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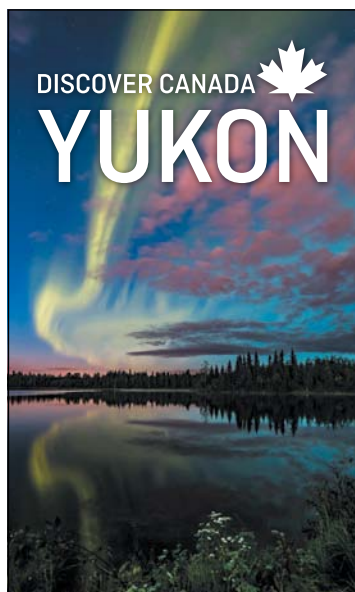
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## Qantas 747s to Hawaii

**QANTAS** will deploy Boeing 747 aircraft on the Sydney-Honolulu route during the holiday peak from 07 Dec until Easter 2019 as part of adjustments to its international network announced today (**TD** breaking news).

The jumbos are being freed up by other changes to US services, including the deployment of A380 and 787-9s on all Qantas services into Los Angeles.

Capacity is being boosted to daily on the Sydney-San Francisco

route, but Sydney-Dallas/Fort Worth is dropping back from daily to six A380 frequencies per week.

Changes in the QF Asian network include reductions on the Sydney-Beijing route to five weekly, while a fourth weekly Sydney-Osaka A330 flight will be added along with a seventh weekly Sydney-Manila service.

A Qantas spokesperson said the adjustments were part of a strategy of "making the best use of our fleet and matching demand by having the right aircraft, on the right route, at the right time".

The carrier said it was already seeing strong demand for the end of year holiday period on flights to Los Angeles and Osaka, with tickets for the new services to be progressively available from today.

## Uniworld air offer

**UNIWORLD** Boutique River Cruise Collection is offering free Economy class flights on any European river cruise departing 01 Mar-15 Nov 2019, for bookings made before 30 Jun this year.

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The offers are valid right across the season on itineraries in France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands and Eastern Europe.

See the **cover wrap** for details.

## Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today has nine pages of news, a cover wrap from **Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection**, a photo page for **Travellers Choice**, plus full pages from:

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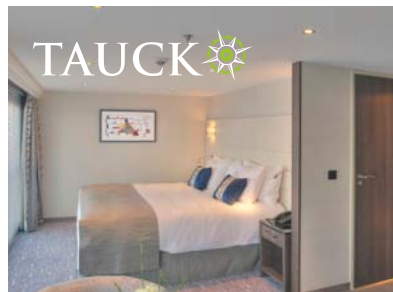
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## Virgin Australia to replace 737 blades

**VIRGIN** Australia will replace 17 turbine blades on engines in its Boeing 737 fleet, in response to a safety directive issued by the US Federal Aviation Administration.

The move follows last week's fatal Southwest Airlines incident, where a passenger died after debris from a damaged engine smashed through the window of one of its 737s.

Metal fatigue is suspected as a contributing factor, with the FAA ordering inspections of all 737 engines with fan blades that had accumulated over 30,000 cycles.

Australia's Civil Aviation Safety Authority has confirmed that local carriers have complied with the FAA order, with VA to replace a "small number" of blades without impacting customers or flight schedules.

"Safety is the Virgin Australia group's number one priority," the carrier said.

## Group buying commission

A **NEW** player in the tech space has emerged offering agents up to 10% commission on online deals.

Called Tomatosoft, the travel agent platform makes the travel elements of daily deals & group buying sites available to agents.

Co-founder and md Derek Lam said it marked the first time agents would be able to earn commission on these deals, which included those available on

Kogan Travel and Groupon.

"The trade is entitled to this commission," Lam stated.

Tomatosoft aims to address the issue of customers bypassing agents and instead booking online, by allowing them to get the exact deal they want, with the added service of an agent.

"It is advantageous for the customer and for agents as well," Lam told **Travel Daily**.

"Customers can book that deal but still have the agent help them to choose the right deal and to give advice," Lam said.

He explained Tomatosoft was still in its early stages, noting the company was in negotiations with many more suppliers.

