn. The Alaskan cruise is offered alongside three new Classic Journey land tour itineraries, two of which include a stay at the Sparkling Hill Resort in Vernon, British Columbia. A new Small Group Discovery tour with a maximum of 20 guests explores Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories and has a stay in the new Skywatch Resort & Spa to possibly catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights.

### Uniworld B&R pact

**UNI**WORLD is expanding its river cruise offerings with Butterfield and Robinson (B&R).

The duo have announced a Rhine River Cruise Biking tour in May 2018, departing from Basel, Switzerland with port stops through France and Germany.

Uniworld's new bike tour runs in May, Jun and Sep 2018, priced from US\$6,995 per person.

**CLICK HERE** for more info.

### QF Charles Perkins

**QANTAS** and the Charles Perkins Centre at the University of Sydney will collaborate to conduct scientific medical research on long-haul flights.

The findings will be used to enhance passenger health and wellness on long-haul Qantas flights, such as the new Perth to London flight starting in Mar.

More details will be announced later this week during a formal launch on Thu.

### More of Whitehaven

**CRUISE** Whitsundays has released new offerings on Whitehaven Beach to now include a visit to Whitehaven Beach Hill Inlet and Lookout.

Starting today guests sailing on the Camira Sailing Adventure will be able to visit the location.

The Ultimate Whitehaven Beach full-day cruise will now include a bushwalking tour along the Solway Passage Circuit, Chance Bay Hike, Hill Inlet and Lookout.

### Pangea Pod Whistler

**WHISTLER** Resort in British Columbia, Canada, will welcome the opening of the Pangea Pod Hotel in 2018.

The Pod Hotel will be situated in the centre of the pedestrian village and is designed for the solo traveller seeking a boutique hotel feel.

Pangea will have 88 sleeping pods and will fill Whistler's void between Hotels and Hostel.

**MEL luxury additions**

**MELBOURNE** Airport has signed luxury brands including Tiffany & Co, Burberry, Salvatore Ferragamo, Max Mara and Emporio Armani for its Terminal Two shopping area, set to open later this year.

The new high-end precinct will be located adjacent to a new duty free store and will also involve brands such as Watches of Switzerland, Bally, Michael Kors, Hugo Boss, Furla and Tumi.

All stores are scheduled to be open between the end of Jul and Nov this year.

“Melbourne Airport has invested more than \$50 million in the first phase of the retail transformation, enhancing the traveller journey,” said Andrew Gardiner, MEL chief of retail.

**EK Smart Wallet**

**TRAVELLERS** can now use smartphones instead of passports at Dubai Int’l Airport under a new Emirates Smart Wallet system.

The first phase of the scheme incorporates traveller personal data, Emirates ID and passport information as well as the e-gate card data.

The system aims to streamline passenger movements at the airport and has been billed as world-first technology.

**RCI over 55s deals**

**ROYAL** Caribbean is offering cruisers aged 55 and over savings of up to \$400 per person on a range of local sailings.

The discount can be combined with the current ‘buy one, get one half price’ offer for bookings by 30 Jun.

Options include a six-night Tasmania cruise on *Explorer of the Seas* from \$1,029 for the first guests and \$539 for second guest, departing Sydney 09 Dec, 2017.

**Magellan Beyond Slovenia fam**



**SENIOR** Magellan Travel Group owners and consultants had a chance to explore Slovenia and the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia recently on a famil hosted by Beyond Slovenia.

The trip was arranged by Beyond Slovenia owner Stephanie Savage, who is also the owner and md of The Impulse Travel Group, a Magellan member.

The group flew with Emirates to Venice and visited scenic spots including Piran, Postojna Caves, Lake Bled, Ljubljana and Zagreb before taking a four-night cruise from Dubrovnik to Split.

**Pictured** from left are Nanette Lulham, Happy Holidays; Darryl Laing, The Travel Agent Caloundra; Simone Kaye, World Wide Travel; Anna Whatford, Lidstrum & Clyne; Glenda Halliwell, The Travel Centre Coffs Harbour; Noel Bradey,

Spencer Travel Surry Hills; Cathy Schroder, Southlands Travel & Cruise; Renata Angyalosi, Beyond Slovenia and Stephanie Savage, Impulse Travel/Beyond Slovenia.



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Send your entries to [csair@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:csair@traveldaily.com.au)

10) How many aircraft does China Southern Airlines currently operate?



**Six Senses Tropicurf**

**SIX** Senses Laamu in the Maldives has announced a partnership with Australian company Tropicurf to provide high-end guided surfing expeditions to nearby sites.

From Aug, the resort will join Tropicurf’s network of five-star resort-based surf locations in nine countries around the world.

Its coaches will lead surfing at surrounding breaks including Yin Yang, five mins from the resort.

Tropicurf will also operate a surf centre at Six Senses Fiji when it opens in late 2017.

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from Qantas

Deborah is the top point scorer for Round 13 of Travel Daily’s AFL footy tipping competition. She’s won a \$100 travel voucher courtesy of Expedia.

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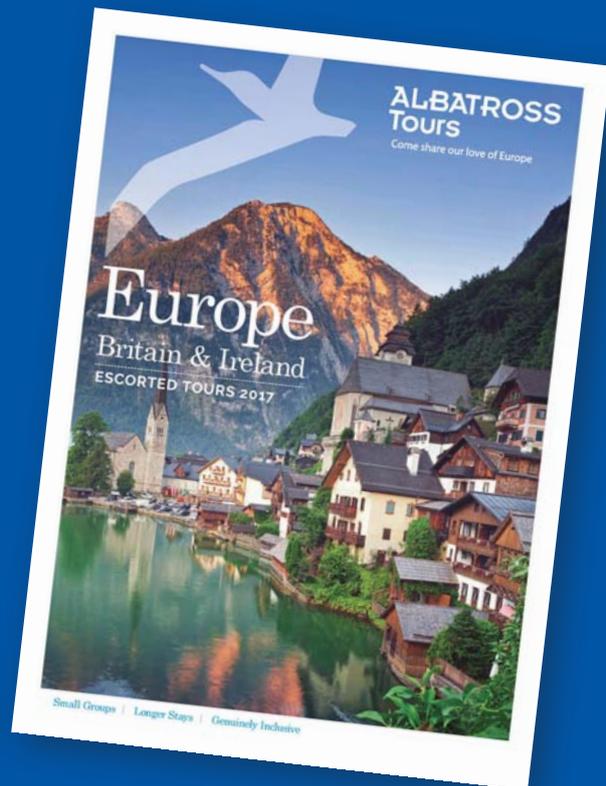
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