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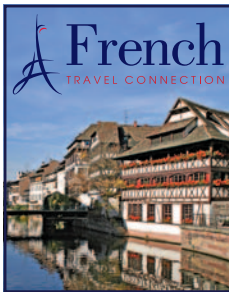
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## Celebrity Edge revealed

A NEW "ship climbing" platform cantilevered to the side of Celebrity Cruises' *Celebrity Edge* has been billed as standout attraction on the 2,918-pax ship when it debuts in Dec 2018.

The 'Magic Carpet' is a tennis court sized space that scales the 16-deck ship through the day and evening, with multiple purposes including acting as a restaurant, additional open-air space for the main pool area and as a

new 'Destination Gateway' for a "luxury embarkation station".

Other hallmarks of Celebrity's first Edge class of ship include two-bedroom Iconic Suites above the ship's bridge, six split-level Edge Villas that feature plunge pools & the new Retreat Sundeck - a "private utopia" and home to an exclusive lounge and the Suite Class Luminae restaurant.

*Celebrity Edge* will cruise the Caribbean on two seven-night voyages - for more details, see page 5 and the cover wrap.

### Win a Mauritius trip!

CONSOLIDATED Travel and Air Mauritius have partnered in a travel agent incentive where the top selling consultant will win a trip for two to Mauritius, including flights and six nights of accommodation with full board.

See the last page for details.

### Today's issue of TD

*Travel Daily* today has eight pages of news, including a front cover wrap for **Celebrity Cruises** plus full pages from:

- inPlace Recruitment
- Consolidated Travel

### NTIA voting open

THERE is breathless excitement across the Australian travel sector today, with voting in the 2017 National Travel Industry Awards kicking off at 9am this morning.

As in previous years there are two separate voting forms - one for suppliers to vote in the Travel Agent categories, and the other for agents to vote in the Supplier categories.

Voting is open until 5pm AEST on Fri 31 Mar - see [afta.com.au](http://afta.com.au).

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## Dest Aus this Thu

**TOURISM** Australia will host this year's Destination Australia conference on Thu at Doltone House, Hyde Park in Sydney. The event will look at the "top global megatrends defining travel in 2017" - [tourism.australia.com](http://tourism.australia.com).

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## Departures trending up again

**SHORT** term resident departures from Australia have risen 3.1% in trend terms over the 12 months to Jan 2017, with the latest figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics showing the reversal of a downward blip.

According to the Jan 2016 arrivals and departures results, the fastest growing outbound destinations over the last year have been China, up 11.5%, and Singapore, up 10.8%, followed by Fiji and India which both grew 7.3% in terms of visitor numbers.

Increases were also seen to Japan (up 5.9%), New Zealand (up 3.6%) and the USA, up 2.6%.

However travel to Indonesia dropped 4.7%, while Thailand is down 3.1% year on year - and intriguingly the United Kingdom didn't even appear in the top ten based on Jan departures.

Arrivals continue to surge,

## Cruiseco seeks ceo

**LONG-TIME** Cruiseco ceo Steve Lloyd has announced his retirement, with the organisation now recruiting for a replacement.

Sydney-based Cruiseco distributes around 60 cruise brands to its 300 member travel agencies across Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

The new ceo will lead a staff of 70, with Lloyd seeking someone with senior management experience in a travel organisation - see the ad on **page 4** for details.

up 8.5% year-on-year, with the figures showing the strongest growth in visitors from India, up 15.2%, followed by Japan (13.6%) and Hong Kong (12.8%).

China was the largest source market for visitors to Australia in Jan, with 166,000 arrivals during the month, up 11.5% - almost twice the figure of New Zealand, in second place with 87,600.

There was also double-digit annual growth in arrivals from the USA (10.7%), South Korea (10.5%) and Germany (10.1%), with the only market to drop being Singapore, down 1.3%.

## AB strike extended

**GROUND** handling staff in Germany have extended their strike until Wed in an escalation of a pay dispute with airberlin (AB).

AB condemned the extension, which it said had already disrupted tens of thousands of pax, with 200 flights cancelled on Fri during the ITB trade show.

## NZ boosts CA c'share

**AIR** New Zealand has expanded its codeshare agreement with Air China, adding several new city pairs within China.

The new routes, operated on Air China metal, include flights from Beijing to Lanzhou, Taiyuan and Yantai, as well as Shanghai Pu Dong to Changchun, Harbin, Lanzhou and Xi'an.