The company also plans to grow to become a platform which allows agents to complete their daily tasks in the one place, saving time by eliminating the need to jump between different systems to complete one booking.

## Air France strikes

**AIR** France is advising pax that up to 25% of the its mainline flights may be disrupted today as a result of industrial action being taken by several staff unions.

The carrier says 70% of its long-haul flights, 65% of medium-haul flights to/from Paris Charles de Gaulle and 80% of short-haul flights to/from Paris Orly and French provinces are expected to operate as originally scheduled.

## McCallum to Entire

**ENTIRE** Travel Group, fresh from announcing a merger with CIT Holidays (**TD** yesterday), today revealed it has appointed Greg McCallum as its sales & marketing director, effective 21 May.

McCallum has over 20 years' industry experience and was most recently the regional director of sales for Australia/NZ with Rocky Mountaineer.

His career has also included stints with Express Travel Group, Rail Plus Australasia, Best Western Hotels and JTG.

## Club Med rewards

**AGENTS** are being rewarded by Club Med, with the all-inclusive holiday specialist to offer its highest commission level of 20% on bookings made at properties in the Maldives or Mauritius.

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## JITO jobs board set to close

JITO has announced that after a strategic review it will cease operating its travel industry jobs board in late May 2018.

Helene Taylor founded [Jito.co](http://Jito.co) three years ago to assist employers in the travel and hospitality industries, and since then the site has helped a large number of candidates find jobs.

However an increasing shortage of available talent in the market coupled with a desire by Taylor to focus her energy on her senior management and executive headhunting business has led to the decision to close the site.

Despite the shutdown, the Jito Connected networking app and website will continue to provide a community to connect the industry at all levels, Taylor said.

A strong focus on giving back will continue, with Taylor driving the Inspiring Greatness initiative focused on industry diversity, and after two highly successful International Women's Day events, plans for 2019 are well under way.

Taylor thanked the industry for its support over the last three years, and said she was excited to be able to respond to strong demand for senior management and executive headhunting.

## Indiana hep A alert

HEALTH officials in the US state of Indiana have taken the unusual step of warning residents if they plan to travel to the neighbouring states of Michigan or Kentucky they should get a hepatitis A shot.

There has been a significant rise in cases of the disease, with Indiana State epidemiologist Pam Pontones noting that with a number of tourist events coming up in the other states "we know many Hoosiers (Indianans) will be travelling to areas impacted by hepatitis A and we want them to be safe".

The outbreaks are believed to be related to illicit drug use and "person-to-person contact".

Pontones said getting vaccinated, washing hands before and after preparing food and eating and after using the restroom are effective ways to prevent the disease's spread.

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## VA HKG changes

VIRGIN Australia is reducing frequencies on its Melbourne-Hong Kong route to five per week, with the change effective from 02 Jul - the same date that the carrier launches its new Hong Kong non-stops from Sydney.

A spokesperson told *Travel Daily* the reduction in Melbourne services was a result of the limited slot availability which had been granted to the carrier in HKG.

The existing curfew at Sydney Airport also resulted in a change in Melbourne timings.

"Increasing our Melbourne-Hong Kong flights back to daily services is a priority for us," the spokesperson said.

Agents with clients affected by the reduction of Melbourne-Hong Kong flights can use code BW000099 which can be used to waive additional fare, taxes and change fees for guests who need to change their travel plans.

VA's Wed and Fri services from Melbourne to Hong Kong will be suspended, with the waiver code valid for impacted pax with tickets issued on or before 03 Apr and departures from 02 Jul.

## Viking wanderlust

SAVINGS of up to \$6,300 per couple are available on select Viking Cruises ocean departures booked before 31 Jul.

The company is also offering a fly free promotion on a number of river cruise sailings - for more details, see the **back page**.

## Dubai incentive

TRAVELCUBE has partnered with Dubai Tourism in a new incentive which will take 10 top selling travel agents to experience the United Arab Emirates.

To be in the running to win a spot on the five-day trip, agents simply need to book and pay for Dubai room nights before 17 May, with the 10 selling agencies between 05 Apr and 17 May set to secure a spot to the family.

