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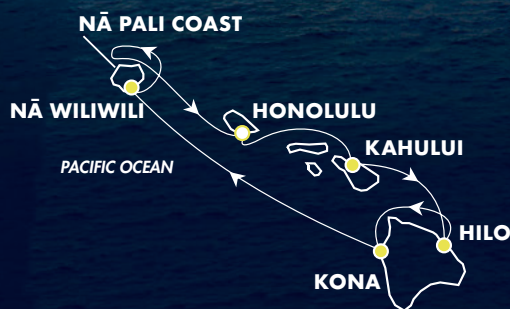


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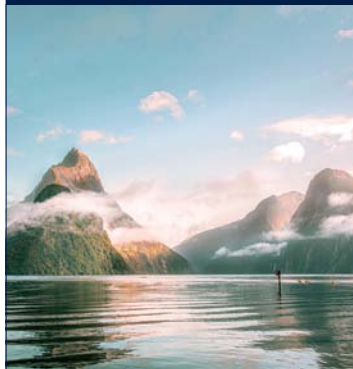
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Travelport \$4.4b takeover

TRAVELPORT Worldwide will be taken private in a buyout worth US\$4.4 billion, with the company last night recommending shareholders accept a US\$15.75 per share offer.

The travel technology platform announced it had entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by affiliates of Siris Capital Group and Evergreen Coast Capital Corp in an all-cash transaction, with closure expected in the second quarter of 2019.

"Travelport welcomes this proposed transaction with Siris

and Evergreen, who are specialist technology platform investors," said Travelport President and CEO Gordon Wilson.

"Throughout the process, Siris and Evergreen have demonstrated their deep technology expertise together with a strong commitment to the success of our customers, employees and partners."

Siris co-founder Frank Baker said he had been impressed by Travelport's GDS technology.

"Travelport has an impressive track record of developing and bringing to market best-in-class distribution capabilities, technology services, innovative payment solutions and other value-add digital tools for the global travel industry," Baker said.

The deal is subject to approval by Travelport shareholders and regulators, and would result in the company's removal from the New York Stock Exchange.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news, a front cover wrap for **Norwegian Cruise Line**, a photo page for **Travellers Choice**, plus full a page from:

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Prineas joins Kings

AAT Kings has appointed a new Head of Marketing in Emma Prineas, the former marketing head at Wendy Wu Tours.

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Travel Daily en route to Hong Kong

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of the Hong Kong Tourism Board, which is hosting the Hong Kong International Tourism Convention tomorrow.

HONG Kong continues to reshape itself as one of the world's great cities, with one of the key developments to be showcased at the Convention this year being the new Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

The 55km construction is the longest land-based sea crossing in the world, while delegates at this week's Convention will also be granted an insight into the implications of China's "Belt and Road" initiative on the development of international tourism.

AF-KLM simplifies Europe

AIR France-KLM's codeshare deal with Qantas has made it easier for Australian travel agents to sell Europe via the airlines, the group's SVP Asia Pacific Antoine Pussiau told *Travel Daily* yesterday during his first visit down under.

Pussiau said the partnership had seen "a very good response from the market" and provided travellers with one ticket, one code, no need to pick up luggage at the connection point and the ability to earn miles.

The Air France codeshare kicked off in Jul (*TD* 24 May) and saw the reintroduction of QF-coded services on AF flights to Paris via Hong Kong and Singapore and was followed by sister carrier KLM at the end of Oct (*TD* 11 Oct).

The KLM deal saw the KL code placed on Qantas services between Singapore and Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth,

while QF codeshares on KLM aircraft onward from Singapore to Amsterdam.

Pussiau told *Travel Daily* that Australia was an important market to the group.

"Australia is bringing quite a significant contribution to our sales in South East Asia, to our routes to South East Asia, so we want to continue to grow this market and mainly through our partnerships," he said.

"We are very confident that we can grow this market."

Pussiau said the ultimate target for Australia was to bring more Australian passengers to Singapore and Hong Kong, paving the way for the group to up frequency or the size of aircraft.

Next year KLM will mark 100 years, with the carrier "the oldest airline with the same name since the beginning in the world".

More on **page five**.

TMS NZ growth

TRAVEL recruitment specialist TMS Talent has expanded its team in New Zealand, following the acquisition earlier in the year of Auckland-based Top Dog Personnel (*TD* 01 May 2018).