## Disney upgrade

**DISNEY'S** Grand Californian Hotel & Spa at Disneyland Resort in Anaheim is set for a major renovation, with the upgrade including a makeover of rooms, lobby and public areas to be completed by the end of 2017.

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## PX to fly Townsville-PNG

AIR Niugini has today confirmed the launch of non-stop flights between Port Moresby and Townsville, with the new service to commence 31 Mar, "just in time for the NRL season".

The carrier said the new flights,

as flagged by *Travel Daily* earlier this month (TD 03 Mar), would also benefit the central and North Queensland business communities which will be able to better access PNG and other Pacific and Asian cities via the Papua New Guinea capital.

The direct flights will operate each Mon and Fri, with Air Niugini ceo Simon Foo saying the route follows "extensive discussions with the Townsville Airport owners and operators, the Mayor of Townsville, and the Townsville Enterprise and local political and business leaders."

"This new service will open up important business, educational, sporting and people-to-people links," he added.

Air Niugini flies to Australia 25 times per week, with direct services to Brisbane, Sydney, Cairns and now Townsville as well as codeshare flights to Melbourne and Perth.

Foo also flagged the future addition of services from Port Moresby to mainland China, with Shanghai "firmly on Air Niugini's radar" in addition to its existing four weekly Hong Kong flights.

### C&K appointment

COX & Kings has recruited Andrew Eddy for the position of national account manager.

He has 10 years' industry experience, helped develop My Adventure Travel and was a bdm for World Expeditions.

### VA/Alliance benefits

WESTERN Australia-based mining firm Newmont "stands to gain substantial benefits" from the proposed alliance between Virgin Australia Regional Airlines & Alliance Airlines, the carriers have told the competition regulator.

Responding to feedback by Newmont that the pact would "limit competition and expose their business to higher and less competitive charter costs," VA argued the agreement should not raise "any competition concerns with respect to Newmont".

As a FIFO operator, Newmont will benefit from "synergies and operations efficiencies that will result from a more extensive and integrated charter and RPT offering," Virgin and Alliance told the watchdog as they attempt to win approval for their venture.

"This includes improved connectivity in Perth, Darwin, Brisbane and Alice Springs through better coordination of minimum connecting time."



## Window Seat

WOULDN'T it be nice to relax and enjoy a meal with your four legged friend?

Now you can at Nook restaurant in the new Aloft Taipei Beitou, Taiwan's first international hotel restaurant to allow dogs.

Pooches can fine dine al-fresco with their owners on the outdoor terrace, as part of the Animals R Fun (ARF) program.

Go all out for your dog with the VIP package for NT\$100 (roughly \$4.27).

Dogs will have a choice of three meals, toys, doggie snacks and a complimentary nappy.

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## Colombia Embassy

**FEDERAL** Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop has announced the Australian Government will “significantly enhance our presence in Latin America” by opening an Embassy in Colombia.

To be located in Bogota, the new embassy is the sixth overseas post in the region.

Travellers will be able to use the Colombia embassy for consular and passport services.

## EK launches Newark

**EMIRATES** has added a 12th US gateway to its network with the launch of daily services from Dubai International to Newark International Airport, via Athens.

The route complements EK’s four-daily service to New York JFK.

Athens Int’l Airport ceo Yiannis Paraschis said the route was a “spectacular development for the Athens’ market”.

EK’s service to EWR is operated using Boeing 777-300ER aircraft.

## GNTO mega famil

**LUFTHANSA** Group and the German National Tourist Office is offering agents a chance to participate in its 2017 Mega Famil in May on an Albatross Tour.

The trip visits Munich, Frankfurt and Dresden and includes hotel & ground arrangements, along with return airfares on Lufthansa’s long-haul product.

There are eight places up for grabs and to enter agents need to complete a quiz by 28 Mar.

To enter the quiz, **CLICK HERE**.

## Six Senses Kaplankaya

**THE** Aegean Coast is set to be added to Six Senses Hotels Resorts & Spa’s collection when Six Senses Kaplankaya launches on 01 May.

The company is taking over management of Canyon Ranch Wellness Resort on the Turkish Riviera & over the next 12 months will enhance the property to its acclaimed design, environmental and wellness operations.