Winners will receive return flights on Emirates, five nights' luxury Dubai accommodation and a range of day tours.

TravelCube has slashed room rates for key properties, with discounts such as 25% off at Versace Palazzo and a 30% reduction at Park Hyatt Dubai on bookings made 30 days prior to arrival - [travelcubepacific.com](http://travelcubepacific.com).

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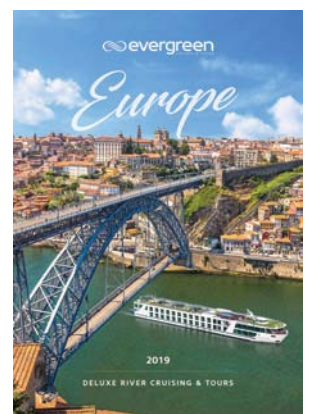
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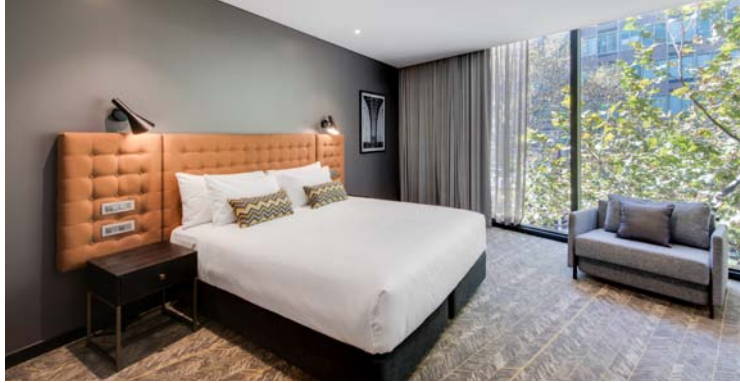
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## Vibe North Sydney opening



**THE** 187-room Vibe Hotel North Sydney has opened in the heart of the north shore suburb's CBD as part of the Northpoint development which also includes a retail precinct.

Positioned on the corner of the Pacific Highway and Miller St, the hotel is a drawcard for corporate groups and business travellers, offering four flexible meeting rooms for conferences and events of up to 110 delegates, free wi-fi and fitness facilities.

Guests are provided access to a rooftop pool and Northpoint's new eat street and dining atrium, while a rooftop bar is slated to open later in the year.

The Willoughby Road Eat Street, in Crows Nest is just 1.2kms away.

The contemporary-style room options at Vibe Hotel North Sydney include guest, deluxe and executive suites (**pictured** above).

An online opening special is offering a 25% saving - for more info on the hotel, **CLICK HERE**.

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## DL Caribbean boost

**THREE** new services from New York JFK to the Caribbean will be introduced by Delta Air Lines, effective Q4 2018.

The additional capacity includes a second daily flight to Nassau, the Bahamas, beginning 01 Oct, new daily flights to Kingston, Jamaica, starting 20 Dec, and a new weekly (Sat) service to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which will commence 22 Dec.

## Trafalgar payments

**AGENTS** are being reminded by Trafalgar that the guided holiday specialist's early payment discount (EPD) ends this Fri (27 Apr) across three brochures.

This week's EPD deadline applies to trips in the 2018 Europe & Britain brochure, along with 2018 USA & Canada and 2018 South & Central America.

Customers must book and pay in full by 27 Apr to attain the 5% saving on the itineraries.



## Window Seat

**THINGS** look set to be a little tense around the dinner table for the family conglomerate that runs Korean Air.

Cho Yang-ho, the chairman of Hanjin Group, has reportedly sacked both of his daughters over two separate outbursts.

His youngest daughter, KE senior vice president Emily Cho, is being removed after claims she threw water in the face of an advertising agency worker during a business meeting.

For good measure, he also fired his eldest daughter Heather Cho, head of the KAL Hotel Network, who four years ago spent time in prison after the famous "nut-rage" incident where she forced a KE aircraft to return to the gate in New York because she didn't like the way her macadamias were served.



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## onefine Sydney stay

**ACCORHOTELS'** rival to Airbnb, onefinestay, has activated a collection of Sydney-based accom options online - view them [HERE](#).

