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Luxury Escapes out of ATAS

LUXURY Escapes is no longer a contender for the Best Online Travel Agency category in this month's National Travel Industry Awards, after advising AFTA that it is voluntarily withdrawing from the AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme (ATAS).

The pullout also includes Luxury Escapes' recently acquired offshoots, Scoopon Travel and Bon Voyage, with AFTA this morning formally advising the industry and consumers that "the Lux Group is no longer ATAS Accredited and does not fall under the ATAS Charter or ATAS Code of Conduct".

Accordingly Luxury Escapes (ABN 16150650927) must immediately take steps to remove any logo or reference to AFTA or ATAS from their websites and

other collateral, and cancelled participants are also no longer eligible for the AFTA Chargeback Scheme (ACS), AFTA said.

AFTA chief exec Jayson Westbury told *TD* that unfortunately due to the timing, AFTA would not be able to insert anyone else & the category would proceed with the remaining finalists.

The high profile company is one of the country's biggest travel advertisers (*TD* 19 Jun), and has flagged ambitious international expansion plans.

The Luxury Escapes website continued to indicate its membership of ATAS as *TD* went to press today.

Colossal cruise sale

WORLD'S Leading Cruise Lines has launched a major sale with reduced deposits and increased on-board credits valid for bookings made for the next week.

Applicable to Carnival Cruise Line, Cunard, Holland America, P&O Australia, P&O Cruises World Cruising, Princess and Seabourn, the specials are available until 09 Jul - see the **cover page** for info.

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Travel Daily today has nine pages of news and photos, a front cover page for **World's Leading Cruise Lines**, plus full pages from:

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Viking Orion

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you from Italy courtesy of Viking Cruises which is this week hosting a group of Australian travel agents on its brand new *Viking Orion*.

VIKING Orion is this week voyaging from Venice to Rome, taking in a series of ports on the Croatian and Italian coasts.

The 930-passenger vessel is on its second commercial voyage, having been formally christened just two weeks ago in Livorno by NASA astronaut Anna Fisher.

Orion is the fifth of ten ocean ships commissioned by Viking, and in line with its stellar name boasts an on-board planetarium and even a resident astronomer.

Follow our Viking adventure on Instagram @traveldailyau and at traveldaily.com.au/content/blog.

Dreamworld boss resigns

DREAMWORLD ceo Craig Davidson has quit the company after two weeks of damaging evidence at the inquest into the Thunder River Rapids tragedy of Oct 2016.

The theme park's parent company Ardent Leisure today confirmed Davidson will leave next month, though he will continue to assist Dreamworld throughout the inquest.

Ardent's group chief experience officer Nicole Noye has been appointed acting ceo of Theme Parks while an international search for a permanent replacement is made.

The company has also made two new executive appointments, enlisting Phil Tanner as director of safety, and former Queensland Police Inspector Mike McKay as director for culture, community and external relations.

Ardent Leisure chairman Gary Weiss also announced

the company would commit to implementing the recommendations of the inquest.

"Like everyone else, I have been deeply concerned by what has emerged from the inquiry over the past fortnight, and this is why it is important that we listen to the evidence, understand all we can and apply the lessons learned to ensure such accidents never occur at our parks," Weiss said.

"I can assure the public that our focus on safety improvements and enhancements has been ongoing for some time and the new executive appointments will continue to drive that process."

Ardent said the new team would further prioritise implementation of best-practice initiatives, including in ride safety.

The Southport Coroners Court is investigating the deaths of four people on the Thunder River ride and will resume hearing evidence in Oct.

Win a Disney trip

THIS month *Travel Daily* has teamed up with Disney Destinations, Delta and Virgin Australia to offer two readers a spot on the upcoming "A Very Merry *Toy Story Land* Christmas Mega-Fam" to *Walt Disney World* in Florida (**TD** 18 Jun).

The special **TD** places on the trip will be won by the best video, blog or Instagram-worthy photo or meme telling us why your Christmas in Jul wish is to travel to *Walt Disney World* Resort for the Christmas season.