## Cunard 2019 program out

**CUNARD** has unveiled its Jan to May 2019 program called the ‘Oceans of Discovery.’

As announced last month, *Queen Elizabeth* will spend a record two month season in Australia, with 27 different local cruise combinations from Melbourne and Sydney in Feb - Apr 2019 (**TD** 28 Feb).

*Queen Elizabeth’s* local offering will include seven roundtrip cruises from Sydney and Melbourne visiting New Zealand, Tasmania and South Australia including maiden calls to Busselton (Margaret River) in WA, Kangaroo Island in SA, Hobart, Burnie - a first for Cunard’s current fleet - and Port Arthur.

Fares for a 12-night roundtrip cruise on *QE* departing Sydney on 20 Feb lead in at \$2,949 per person twin share or \$2,899ppts ex Melbourne on 18 Mar 2019.

*Queen Victoria* will also visit

Sydney, the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef on the only true World Voyage by Cunard.

Between Jan and May 2019, the Cunard fleet will travel more than 113,000 nautical miles, visiting 109 destinations in 49 different countries including 21 maiden calls for the three Queens.

Fares for a two-night cruise between Melbourne and Sydney will start at \$549ppts.

Cruises go on sale from 30 Mar, see [www.cunard.com](http://www.cunard.com).

## AC seeks VA fastrack

**AIR** Canada has called on the US Government to “promptly” grant approval for its proposed codesharing alliance from Canada to Los Angeles with Virgin Australia (**TD** Fri).

The push comes in response to no party objecting to Air Canada’s application with the US Dept of Transportation.



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## NSW events funding

**THE** New South Wales Government's 2017 Incubator Event Fund is welcoming round two applications from organisers of emerging rural and regional events.

Grants of up to \$20,000 are offered to help them through initial establishment phases including event staging costs, marketing, publicity and research.

The NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW manages and administers the fund.

The events will be held between Jul and Dec this year.

**CLICK HERE** for more details

## Hyatt Place for Japan

**HYATT** has announced plans for the first Hyatt Place Hotel in Japan.

Expected to open in 2019, the hotel will be located near Tokyo Disney Resort and will feature 365 guestrooms across 10 levels.

The Hyatt Place Tokyo Bay will also offer meeting and conference spaces as well as all-day dining options for guests.

## More seats for A380

**AIRBUS** may do away with one of the A380's hallmark features in favour of more seats.

The planemaker is considering removing the "grand staircase" and replacing it with a slimmed-down staircase as well as adding fuel-saving wingtips, aimed at lowering operating costs.

Dubbed A380-Plus, the changes would add 40-50 seats and increase the aircraft's capacity to more than 600 seats.

A source speaking to *Reuters* said adding wingtips would increase fuel efficiency by 2% and changes could be available as retrofits if given the green light.

## NYC Midtown app

**THE** Empire State Building has announced the launch of the official Destination Midtown app.

The app provides visitors to New York City with pre-made itineraries to attractions in Midtown Manhattan as well as insider tips, events, and themed walking tours such as "Fashion Intro" and "Family Fun".

All of the attractions featured in the app are within a 15 minute walk of the centre of Manhattan and/or the Empire State Building.

The free app is available on iTunes and Google Play.

## Celebrity's new Edge factor



**CELEBRITY** Cruises has unveiled details overnight of its new Edge class fleet, which is set to debut in late 2018 with *Celebrity Edge* and will carry 2,918 passengers.

One of the key features is a "magic carpet," (see **page 1**) which allows a platform the size of a tennis court to be positioned on different decks depending on the time of the day, such as al fresco dining on Deck 16 or a luxury embarkation station at its lowest point on Deck 2.

The Edge Villas (pictured above) will offer two-storey accommodation, private plunge pools and direct walk-out access to The Retreat Sundeck.