The Sydney portfolio currently lists 22 luxury homes, including the South Coogee Castle which accommodates up to 10 guests.

## BA Mandarin focus

**BRITISH** Airways has made efforts to double the number of Chinese cabin crew fluent in Mandarin flying on its routes to/ from Beijing and Shanghai.

The UK-based airline operates 17 flights per week between the UK and China, and will have four cabin crew on each service, accounting for over one-third of the total cabin crew on board.

The strategy follows a major recruitment drive in China, with BA planning to employ 26 cabin crew in Beijing and a further 44 based in Shanghai.

British Airways is also bolstering its team of Mandarin-speaking customer service reps at London Heathrow Terminal 5, from which its flights to China depart.

Gate announcements at Heathrow to China are now also being made in Mandarin.

"We appreciate our Chinese customers have a choice when they fly to and from the UK so we hope these changes...will make their journeys as smooth as possible," said BA executive vp for Greater China, Noella Ferns.

## B Signature reps

**INSPIRED** Luxury has been appointed as the local reps for B Signature Hotels & Resorts, a family-owned collection of six boutique properties in France and St Barth in the West Indies.

Properties include Hotel de Sers, Paris Champs Elysees, Hotel Bel Ami, Paris St Germain ds pres and Manapany, St Barth.

## BNE Int'l Terminal opened



## Jenolan facelift

**THE** NSW Govt has revealed it will invest \$8.5m over three years to modernise Jenolan Caves.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, Small Business and Skills John Barilaro said the funds would give tourists "an even more spectacular view of the caves".


Work will include a "long overdue" renovation of the grand entrance to the caves & improved walking tracks to encourage visitors to discover the landscape, lake and wildlife that surrounds the ancient cave system.

Jenolan Caves currently lures over 230,000 visitors annually and the upgrade is tipped to boost that number by 160,000.


**AFTER** two years of construction, Brisbane Airport's new \$135m expansion of its northern Int'l Terminal and apron was officially opened yesterday by Acting Prime Minister, Leader of the Nationals and Infrastructure & Transport Minister, Michael McCormack.

The project provided BNE with an extra 11,000m<sup>2</sup> at the terminal, including new arriving and departing passengers zones, two new walk-out gates and four new aerobridges, along with new aircraft parking bays capable of accommodating A380s, A340s, A330s, 747s and 787s.

**Pictured** are MP Trevor Evans, Deputy PM McCormack, Brisbane Airport ceo and md Julieanne Alroe and MP Keith Pitt.



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## Helloworld Tuggerah opens



**HELLOWORLD** Travel has said "hello" to Westfield Tuggerah following the grand opening of its latest branch last week.

Owner Chantelle Woods (pictured below right) celebrated the occasion alongside her team members, preferred suppliers and local residents, along with some famous mouse mates also popping in to welcome them to the Helloworld Travel family.

With more than 13 years' experience in the travel industry under her belt, Chantelle is excited to be adding Helloworld Tuggerah to her growing portfolio of agencies, which also includes Helloworld Lisarow.

"I would not have been so fortunate to own two wonderful agencies without

the help and support of my wonderful family and the terrific staff that I have at the moment & have had in the past," she said.

**Pictured above** is the Helloworld Travel Tuggerah team, Tara Fenning, Chantelle Woods and Tracy Uptin.



## Kauai open again

**FOLLOWING** intense rainfall and flooding to the region this month, Hawaii Tourism Authority has now declared the island of Kauai officially open for business once again.

Extensive progress has been made with relief and recovery efforts, with tourism remaining a key focus in aiding further recovery for the area.

George D. Szigeti, HTA ceo, said "Travelers can book a trip to Kauai with confidence, while also supporting island businesses and residents who depend on a thriving tourism industry."

## Marriott St Kilda apartments project

**THE** first Australian Marriott Executive Apartments building has been unveiled with the opening of Illoura House on Melbourne's St Kilda Road.

The \$360 million luxury residential and executive serviced apartments consist of 176 units on levels 1 through 5, and form part of a 10 year plan to turn the precinct into a "Parisian-style boulevard with luxury retail boutiques & vibrant cafes set amid five-star luxury apartments".