So get creative! For more details see **page nine** of today's **TD**.

Splendor keel laid

THE keel laying ceremony for Regent's *Seven Seas Splendor* has taken place in Ancona, Italy, the occasion marked by placing three coins onto the keel of the ship.

Regent Seven Seas Splendor will have capacity for 750 pax and is set to debut in 2020.



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Bali flights resume

FLIGHTS into Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport returned to normal over the weekend after the latest eruption of the Mt Agung volcano forced the closure of airspace on Thu night (**TD** Fri).

Thousands of travellers were stranded at the airport and others disrupted on the verge of school holidays after the volcano sent a cloud of ash more than 2,000m into the air.

Most flights resumed on Sat, with Virgin operating an additional recovery flight yesterday and Jetstar operating three additional services yesterday and today.

"Volcanic activity is unpredictable, so please be aware that conditions can change rapidly," JQ said in a travel alert.

"We will update you immediately if there is any change to our schedule."

Qantas said its senior pilots and meteorologists were continuing to monitor the situation.

Accor takes stake in sbe

ACCORHOTELS will take a 50% stake in the sbe Entertainment Group under a strategic partnership announced on the weekend, giving it an involvement in high-end hotels including the Mondrian and Delano brands.

The partnership involves a total investment by Accor of US\$319 million including equity purchased from financiers Cain International.

The founder of sbe, Iranian-born businessman Sam Nazarian, will retain a 50% stake and will continue to act as its ceo.

"This long-term investment by AccorHotels provides sbe, its customers and hotel owners with greater depth and breadth around the world and supports our collective ambition to be the best lifestyle hospitality company in the market," Nazarian said.

"Building on our acquisition of Morgans Hotel Group in 2016, this investment will further

accelerate our growth both domestically in the US and in new markets internationally, particularly in Europe."

In addition to its restaurant and nightclub portfolios, sbe will operate 25 hotels by the end of this year including landmark properties such as the Mondrian Los Angeles, Hudson New York, St Martins Lane London and Delano South Beach in Miami.

It also operates the SLS brand with hotels in Beverly Hills, Las Vegas and South Beach.

CTM seals purchase

CORPORATE Travel Management (CTM) has completed its acquisition of Australian-based SCT Travel and its Platinum Travel Corporation in NSW and Qld (**TD** 01 May).

Finalisation of the \$5 million deal was announced to the ASX this morning.