Belinda Peddie has been named as Recruitment Team Manager bringing more than 14 years' experience in recruitment as well as running a range of businesses in South Africa, while Auckland local Alisa Wilson also joins the organisation with a background in wholesale, product and team management.

TMS Talent Global MD John Terry said the appointments concluded a busy year for the group which planned further ambitious growth in 2019.

"Having such a high calibre team in place in New Zealand will stand us in great stead as we continue to engage with our clients and candidates locally in the region," he said.

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Zuji shutdown over BSP shortfall

THE Hong Kong and Singapore operations of online travel agency Zuji have been suspended, with the company's participation in IATA's Billing and Settlement Plan blocked due to a reported failure

to meet payment obligations.

Websites have been taken down but a company spokesman said services are expected to resume with a new online presence in the first quarter of 2019.

The situation is a far cry from Zuji's strength just two years ago when Webjet sold the company to Hong Kong-based Uriel Aviation Holding for a whopping \$56 million (**TD** 09 Nov 2016).

Webjet turned a tidy profit on the deal, having acquired Zuji from Travelocity for \$30m just three years earlier.

Uriel is owned by a group of undisclosed investors, including a minority stake held by Chinese aviation and hospitality giant HNA Group which is also a major shareholder in Virgin Australia.

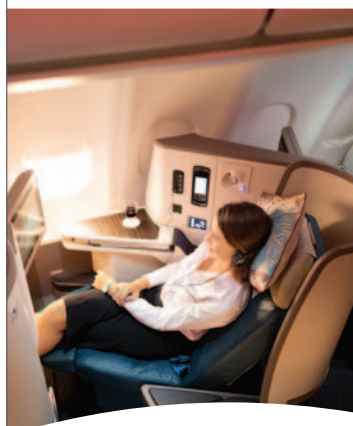
Haynes exits VB

VISITBRITAIN has confirmed that its long-time Commercial Manager Mark Haynes is no longer with the organisation.

Haynes had been one of VisitBritain's most senior staff locally since the UK tourism marketing body restructured more than eight years ago with the departure of its former Australia/NZ manager Judy Watkins (**TD** 30 Apr 2010).

A few months ago VisitBritain appointed Maria Sykes as country manager, with a spokesperson telling **TD** there is "no change in direction" for the organisation.



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Intrepid & Chimu Antarctic range

CHIMU Adventures and Intrepid Group have announced a new program of "sustainable small-group polar expeditions" which will be operated under the Peregrine Adventures flag.

The joint venture partners will charter the newly refurbished *Ocean Endeavour* from Oct 2020, with capacity for 199 travellers.

Intrepid Group CEO James Thornton said the new range was the next step in the partnership between Intrepid and Chimu which combined were now one of the biggest sellers of Antarctica across the globe.

Thornton also noted the announcement marked the return of the Peregrine brand to Antarctic waters, making Intrepid Group a "truly seven continent operator".

Voyages will be priced from \$7,090, making the Antarctic "more affordable than ever before," he added.

All departures will be carbon offset, and eco-friendly measures will include no single-use plastic on board and a reusable water bottle for every guest, while only sustainable seafood will be served on board.

Optional activities will include sea kayaking, snowshoeing, photography tours and ice-camping, while the product will offer an "industry-leading" ratio of one expedition leader to eight guests - peregrineadventures.com.



Window Seat

AUTHORITIES in Egypt are investigating an extremely candid holiday snap which is believed to show a Danish couple posing naked atop the Great Pyramid near Cairo.

A video uploaded to YouTube by photographer Andreas Hvid purports to show a man and woman climbing up the 4,500 year old ancient wonder, before the female removes her top.

The incident has provoked widespread anger across the globe, with many condemning the stunt for its disrespect of the country's heritage.

Prosecutors are reportedly assessing the images to check whether they may have been faked, while Egypt's antiquities minister Khaled al-Anani called the photos "a violation of public morality".

AND as a complete contrast, a kind-hearted business traveller in the US has attracted the right sort of attention after giving up his First Class seat for a mother struggling with an ill baby.

The unnamed Good Samaritan was flying on an American Airlines service from Orlando to Philadelphia when he asked a flight attendant if he could swap seats with the lady - who later thanked him in a Facebook post which went viral.

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NZ reaps \$39b windfall

NEW Zealand's tourism industry has contributed more than NZ\$39 billion to the country's economy, with growth in spending now outpacing that of visitor arrivals.