Marriott International's Marroitt Exec Apartments are already on offer for long stays in London, Dubai, Beijing, Bangkok, Jakarta, Mumbai and other urban centres in 16 countries.

## UA Prem + in 2019

**UNITED** Airlines has unveiled plans to introduce its Premium Economy class cabin (**TD 22 Jan**) in the first quarter of 2019.

The seats will be installed on flights departing over the 2018 US summer season, and are likely to be sold initially as part of the airline's extra-legroom Economy Plus product.



## Money

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

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**THE** Australian dollar last night dropped to its lowest level in four months against its US counterpart, as sharp increases in market interest rates drove up the greenback.

The AUD is now more than 2% down since last week when it was hit by poor job figures.

The local dollar has been mixed in other markets as the strengthening USD puts pressure on other currencies.

It was down 0.2% against the euro in overnight trading, up 0.1% against the Japanese yen, and down 0.2% against the New Zealand dollar.

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Canada	\$0.970
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## Royal wedding deal

**GUESTS** staying at the Royal Lancaster London can experience a taste of Prince Harry and Megan Markle's lavish lifestyle when booking the "Royal Wedding Package" throughout May.

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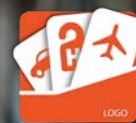
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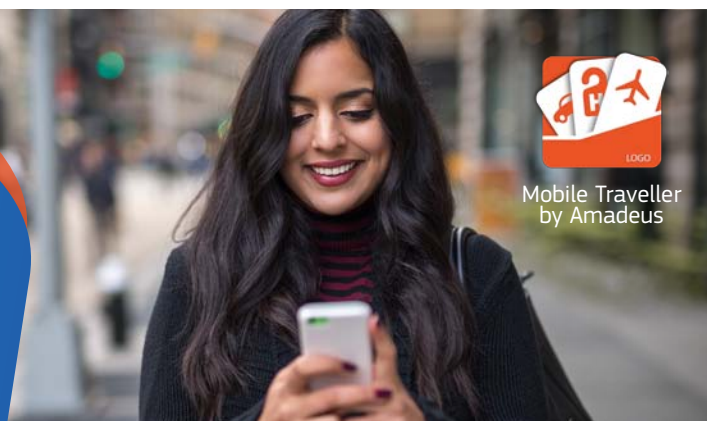
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## Oman Air unveils First Suite



**OMAN** Air has unveiled its new First Class Suite at the Arabian Travel Market in Dubai, ahead of

its roll-out on the carrier's new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner fleet.

The new product (pictured) involves an enclosed suite with a fully flat bed of 193cm in length, controlled electronically via a touch screen.

Other features include an electronically controlled privacy divider, an ottoman with seat belt, a touch-screen handset to control in-flight entertainment and a chilled in-suite mini-bar.

"We are very proud of our new product and are confident our guests will enjoy the ultimate experience travelling with us to Oman and beyond," said Oman Air acting ceo Abdulaziz Al Raisi.

The new suite has been introduced as part of a fleet upgrade that will see the airline operate up to 70 planes by 2022.

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## Eliza Jane opening

**NEW** Orleans has welcomed the opening of The Eliza Jane, a 196-room boutique hotel close to the city's French Quarter.

Offering a mix of "fancy and funky", the hotel is built within nine historic warehouses around a 185m<sup>2</sup> interior courtyard.

It is named after Eliza Jane Nicholson, first woman publisher of a major US newspaper.



## AFTA update

From AFTA's chief executive, Jayson Westbury



**TOMORROW** the country will stop to remember the fallen, the women and men who have fought to make Australia the nation that it is today. Anzac Day is a very important day of remembrance and we will all no doubt mark the day in our own way. Many of us have our own direct link perhaps through a family member who may have been in the service, or a friend of a friend. It is hard to think of just how many lives were lost in war and in particular over 100 years ago at the landings at Gallipoli. The loss of life for Australia and New Zealand, being both small countries but also such young countries, has enshrined remembrance in our nations' DNA.