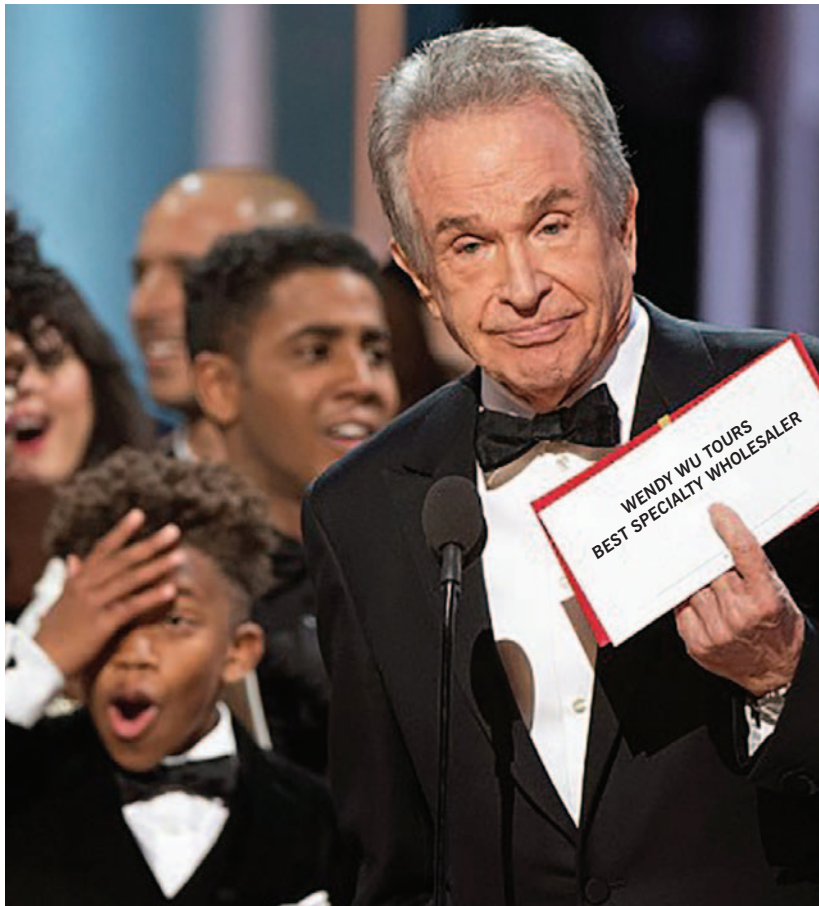
*Celebrity Edge* will introduce Infinite Veranda, a cabin designed to add 23% more space than previous rooms by making the balcony part of suite, with bi-folding doors.

Other features added to the ship include a rooftop garden designed by Tom Wright, the mastermind behind Dubai's iconic Burj Al Arab Hotel.

Celebrity Cruises will introduce an app that allows guests to unlock your room, view the ship's location and access concierge services from their smartphone.

The Edge class is the first new class from Celebrity in 10 years.

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**VIVID** Sydney has announced today a trail of installations will be added to the precinct around Barangaroo, past waterfront

vistas, through laneways and into a foodie mecca.

Held from Fri 26 May to Sat 17 Jun, VIVID will set the cityscape into a creative canvas.

A Day in the Light will feature an outdoor theatre of light and sound that lets audiences become part of the artwork.

There's an expanded light walk through the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney spreading to the harbourside.

The sails of Sydney Opera House will be brought to life with creatures morphing and moving between each other.

In 2016, over 2.31 million visitors came to VIVID Sydney from all over the world.

## Cairns ballooning

**RAGING** Thunder Adventures has been re-named as Cairns Hot-Air Balloon Co, in a move to align with its international marketing.

The company pioneered ballooning in the Mareeba Valley, North Queensland in 1993 and now floats 16,000 people in a basket yearly, at dawn and as high as 4,500 feet above sea level.

There are 14-staff based in Mareeba - for more information, see [cairnshotairballoon.com.au](http://cairnshotairballoon.com.au)

## IAHGM advisory

**INTERNATIONAL** Association of Hotel General Managers' launched yesterday an independent Advisory/ Consultancy Services to support hotel gm, hotel execs, hotel companies and owners.

The initiative is the first of its kind, helping hotel owners with improved profitability, reduced overheads, fit for purpose organisation structures, professional development for their employees and improved asset valuation and gms and execs will have access to independent expert advice on hospitality management issues.

The initiative was founded by Leon Larkin, gm with over 40 years experience in top hotels across Asia, Europe and Australia.

## Astor returning

**CRUISE** and Maritime Voyages' ship *Astor* will leave Australia on 15 Mar for a 39-night journey back to the UK.

The 620-passenger vessel will take the popular route through the Caribbean and Panama Canal before returning to Western Australia on 08 Dec.