In its Tourism Satellite Account figures for the year ended Mar 2018, Stats NZ said total tourism expenditure had grown 7.7% over the same period last year, injecting an extra NZ\$2.8 billion into the local economy.

International visitor spending increased 9.6% to NZ\$16.2 billion, while the number of international arrivals over the same period grew by 7.8%.

New Zealand's domestic tourism spending also grew strongly, up 6.5% to NZ\$23 billion.

Tourism New Zealand said the tourism industry directly employed 216,000 people.

"Tourism is the backbone of many communities, providing employment and significant economic contribution," said

Tourism New Zealand Chief Executive Stephen England-Hall.

"Tourism is a dynamic sector that offers a range of career paths, it's fantastic to see that so many Kiwis are gaining skills and experience through being part of it," he said.

Stats NZ also found that international tourism spending contributed 20.6% of New Zealand's total export income.

Wu agent giveaway

WENDY Wu Tours is offering travel agents Christmas giveaways this week, with daily prizes including Vietnam Airlines tickets.

To enter, agents need to book any Wendy Wu Tours product and answer a daily question in 25 words or less, with winners announced the following day.

For full details and conditions, log in to the Wendy Wu Tours agent portal - [CLICK HERE](#).

Italy taps a rich heritage



ITALY'S popularity as a holiday destination continues to grow, with 250,000 Australians visiting in the past year, a 16% increase from the previous year.

At a joint event yesterday hosted by the Consulate General of Italy, Italian National Tourist Board (INTB) and Rail Europe, INTB Australia and New Zealand Manager Emanuele Attanasio also confirmed that Italy was the second biggest destination for travel by Europeans after the UK.

The INTB's focus for 2019 will be to promote Leonardo da Vinci and the 500th anniversary of the death of the Italian genius, with celebrations taking place across Milan and Florence.

Consul General Arturo Arcano identified the city of Matera,

located in Southern Italy, as another focus and "must-visit" destination for tourists next year.

The relatively undiscovered city, accessible by rail or car, has been proclaimed a cultural heritage site by UNESCO and is made up of natural caves that are filled with restaurants, bars, hotels and souvenir stores.

Rail Plus Australia Head of Sales James Hooper said the Italian rail network was "one of the best in the world where everything is extremely well connected".

Point-to-point rail passes are recommended for travel across Italy, available through Rail Plus.

Pictured yesterday at Venturo restaurant in Sydney are James Hooper, Arturo Arcano and Emanuele Attanasio.

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HTA appointments

THE Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) has appointed two new executives, naming Keith Regan as Chief Administrative Officer and Karen Hughes as Vice President of Marketing and Product Development.

Both roles will commence on 17 Dec.

Ugo commission

TRANSFER operator Ugo Transfers is offering 13% commission to select agents to mark its third birthday.

"As the only wholly dedicated transfer provider in the industry, we are committed to offering excellent service to our travel agent partners and their customers," said the company's CEO Brad Wicks.

Agents selected for the increased commission will be notified by email.

Register for Ugo [HERE](#).

VA Xmas flights

VIRGIN Australia is adding 1,000 flights to its holiday schedule, giving travellers an extra 175,000 seats to reach popular travel destinations.

"We've added over 1,000 flights across the school holiday period to help excited holidaymakers get to their favourite destinations and share Christmas with their loved ones," VA General Manager, Network & Revenue Management, Russell Shaw said.

The Library offer

THE Library in Koh Samui, Thailand is offering a 25% discount on its Best Available Rates and 15% travel agent commission for bookings received by 31 Jan 2019, for guest stays of a min three consecutive nights.

Blackout periods are 21 Dec-05 Jan 2019, 04 Feb-10 Feb 2019 and 19 Apr-22 Apr 2019.

For bookings [CLICK HERE](#) or call 02 9211 6590.

Agents enjoy Dejeuner Parisien



AIR France-KLM and Atout France treated a group of travel industry VIPs to a "Dejeuner Parisien" yesterday at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth.

The lunch introduced Air France-KLM's SVP Asia Pacific Antoine Pussiau to the airline's key agency partners during his first visit to Australia.

It also provided attendees with an update from Atout France, which revealed it would hold its gastronomic event, Gout France, on 11 Mar.

"We will hold a special emotional dinner to perpetuate the interest of Australians for the centenary of the First World

War and the visitation to the battlefield on ANZAC week with Air France," said Atout France Director Australia Patrick Benhamou.