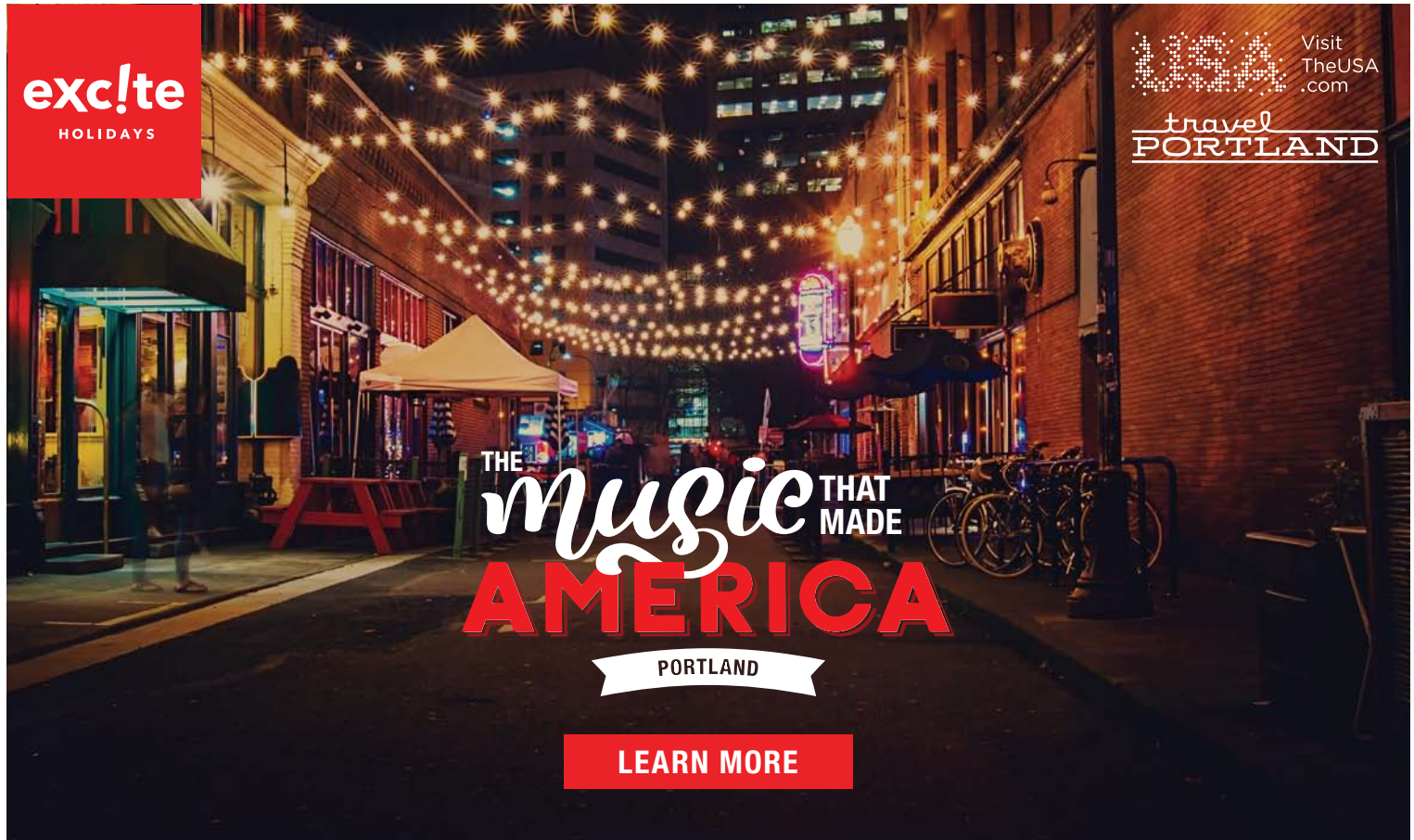
Window Seat

BRITISH Airways has called on the services of the United Kingdom's acting royalty to create a humorous safety video.

Hosted by comedian Asim Chaudhry, the montage takes a lighter approach to typical safety demonstrations and features appearances from Michael Caine, Joanna Lumley, Olivia Colman & David Walliams.

The video sees celebrities rather unsuccessfully audition for important safety messages.

To view the full director's cut, [CLICK HERE](#).



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HTA terminates boss

THE Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) board has voted to terminate its president & chief executive George Szigeti, saying it wants “to go in a new direction”.

The unanimous decision will see Szigeti retain his current position until 31 Oct, a role he was originally scheduled to hold until 2020.

“It’s been a great three years leading HTA and I’m proud of what our team has accomplished on behalf of Hawaii’s tourism industry, including enhanced support of community programs and record totals for visitor spending,” Szigeti said in a statement, adding that the move was by mutual agreement.

Local media report the HTA has suffered heavy criticism over its spending after a state audit, and that Szigeti had been fined for failing to report free upgrades.

An executive search committee will now recruit for a new chief.

Wet’n’Wild sale

VILLAGE Roadshow has announced a deal to sell the Wet’n’Wild Water Park in Sydney to Spanish leisure park operator Parques Reunidos for \$40 million.

The sale is expected to be finalised in the first quarter of 2019 and will be subject to customary conditions.

With a portfolio of more than 60 entertainment sites globally, Parques Reunidos will use the investment to gain a foothold in the Australian market and according to Village Roadshow will “add value and enhance Wet’n’Wild performance over the coming years.”