14 return journeys will be offered from Fremantle including two to Bali.

CMV has confirmed to *Astor* returning for a fifth season.

Go **HERE** for full season details.

## New FRA transit hotel

**FRANKFURT** Airport has opened its first transit hotel for passengers to freshen up for a minimum of three hours.

The MYCLOUD Hotel is located at Gate Z-25 in Frankfurt's Terminal 1 meaning passengers don't have to clear security. There are 59 rooms including a shower, 24-hr reception, free wi-fi & an infotainment system.



## Money

**WELCOME** to *Money*, TD's Tue feature on what the Australian dollar is doing.

**\$1AUD = US0.756**

The Australian dollar bounced to a 2-week high as it climbed 0.6%.

The AUD had remained stable against GBP as the UK government received the final go ahead to formally trigger its exit from the EU at the end of Mar.

The focus this week will be on data out of China, which will decide where the AUD goes this week.

Travellers to Europe are continuing to benefit from a weak euro, although Europe's Central Bank could consider ending its stimulus program, which could strength the euro after April's French election.

*Wholesale rates this morning.*

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Canada	\$1.018
Crude oil	US\$48.49

## Tjungu Festival 2017

**TJUNGU** Festival will return to Ayers Rock Resort on 22-25 Apr.

Since debuting in 2014, the event celebrates indigenous culture through music, dance, film, food, sport and fashion.

Highlights of the four-day festival will include the Indigenous Fashion Parade featuring model Samantha Harris and celebrity chef Mark Oliver's "Tastes of Tjungu" bush inspired foods dining experience.

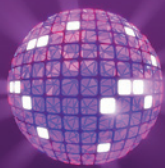
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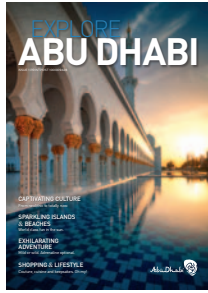
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To enter, simply take a look at the digital version of the **GUIDE HERE** and tell us, in 25 words or less, which of the 'Top 10 Things To Do in Abu Dhabi' you'd like to experience and why.

Send your answers to [abudhabi@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:abudhabi@traveldaily.com.au)



## The Grove opening

**FLORIDA** has added The Grove Resort & Spa Orlando to its offering, located close to Walt Disney World.

The 42 hectare resort is located on the shores of Lake Austin and has opened 184 of its 878 residential-style suites, aimed at families and groups.

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## NZ Golf Tourism up

**NEW** Zealand is experiencing a boom in golf tourism, having welcomed more than 61,000 international visitors to its courses last year.

Tourism New Zealand director of marketing Andrew Fraser said golf visitors were up 31% and had contributed around NZ\$329 million to the local economy.

"Golf tourists spend about 30% more than other visitors and stay longer when they visit," he said. "They are an incredibly important group for us to target, to build tourism value over volume."

New images and video have been released to promote golf in NZ - to view **CLICK HERE**.

## DL AM stake cleared

**DELTA** Air Lines has completed its acquisition of an additional 32% of shares in Aeromexico, giving it a stake of 49%.

The carrier has also secured regulatory approvals for the US\$620 million purchase.

## Norfolk music festival

**AUSTRALIAN** singer Shane Nicholson will be the headline act at this year's Norfolk Island Country Music Festival, to be held from 12 to 15 May.

New Zealander Jody Diren is among others from both sides of the Tasman - **CLICK HERE**.

## Busabout discounts

**THE** Travel Corporation is offering a St Patrick's Day discount of 20% on Ireland and Scotland tours from its Busabout, Haggis and Shamrock Adventures brands.

Until 31 Mar, bookings of 2017 Ireland and Scotland trips of three to 10 days will receive the discount when using promotion code STPATS.

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## London hails Gold Coast cabs



**TOURISM** Australia has taken classic Gold Coast scenery to the UK ahead of next year's Commonwealth Games, unveiling a fleet of branded London cabs.

A total of 50 taxis will be involved in a campaign to attract more British visitors to the Gold Coast games, which also includes a cover wrap in today's *Evening Standard* newspaper.

The cabs' debut coincided with the start of the Queen's Baton Relay which last night began its journey to Australia via 70

Commonwealth countries.