"We will pay tribute to three regions, the regions of Bordeaux, of Burgundy and Champagne."

Atout France will also next year host a movie night with Scenic screening French film *C'est la vie!*

Pictured are the airline group's Gijs van Popta, GM South East Asia and Oceania; Quentin Voss, Country Sales Manager Australia & New Zealand; Antoine Pussiau, Senior Vice President Asia Pacific and Patrick Benhamou, Director Australia Atout France.

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Celebrity shore ex

CELEBRITY Cruises has introduced a range of new Australia and New Zealand shore excursions designed for small groups of travellers to "enjoy specially curated experiences through the eyes of a local".

Called the Discovery Collection, each experience must be "iconic, exclusive and locally inspired" in order to be included in the series & tours are for a max of 24 guests.

Highlights include the Bay of Islands: Cloak of Mother Earth trip, a wine tasting excursion to Cloudy Bay and Brancott Estate, an in-depth adventure to see the Blue Penguin colony at Oamaru north of Dunedin plus a ride on the Steampunk Train.

Excursions are available on Australia and NZ *Celebrity Solstice* sailings until 2020, for more information **CLICK HERE**.

Fraudster jailed

A UK man has been jailed for two years after admitting he booked more than £44,000 worth of exotic holidays to the Seychelles and Dubai using passwords stolen from his local travel agents.

According to the *BBC*, the unemployed 28-year-old fraudster was "desperate to be admired", and had previously claimed to have "fought against ISIS, been close to Scotland Yard and was authorised to carry firearms".

MSC World Cruise

MSC Cruises has officially opened sales on its 2021 World Cruise, departing 05 Jan 2021.

The 119-day sailing on board the *MSC Poesia* will feature a "significant focus" on Asian destinations - more **HERE**.

AccorHotels doubles the fun



THE dual-branded Novotel Melbourne Central and ibis Melbourne Central celebrated its recent opening with an official ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday.

Located in the heart of the CBD, the property adds 483 midscale and premium economy rooms to the city's hotel stock (**TD** 13 Nov), employing over 150 local staff.

"The opening of this significant new hotel development is a win for Melbourne, signifying that the company's growth strategy

continues to be focused in this region," said Simon McGrath, COO of AccorHotels Pacific.

"Melbourne boasts a world-class sporting and events calendar...and we are excited to play our part toward building Victorian tourism."

Pictured: Simon McGrath, Chief Operating Officer AccorHotels Pacific and Councillor Kevin Louey, Chair of the Prosperous City Portfolio for the City of Melbourne, cutting the ribbon at the official ceremony.

Delta expansion

DELTA Air Lines has announced plans to expand its Boston Logan Int'l Airport services with the addition of multiple daily nonstop flights to Chicago O'Hare, Newark-Liberty Int'l and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport from 09 Sep 2019.

Flights to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport will also begin from 01 Apr.

The changes "offer service to the five top business markets requested by our corporate customers", said Delta President Glen Hauenstein.

RCL turtle initiative

ROYAL Caribbean has partnered with WWF Australia to combat the illegal trade of the endangered hawksbill turtle across the Asia-Pacific region.

The companies will work together to test "ground-breaking technology" that extracts DNA from tortoiseshell products such as bracelets and trinkets, enabling them to be traced back to the location they were poached.

The tie-up also aims to increase the awareness of illegal trading.

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On the Quest for success



QUEST Apartment Hotels recently held its annual gala which celebrated the network's 30th anniversary and the performance of its franchisees.

Held at the National Gallery of Victoria, the event adopted the theme of "Our Quest Continues", providing guests with a review of Quest's 30-year history while also looking forward at future developments.

Awards handed out saw Quest Bundoora take home the top prize of National Franchise of the Year, and also scooping the Regional Franchise of the Year for Victoria and Tasmania.

"Quest Bundoora continues to deliver the premium home-away-

from-home experience expected by our guests, a reputation that Quest has maintained since its inception 30 years ago," said Quest Executive Chairman Paul Constantinou.

"I congratulate Mark O'Shea and the team at Quest Bundoora for their hard work and dedication and wish them another successful year," he added.

Quest Apartment Hotels veteran Paul Goldsmith was also inducted into the company's Hall of Fame, in recognition for his contribution to the network for over 20 years.

Pictured: Paul Constantinou (centre) with Mark and Ky O'Shea to his left and right, flanked by the team from Quest Bundoora.