Rydges Darwin

EVENT Hospitality & Entertainment Limited has today taken over the management of the 132-room Darwin Central Hotel, which has rebranded to Rydges Darwin Central.

UK consumer protection expanded

NEW regulations governing holiday packages sold in Britain became effective yesterday, with the aim of providing additional protection for consumers who book different trip elements via a single travel intermediary.

Until now in the UK a loophole allowed online dynamic packagers to in some cases not provide the protection expected by consumers, by bundling elements from different suppliers into a single transaction.

Purchasers of traditional package holidays, including flights and accommodation, were protected, but not if different items were booked separately.

New European Union regulations - which ironically will not be binding once the UK exits from the EU - now stipulate that if a single intermediary is used to book multiple elements, the same protections apply as though it was a combined package.

Until now about half of UK holiday travel arrangements - 20 million packages and three million ‘flight plus’ holidays - were financially protected.

Effective 01 Jul ‘flight-plus’ arrangements no longer exist, and are being replaced by so-called ‘Linked Travel Arrangements (LTAs)’ with “looser commercial connections than that of a package”.

Travel organisers facilitating the sale of LTAs are obliged to provide financial protection for the refund of payments received when a “travel service” is not performed as a consequence of the travel organiser’s insolvency.

Travel agents and OTAs will now face the same obligations as tour operators and package organisers, with the Association of British Travel Agents urging the industry to review business models, check trading terms and ensure adequate insurance.

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Radisson/HU loyalty

RADISSON Hotel Group and Hainan Airlines have entered into a strategic partnership to collaborate on loyalty programs.

Under the deal, members of Radisson Rewards will be able to redeem points for flights with Hainan Airlines or exchange points for Fortune Wings points.

An introductory promotion has also been launched to mark the signing of the agreement, with Radisson Rewards members earning double points when they convert to Fortune Wings points until 31 Jul.

IE Aussie ad push

SOLOMON Airlines has launched a multi-platform advertising campaign targeting the east coast of Australia.

The focus of the push is diving, surfing & fishing adventures as well as a promo for a seven-night fly/stay dive package at the Agnes Gateway Hotel in Munda.

WA tourism expert

TOURISM Western Australia has signed a 12-month contract with former Tourism Australia md Andrew McEvoy to help drive more int'l visitors to the state.

He will be charged with developing new aviation and marketing strategies outlined in Tourism Western Australia's two-year action plan.

"We are delighted to have someone of Andrew McEvoy's calibre, who has experience in aviation development and marketing, to come on board and build on the excellent work being done by Tourism WA," said the state's Acting Tourism Minister Bill Johnston.

"The Government is committed to...driving more visitors into Western Australia," he added.

McEvoy brings with him more than 20 years of experience in the tourism industry, and is currently the chairman of Alt Event Management and Sealink Travel.

VA SYD-HKG flights fur-real



VIRGIN Australia's inaugural flight between Sydney and Hong Kong took to the skies this morning, marking the airline's second route from Australia to Hong Kong.

The daily flights utilise Airbus A330-200 aircraft, fitted with 20 Business class seats and 255 Economy seats.

Deputy PM and Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, Michael McCormack said the services improved competition for flights into the growing market.

"Virgin Australia's new service will provide even more choice for people travelling between Australia and Hong Kong,

whether it be for business or pleasure, as well as to destinations beyond Hong Kong on VA's partner airlines," he said.

The carrier launched its first direct service between Australia and Hong Kong out of Melbourne 12 months ago (**TD** 05 Jul).

Virgin Australia marked the occasion with Dannii Minogue, who led a convoy of drummers and lion dancers through Sydney International Airport.

She also celebrated the new flights and the Chinese Year of the Dog with Virgin Australia cabin crew and a pack of four-legged friends (**pictured**).

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Dom travel rising

GROWTH in domestic travellers has helped boost the number of Australian airline passengers for the fourth month this year, according to the latest figures from the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE).