This year will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux in France. This battle was another incredible effort by Australia in which we lost some 2,400 soldiers and is held as one of the most important battles of the war in holding back a push by Germany. There is bound to be much said about this battle this year and I am sure for many years to come.

Of course, this history is special to some people and the travel industry remains committed to helping Australians re-trace the steps that may have been taken by relatives past and creating experiences for people of all generations to remember. One thing that the Australian Government has gotten right regardless of who has been in charge is an appropriate and dedicated approach to remembrance and memorials both in Australia and places in which our soldiers have fought.

My own Anzac experience started last weekend with a visit to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, which on a scale of world class memorials is in a league of its own. For anyone that is yet to visit the AWM, I would highly recommend a visit, you will not be disappointed.

So as we go into Anzac Day, perhaps a visit to your own Dawn Service is in order, a moment taken to reflect and remember as without the ultimate sacrifice of so many past Australians the nation that we enjoy today may well not be at all the same. Lest we forget.

## Virgin OTP champs

**VIRGIN** Australia was the top performing major carrier for on time domestic departures and arrivals during the month of Mar, new govt airline data shows.

VA had the highest level of departures at 86.1%, followed by Qantas at 82.4%, then Jetstar (77.8%) and Tigerair (69%).

VA beat QF by 1.7 percentage points based on arrivals, with 84.9% of flights leaving on time.

## New AUH landmark

**THE** UAE's founding president, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, has been honoured with the opening of a new cultural attraction in Abu Dhabi.

The centrepiece of the Founder's Memorial is The Constellation, a three-dimensional artwork featuring 1,327 geometric shapes suspended on 1,000+ cables.

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Highlights included the marble temples of Paestum, iconic Pompeii and the Royal Palace of Caserta. But the agents - all winners of the national travel network's coveted Silver Choice Awards - also had a chance to taste Southern Italy's true flavour, learning how to roll ravioli, tasting Falanghina wine and sipping limoncello in lemon groves.

Travellers Choice GM marketing Robyn Mitchell said the group also tried their hand at ceramics in Minori, and in the process helped to save a local hero.

"Donkeys were once used for transport all along the Amalfi Coast but they are slowly being replaced and there is a campaign



to save them," said Mitchell.

"We each designed a clay donkey face and all of the faces will now be part of an installation to raise awareness and raise money for the cause."

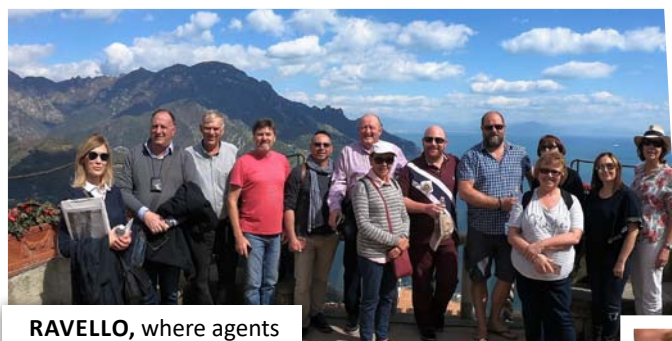
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**SILVER** Choice winners shine in Naples, back row: John Hancock, City Beach Travel & Cruise; Mike O'Leary, Endeavour Travel & Cruise; Greg Close, Easy Travel and Cruise; Anni Baillieu, Moss Vale Cruise & Travel; Dennis Basham, Back-Roads Touring; and Robyn Mitchell, Travellers Choice. Front row: Jim Cooper, Queanbeyan City Travel & Cruise; Carol Evans, Bay Travel & Cruise; Sue Holmes, Carine Travel Bug; Michele Perrone, Travel Makers; Natalie Lauderdale, Capricorn Travel; and Nancy Sinopoli, Travel House Group.



**CAROL** Evans, Sue Holmes, Anni Baillieu and Natalie Lauderdale at the Royal Palace of Caserta, the last great creation of the Italian Baroque.