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I FEEL it in my fingers, I feel it in my toes, Christmas is all around me, and so the feeling grows.

It's written in the wind, it's everywhere I go, so if you really love Christmas, c'mon and let the sun shine (not snow)?

You know I love Christmas, I always will. My mind's made up, it's the way that I feel.

There's no beginning, there'll be no end, 'cos on Christmas, you can depend.

You gave your presents to me and I gave mine to you, I need Santa beside me in everything I do.

You know I love Christmas, I always will, my mind's made up, the way that I feel. There's no beginning, there'll be no end,

'cos on Christmas, you can depend. So if you really love me

C'mon and let the sun shine (not snow)? C'mon and let the sun shine (not snow)?

I am sure at this point you are thinking I have lost my mind.

I have taken the lyrics of Billy Mack's *Christmas is all around me* and added a little Aussie twist. My intention with this column this week is to make people smile and have some fun as Christmas is a season for family and friends and

good times.

Like many in the travel industry I will be attending the Christmas Traveleague Luncheon tomorrow (Wed 12 Dec) in Melbourne and I look forward to seeing many of you. If you are there and can sing this song, I will have a few prizes to give away.

So if you really love Christmas, c'mon and sing it out loud.

As the year draws to a close, Canberra has gone on a long summer break to have a long hard look at themselves and return next year ready for the battle of a federal election.

It is a time to be thankful for all that we have and all that we have given in a year in which many Australians have faced difficult times - the drought being the most unfortunate Australian tradition that we would all rather do without.

To all the travel companies who have got behind the regional and rural communities and supported them in so many ways, thank you - you are good people and great Australians.

With just 14 more sleeps till Christmas I hope you have told Santa everything he needs to know and that your dreams come true.

Go on - smile now!

Key West dock shut

STRONG winds have caused a Silversea cruise ship to strike a docking site at Key West in Florida, causing more than US\$500,000 worth of damage.

The damage incurred from the collision with *Silver Spirit* has forced one dock to close, with two others remaining open.

Highlands coffee

DESTINATION Southern Highlands has released its 2019 Southern Highlands Destination Planner & Map featuring a new coffee trail showcasing more than 100 coffee experiences.

"We have added this new trail to our existing trails following the realisation that our region had a huge saturation of quality barista coffee outlets in our region," said Destination Southern Highlands Manager Tourism and Events Steve Rosa.

View details of the trail [HERE](#).

Hyatt Seattle opens

THE 1,200-room Hyatt Regency Seattle opened its doors yesterday, becoming the largest hotel in the Pacific Northwest.

The 45-storey hotel features rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows, modern bathrooms, and 65-inch TVs.

Communal amenities include a fitness centre, a Club lounge with fire pits and wraparound patio, and three on-site dining experiences.

Avis adds luxury utes

AVIS Australia has announced the expansion of its range of rental vehicles by adding luxury utes to its product suite.

The Avis Signature Series Luxury Utes will now offer the Toyota Hilux SR5 4X4 Auto Diesel & Ford Ranger Wildtrak 4X4 Auto Diesel.

Vehicles come equipped with leather interiors, climate control, and satellite navigation.

TRAVELLERS Choice took time out during its Annual Shareholders' Conference in Cairns to recognise and reward high-flying members for their outstanding efforts over the past 12 months.

But every Travellers Choice member had a reason to celebrate after the group again unveiled new additions to its suite of powerful and innovative support services. Travellers Choice members now have exclusive access to software that helps them quickly build smart itineraries that drive sales growth. They can also choose from a selection of new payment solutions, including a lay-by option, a payment portal and a game-changing group credit card merchant fee arrangement.

Managing Director Christian



MEMBERS spark-up at the "Electrified" Gala Dinner.

Hunter told member shareholders the group would continue to deliver market-leading products and technology in order to "provide significant rewards that far outweigh the cost of Travellers Choice participation".

For more information on Travellers Choice please visit www.travelagentschoice.com.au.



BOARD members Trinity Hastwell from Hastwell Travel & Cruise and Jacqui Wilson-Smith, non-member Director, farewell retiring Chairman Trish Ridsdale (centre).



MARK Richards, Katrina Mcalpine and Andrew Thwaites.



LOYAL members: Dianne Garbin, Floreat World of Travel (20 Years with Travellers Choice), Michelle Hancock, City Beach Travel & Cruise (25 years) and Michelle Everson, Jamison Travel (20 years).