Total passenger numbers in Apr reached almost 13.5 million, a 2.6% increase on the same month last year, with domestic travellers accounting for more than 10.1 million, a 2.9% increase.

Queensland airports showed some of the strongest growth as they recovered from the impact of Cyclone Debbie last year, with Prosperpine passenger numbers up 18% and Rockhampton up 43.6% over Apr 2017.

Viking portal update

VIKING Cruises has launched a "manage my bookings" section on its travel agent portal.

The new offering allows travel agents to view their existing bookings in one location, including commission for each reservation, notifications of any port or itinerary changes, the Guest Information Form and access to "My Viking Journey" to book shore excursions, restaurant reservations and spa treatments.

Swiss Travel Pass

THE Swiss Travel Pass SuperStar Program for agents has returned for another year, running from 02 Jul to 28 Sep 2018.

The program aims to equip agents with information about travelling around Switzerland and the benefits of the Swiss Travel Pass, with those who correctly answer a min of six questions and sell the most Swiss Travel Passes eligible for monthly prizes.

Only Swiss Travel Pass products purchased through Rail Europe GSAs will be eligible.

To register, **CLICK HERE**.

Toy Story opens

WALT Disney World Resort in Florida officially opened *Toy Story Land* on 30 Jun.

Visitors can ride on the Slinky Dog roller coaster and play midway games populated by much-loved characters from the major film franchise.

The new attraction is the largest expansion in the park's history.

Exciting campaign

EXCITE Holidays & Brand USA are rewarding agents with 500 bonus points for every night booked in Portland between today & 08 Jul - more info **HERE**.

Aussie agents loving Viking



VIKING Cruises' new *Viking Orion* is this week playing host to a number of top performing Australian travel agents as she cruises on a seven-night itinerary between Venice and Rome.

The "Italian Sojourn" voyage takes in ports such as Sibenik in Croatia as well as Bari, Crotona, Messina & Naples en route, with Viking's signature included shore excursions complemented by a range of more adventurous options for the 930 pax on board.

Today in Venice the sun was hot and the enclosed "Wintergarden" on deck 7 provided respite from the conditions for a welcome cocktail party, with the venue adjacent to the pool deck which can be covered by a gigantic retractable roof.

Viking Orion has just been christened, and will make her way to Australia later this year for a series of trans-Tasman sailings.

The ship's contemporary design and open, airy feel is delightful, with many of the agents already



making the most of the expansive spa facilities, not to mention the comfortable "Explorers Lounge" adjacent to the on-board planetarium which leverages *Orion's* stellar heritage as the constellation the ancient Vikings used for navigation.

Pictured above are, from left: Brett and Louise Dann, Helloworld Hunter Travel Group; Michelle Black, Viking managing director Australia and NZ; and Kathy Magoutis, Consolidated Tavel with Ari Magoutis, Express Travel executive md.

Inset is birthday boy Dave Long and Deb Long, Weston Cruise & Travel - more from Viking in **TD** all this week.



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HA says Aloha to Flight Centre



HAWAIIAN Airlines and Brisbane Airport Corporation recently hosted over 300 Flight Centre staff from all over Brisbane for an event to say thank you at the travel group's Brisbane headquarters.

"It was a fun opportunity to say Mahalo (thanks) for all your support as we lead up to adding extra Brisbane-Honolulu services later this year," said Hawaiian Airlines regional director Australia and New Zealand Gai Tyrrell.

The evening included a pop-up Mai Tai bar, ukulele player, traditional Hawaiian food and a competition that saw guests try to guess the weight of two pieces of luggage.

The closest to guess the correct weight were Flight Centre's Kristy Gallaway and Patricia Cunneen, who scored enough Hawaiian Airlines miles to get them two



tickets to Hawaii.

Pictured top: Jenny Edmunds, national account manager at Hawaiian Airlines with winners Kristy Gallaway and Patricia Cunneen from Flight Centre; Karen Macmillan, Hawaiian Airlines sales director Australia and partnerships manager Australia and New Zealand; Bart Druitt, Hawaiian Airlines partnerships and promotions specialist; and Tom Walley, executive general manager Flight Centre Leisure Brands Australia.