**RAVELLO**, where agents enjoyed stunning Amalfi vistas from the Villa Rufolo and Terrace of Infinity.



**JOHN** Hancock puts the finishing touches on his ceramic 'capolavoro'.



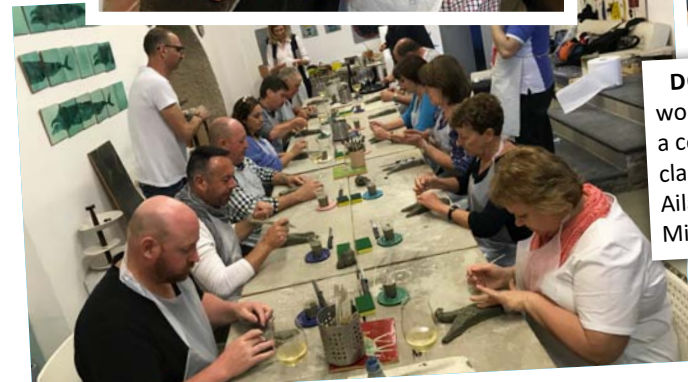
**AT THE UNESCO** World Heritage-listed site of Paestum.



**JIM** Cooper shows off his Campania cooking skills.



**ANNI** Baillieu helps save a local hero.



**DONKEY** works in a ceramic class at Ailaikit, Minori.



**TRAVELLERS** Choice agents explore Pompeii.



## Greece is the word!

A GROUP of travel agents from across NSW and ACT were treated to a trip to mainland Greece last month, courtesy of Sun Island Tours and Qatar Airways.

The excited group arrived in Athens before heading up north to visit the Meteora region, where they stopped to take a quick snap with the Meteora Monasteries.

The final stop was Thessaloniki, the newest destination added to Qatar Airways' global network (TD 28 Mar).



**Pictured** are agents Trinity Cox, FC Rockdale; Deryk Lee, Airfare Geeks; Peter Georgakopoulos, Mega Travel; Mary Xylas, Travella Travel; Alexandra Lepouris, Premium Holidays; Cassandra Saghabi, Sun Island Tours; Tracey Hembling, Maria Slater Travel; Madeline Pantazis, Majestic Travel; Nicholas Asargiotis, Zorbas Travel; Stella Vlahos, Qatar Airways; Kristyna Heke, Helloworld Travel Bateau Bay; Melanie Blomfield, Lea's Travel; Karine Robinson, FC Randwick; Janine Galanakis, FC Eastgardens and Helen Nguyen, Your Holidays.

## Xmas Is Street View

**CRAB** and wildlife enthusiasts can now enjoy the unique wildlife that lives on Christmas and Cocos Islands without leaving the comfort of their own home, thanks to Google Street Maps and Google Earth.

Both destinations can now be accessed via the apps, with 360 degree viewing options available.

With roads often closed during Christmas Island's famous crab migration during the month of Dec, the introduction of the apps provides front row seats to the island's nature events.



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Royal Brunei Airlines is celebrating four years of flying from Melbourne to London with the 787 Dreamliner.

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Send your entries to [rba@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:rba@traveldaily.com.au) by COB 30 April.



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## Silver Airways buys Seabourne Airlines

**AN ALLIANCE** between Silver Airways and Seabourne Airlines in the United States has created a new independent airline set to service regions including the Caribbean, Bahamas and Florida.

Silver Airways ceo Steve Rossum said the transaction is a positive one that "brings together two strong and historic independent airlines with amazing employees, an excellent track record of operational safety, respect for our people and our communities, and great service for our passengers".

The merger of the two airlines' operating functions, joint branding, & streamlining of the guest experience is expected to occur over the next year, with Seabourne operating as a standalone subsidiary of Silver.

## A350 ULR lifts off

**AIRCRAFT** manufacturer Airbus has announced the success of its first Ultra Long Range (ULR) aircraft, which will enter service in the second half of 2018.

The A350-900 XWB MSN 216 is capable of flying over 20 hours non-stop and will connect Singapore with the US, including the world's longest service between Singapore & New York.

## Kifaru into Elewana

**EXCLUSIVE** East African property Kifaru House in Kenya has transformed from private to public, with individual bookings now available.

The hotel now forms part of the Elewana Collection, & provides guests with private huts, a heated pool and uninterrupted views across the valley to Mount Kenya.

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