MD
Christian Hunter sings a farewell tune to retiring Chairman Trish Ridsdale.



UCANGO Travel & Cruise Centre won the coveted Brian Pateman Agency Award for the second consecutive year.



CHRISTIAN Hunter presents Lisa Gair and Kieran Healy from APT Travel Group with the Supplier of the Year Award.



ENCOURAGEMENT Award winners: Rob Brown and Bev Mules, Stonestreets Travel; Hughla McLaren, Thornleigh Cruise & Travel; Naome Burdon, Argyle Travel and Cruise; Donna McDonald, Your World Of Travel; Claire van Dongen, Everywhere Travel.

Travel Daily

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RCI dress code

ROYAL Caribbean International has updated its dress policy for the main dining rooms.

Guests will no longer be able to wear shorts or tank tops.

For formal nights, the recommended attire includes "suits and ties, tuxedos, cocktail dresses or evening gowns".

Smart casual consists of "collared shirts, dresses, jackets, blazers, skirts and blouses, or pantsuits".

To find out more, [CLICK HERE](#).

MONEY

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

AU\$1 = US0.716

THE British pound declined sharply overnight as the UK's Brexit fell into chaos after the British Government cancelled this week's vote on the post-Brexit deal.

The AUDGBP jumped 1.1%, but the future of UK's Brexit remains uncertain, as the British pound could see further weakness and potentially further gains in the AUDGBP.

The AUDUSD fell 0.1%, *Wholesale rates this morning*.

US	\$0.716
UK	£0.570
NZ	\$1.038
Euro	€0.631
Japan	¥81.37
Thailand	฿23.47
China	¥4.888
South Africa	10.264
Canada	\$0.956
Crude oil	US\$52.61

Qatar Malta flights

QATAR Airways has announced direct services to Valletta, Malta, starting 04 Jun 2019, marking the airline's first gateway to Malta and the latest addition to its European network.

The Valletta route will utilise an A320 aircraft.

Daily services will operate in summer and four-times-weekly flights in winter.

Radisson expands

RADISSON Hotel Group has opened Radisson Suzhou in Suzhou, the historic city in eastern China's Jiangsu province.

Located in the Suzhou New District, the property offers a collection of 138 rooms and suites, an all-day dining eatery, a Chinese restaurant, lounge, a 24-hour fitness centre, and complimentary wi-fi.

Catering to the business traveller, Radisson Suzhou also features 667m² of flexible function space for corporate events and social functions.

Blue Mts roadtrip

A BLUE Mountains Road Trip map and website for drivers has officially launched.

The interactive map features 17 experiences including the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah, apple picking at Pine Crest Orchard or stops to see native wildlife such as the Glow Worm Cave.

An interactive map and more information can be viewed [HERE](#).

CLICK HERE to download the Blue Mountains Road Trip map.

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Scenic India e-brox

SCENIC has released its new Mystical Wonders of India 2019/2020 e-brochure.

The program features the 16-day Jewels of India from Delhi to Mumbai, where travellers visit Jodhpur, Varanasi and Sarnath and is priced from \$14,190pp.

Bookings before 31 Mar 2019 will receive free flights with any journey over 23 days, or there is a partner-flies-free offer on journeys of 14 to 16 days.

For more info, call 138 128.

Swissotel Indonesia

SWISSOTEL Hotels and Resorts is set to make its first debut in Jakarta, with the opening of Swissotel Jakarta PIK Avenue in mid 2019.

The hotel will feature 412 rooms, six dining outlets, an executive lounge, the Purovel Spa & Sport facility as well as event space of 3,044m².

Paris hotel opening

MARRIOTT International has opened Hotel de Berri, a Luxury Collection Hotel in Paris.

Situated on Rue de Berri, Hotel de Berri features 75 guest rooms and suites including the Suite Parisienne, along with an Italian restaurant Le Schiap and a cocktail bar called Le Bizazz.

SeaDream program

SEADREAM Yacht Club has released its program for the 2020 season in the Caribbean and Mediterranean aboard *SeaDream I* and *SeaDream II*.

The program features itineraries which visit the French and Italian Riviera, the Greek Isles, Spanish Mediterranean coast, Kusadasi in Turkey, along with new additions such as Ikaria in Greece, Vis in Croatia, Santa Maria di Leuca in Italy and Koper in Slovenia.

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