Inset: Flight Centre's Matt Daly, Matt Quilty and Aaron Eastall.



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Trivago TomTom

TRIVAGO has announced it will integrate tech company TomTom's online search API into its global hotel search platform.

The deal is expected to improve the overall user search experience for trivago's clients.

"TomTom geocoding services provide us with the ability to geocode large amounts of hotel and accommodation addresses worldwide – which is particularly useful at the moment, as we are in the process of onboarding a sizeable volume of alternative accommodation properties," said trivago data products lead Romain Beget.

W Nashville 2020

W HOTELS Worldwide has announced plans to open W Nashville in 2020.

The property will boast 346 rooms, including 50 suites, large flexible meeting and event spaces, a gym, yoga centre and swimming pool.

W Nashville will seek to leverage the city's musical history, with W Hotels Worldwide global brand leader Anthony Ingham saying "W has always been inextricably linked with music".

New WRD ceo

CREATIVE Resort Agency World Resorts of Distinction (WRD) has appointed Tess Willcox to the role of chief executive officer.

Willcox is considered to be a strong advocate for sustainable travel and has been with the agency for 14 years.

Hilton New York

HILTON Grand Vacations has purchased a new hotel property in New York City with plans to convert the 208-room The Quin into 212 studios and one- and two-bedroom units.

The property was purchased for US\$175 million and will remain open during all phases of transition, with sales anticipated to begin by Q4 2019.

Singapore menu

SINGAPORE Airlines has flagged plans to offer a new Chinese dining experience to Business class passengers from 01 Jul this year.

The Shi Quan Wei Mei culinary concept will be available on select flights including Singapore to Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai and Hong Kong.



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Exploring the Emerald Isle



TOP-SELLING Australian travel agents recently visited Ireland courtesy of a famil organised by APT and Tourism Ireland.

Travel agents representing Helloworld, Travel Associates and Phil Hoffmann Travel were taken on the new APT Emerald Ireland Tour, visiting iconic Irish attractions such as Titanic Belfast, the Causeway Coastal Route, Slieve League Cliffs, Kylemore Abbey and the Cliffs of Moher.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with APT to promote their brand new standalone Emerald Ireland tour and showcase Ireland to this group of top Australian travel agents," said Tourism Ireland Australia manager Sofia Hansson.

Apart from checking out the must-see tourist sites, the group was fortunate to stay in a range of luxury hotels including The Merchant Hotel in Belfast, Lough Eske Castle in Donegal and Mount Juliet Estate in Kilkenny.

Pictured at Shankill Castle are: Sonja Bomhof, Helloworld Milton; Pina Gianfrancesco, Travel Associates Australia; Karen Newbury, APT; Emma Atchison, Helloworld Leopold; and Amanda Fricker, Phil Hoffmann Travel Norwood.

LH space food

LUFTHANSA is offering Business class passengers on long-haul flights from Germany in Jul & Aug the option to try space food, made by LSG Group Culinary Excellence Team & the European Space Agency. Options include spatzie.



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Brochures

WELCOME to Brochures of the Week, *Travel Daily's* Monday feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure of which you'd like to make the industry aware, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including a PDF of the front cover, and contact details to brochures@traveldaily.com.au.



Wildlife Safari - Indian Ocean

Wildlife Safari's new Indian Ocean brochure features resorts, hotels, activities and hideaways in the Maldives, Seychelles and Mauritius, along with private journeys in Madagascar and Sri Lanka. The brochure also includes Jewels of the Indian Ocean, a series of itineraries for romantic getaways, retreats, honeymoons, family getaways, or post Africa safari trips. Wildlife Safari can arrange trips to private islands and resorts including Reunion, Rodrigues, Mozambique, Zanziba and Lamu.