"We want to create a sense of Australia as Londoners go about their daily commute," said Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo, **pictured** with some of the taxis. "We want to make sure they know there is a sunny sky, blue ocean and golden sand waiting for them in Australia," he said.

The UK market is Australia's third largest source of tourism and is predicted to be worth more than \$5.5 billion by 2020.



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## Rail Plus Euro experts

**TRAVEL** agents will have a chance to join a European famil as part of a revamped education program from Rail Europe and its distribution partners - Rail Plus, Infinity Rail and Rail Tickets.

The expanded European Rail Expert program involves 10 training modules that can be completed over the six weeks to 28 Apr and will put agents in the running to win prizes including trophies and \$100 VISA gift cards.

The top eight performers in the program will join a European Rail Expert famil that will include several trains featured in the training program.

To register, **CLICK HERE**.

## Amadeus boosts FLYR

**AMADEUS** has invested further funds in technology start-up **FLYR**, which enables travellers searching for fares online to hold a specific price for a small fee.

The **FLYR** FareKeep system also allows OTAs, metasearch and airline websites to dynamically price the fee for holding a fare, based on how likely it is that the ticket cost may change.

**FLYR** has found that up to 30% of fare locks are converted into a booking, "representing a significant opportunity for travel sellers and airlines to increase revenues as well as reduce the cost of finding new customers".

Other products being developed by **FLYR** include a split payment solution which could allow suppliers to offer instalment options, as well as a post-booking price guarantee service which provides a refund if fares drop after a booking is finalised.



# AFTA update

From AFTA's chief executive, Jayson Westbury



**NTIA** 2017 is well and truly off and running with voting opening today and record numbers of nominations. This awards and recognition program that we have all built together as an industry continues to grow and add value to all those who choose to get involved.

It has also brought with it a number of new travel companies joining the ranks of ATAS as with many categories ATAS accreditation is a requirement for entry. I know that the voting process can be exhaustive for both agents and suppliers as the industry gets behind various companies, people and their favourites to establish who will be finalists and ultimately who may take out the prize as the best in the category, but I encourage everyone to get involved.

So all the best of luck to all of the nominees in this year's awards, I am sure the next couple of weeks will be a frenzy of communications to seek support. This year we have renewed the judging process and for those finalists who will face the judging panel, this will be done through a new lens and judging process.

The idea of this modification is to increase the level of feedback to finalists to help them understand the outcome and get a clearer picture of what the judges thought of them and how they can improve. The changes are all part of the continuous improvement process that we follow at AFTA to ensure that the **NTIA** remains relevant, fit for purpose and responding to the many demands that are placed on us as we look to ensure that the industry continues to embrace **NTIA**.

In the lead up to the event in Jul a lot of things have to take place and this year with the support of Qantas we will be holding all of the judging sessions at the QF Mascot Campus, which will both enhance the finalists' experience by attending a world class meeting venue, but also add even more excitement as they will get to see the QF head office first hand.

So the next phase of **NTIA** is underway, and I want to thank everyone in the travel industry for getting behind these once again this year, but also greatly thank all of the wonderful sponsors who provide the support to AFTA to enable this event to be possible.

Without this support, we could not produce this event to the level of quality that is now expected of us and offer a program that has been replicated now in several other markets around the world off the back of the success of **NTIA**.

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Again, good luck to all the nominees.



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## MKR cooks at sea

**CARNIVAL Spirit** will make a guest appearance on two episodes of Channel Seven's *My Kitchen Rules* this week.

The Sydney-based ship will feature as part of Carnival Cruise Line's sponsorship of the top-rating show, appearing on Wed and Sun nights.

**Carnival Spirit** hosted 11 MKR teams and the show's judges during a shoot conducted secretly last year, in which contestants were only told of the location at the last minute.

The shoot included a 'cruise canape challenge' filmed in the ship's Serenity Retreat for adults.

## Japan Jan visits up 9%

**THE** number of Australian travellers heading to Japan in Jan jumped 9% compared to the year prior, preliminary data from Japan National Tourist Office shows.

According to the JNTO figures, 2,295,700 people visited Japan across all markets during this period, up 24% from Jan 2016.

Malaysia saw the biggest jump in travellers to Japan with an increase of 73.9%, while Australian visits recorded for the period was 61,000.

Travellers from the USA rose to 88,200 and Canadians to Japan had a strong growth of 27.8% for Jan 2017, compared to last year.

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