Globus - Americas 2019

Globus has launched its 2019 Americas brochure with two new itineraries. The 10-day Spirit of the American Wild West explores the Native American tribal history of Colorado, South Dakota and Wyoming, while the 12-day New England & The Hudson Valley itinerary takes in the sights of the 'Big Apple', the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, the village of Lake Placid and the historical landmarks of Boston. The itinerary has also been designed to highlight the region's wildlife such as grizzly bears and elk.



APT - Africa 2019

APT has launched its new Africa 2019 brochure, offering open-air 4WD safaris, luxury river cruising and a 26-day Classic African Safari tour which takes travellers on a journey of South Africa's Garden Route and Kruger National Park, along with Victoria Falls, a visit to a local school in Tanzania and three nights in Serengeti National Park. Prices start at \$26,395 per person, twin share including Fly Business class for \$4,995 per person twin share, when booked before 31 Dec.



Silversea Cruises - European Collection 2019

Silversea Cruises has launched its 2019 European Collection brochure, which presents 57 voyages, over 100 ports in 40 different countries, on five different ships. The brochure also includes information on a range of all-inclusive itineraries with fine dining options, activities such as Zodiac cruising, hiking, snorkelling, and kayaking, along with details on regional highlights like the British Isles and Northern Europe and new ports for 2019.

NT Tourism projects

THE Northern Territory Government has awarded two key contracts to progress the development of a Tourism Industry Development Strategy & an Aboriginal Tourism Strategy.

The contract to co-develop, with industry, the Tourism Industry Development Strategy has gone to Deloitte Access Economics and the contract to develop the NT Aboriginal Tourism Strategic Plan has been won by local Northern Territory firm Ambrose Indigenous Business in conjunction with national agency MI Associates.

Alitalia + Avianca

AVIANCA Brasil and Alitalia will implement a codeshare deal which will see the Italian airline sell air tickets to its partner destinations in Brazil under its "AZ" code.

The shared network will include 21 national and international destinations in connection with Alitalia services to and from Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Alitalia said the agreement would "expand the offer and connectivity for travellers arriving in the country" and allow its customers to fly to Brazil with one ticket and check-in once.

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Win a trip to Walt Disney World

This month, *Walt Disney World* in Florida, Virgin Australia and Delta Air Lines are giving *Travel Daily* readers the chance to win two places on "A Very Merry Toy Story Land Christmas Mega-Fam" flying Virgin Australia and Delta Air Lines to *Walt Disney World* Resort in Florida.

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Rouge 5th birthday

AIR Canada Rouge is celebrating its fifth birthday, having grown from four to more than 50 aircraft, expanded to over 100 routes on five continents, flown more than 25m customers, and directly created 2,000 jobs.

Wyndham Hawaii

WYNDHAM Destinations Asia Pacific has added a new resort at Kailua-Kona on the Hawaiian Big Island to its WorldMark South Pacific Club collection.

The resort was designed to recreate the "ambience found in Hawaii in the 1930s", while still providing guests with modern conveniences and activities.

New dive site

EX-HMAS Tobruk, a former navy ship, has been scuttled to become a dive site in the waters off Queensland's Bundaberg and Hervey Bay.

The ship is set to boost the local economy by \$5m per year and create jobs across the Wide Bay region.

Bundy turtle centre

CONSTRUCTION for the Mon Repos turtle centre in Bundaberg will start in Aug, with completion set for mid next year.

Minister for Environment Leanne Enoch said the Palaszczuk Government had contributed over \$16m towards the redevelopment, which would "bring extra tourism dollars into Bundaberg for years to come".

Southwest Lyft

SOUTHWEST Airlines has partnered with rideshare company Lyft to allow customers "added convenience" for transport to or from the airport.

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This company is already very established around the globe and are now launching in Sydney. They are looking for staff ASAP and in need of a Head of sales and Marketing to enhance and grow the position of the brand to be a leader within the Australasia region. This role will have travel involved so flexibility is needed. You will need proven relationship sales experience within the travel industry to be considered.

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