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The Sustainability Summit is a one-day event providing the opportunity for the Australian travel and tourism sector to share best practice, discuss initiatives and encourage one another to ensure future generations can continue to enjoy exploring the globe.

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Air NZ adjusts outlook

AIR New Zealand has reaffirmed a lower outlook for the 2019 financial year following a 34% drop in profit for H1 FY19 (*TD* breaking news).

The airline is expecting its 2019 earnings before taxation to be in the range of \$340m-\$400m, down from the \$425m-\$525m it originally forecast.

Air New Zealand announced the revised forecast last month following updated revenue predictions based on recent forward booking trends and the ongoing impact of Rolls-Royce engine problems (*TD* 30 Jan).

In its financial results today, the carrier said the outlook was prompted by slower revenue growth expectations in the second half of the year.

Air New Zealand witnessed a 34% drop in net profit after tax of \$152m, while earnings before tax fell 35% to \$211m but operating

TD Sustainability

EARLYBIRD registration is open until 15 Mar for the inaugural *Travel Daily* Sustainability Summit.

The one-day event will be held in Sydney at the Primus Hotel on 30 Apr, featuring keynotes from Giles Hawke, Global Lead -Sustainability and CEO of Cosmos Tours and Avalon Waterways UK and Daniel Skjeldam, CEO of Hurtigruten.

See the cover page for more.

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revenue rose 7.1% to \$2.9b. Operating cash flow was \$475m, which NZ said "remained strong despite the headwinds faced over the period".

The carrier highlighted its "strong market development activities to stimulate inbound visitors," at a time when "the NZ market had seen foreign competitors reduce capacity or exit services completely".

Air New Zealand CEO Christopher Luxon also said "While we continue to expect solid growth across our key markets including domestic New Zealand, we cannot ignore signals that the rate of growth has somewhat slowed from prior years.

"We pride ourselves at Air NZ on being nimble and able to quickly adjust our business to reflect the changing macro environment and this time is no different."

This week Air New Zealand announced the "biggest overhaul of the airline's domestic pricing structure in more than a decade", slashing domestic fares by up to 50% (*TD* yesterday).

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has six pages of news and photos, a front cover page for TD's Sustainability Summit plus full pages from:

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MH Brisbane shift

MALAYSIA Airlines is adjusting its operational schedule on the Kuala Lumpur - Brisbane route from 01 Jun 2019.

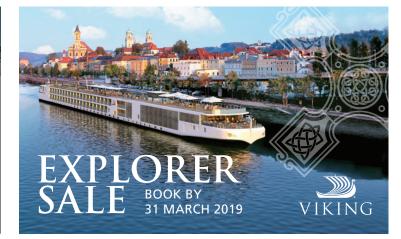
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yesterday, while Air Canada

Singapore Airlines, Finnair,

British Airways, Aeroflot and

Air India all had to reroute their

flights, according to flight tracking

The greatest impact was felt by

Thai Airways, which cancelled all

flights to Europe yesterday and

The rerouting of other flights

the airspace, meaning Thai was

The airline said it was waiting

for airspace authorisation before

it could operate Europe services.

Three of Singapore Airlines'

flights to Europe needed to

make refuelling stops due to

avoiding Pakistani airspace.

According to Mark Martin,

Founder and Chief Executive at

Martin Consulting India, around

800 flights a day use the India-

The order to close Pakistani

airspace remains in place until

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Pakistan airspace chaos



Regent incentive

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises is giving agents the chance to win "24 hours of luxury" worth \$2,500 when booking any 2019 sailing by 29 Apr.

The top five sellers in terms of bookings and revenue in Australia and New Zealand will receive return flights to Sydney, limo transfers, a seaplane flight, private cruise around the Northern Beaches, dinner at Jonah's restaurant, and more. For info, call 1300 455 200.

AC adds Auckland

AIR Canada (AC) has announced plans to introduce a new nonstop flight between Vancouver and Auckland, which is scheduled to commence 14 Dec until the end of Mar 2020.

The new service will operate four times weekly on board the carrier's flagship Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, and is subject to obtaining government approvals.

The new service "will further deepen the connections" between the two countries while aiming to strengthen tourism links for travellers.



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VA IASC submission

VIRGIN Australia (VA) has sent a response to the International Air Services Commission (IASC) that rejects Qantas Airways' recent application asking for permission for the introduction of Cathav Pacific (CX) codeshare services on select Australia-Hong Kong routes (**TD** 09 Jan).

The submission, which outlines a number of issues the airline has, includes comments that the codeshare "will undoubtedly increase the individual and collective market power of the two carriers, at the expense of Virgin Australia as the only competitor along the route".

The submission also noted details of the Aus/HK air services arrangements, saying CX currently utilises "all of the capacity available to carriers of HK".

TENSIONS between India and Pakistan have caused major headaches for a number of airlines after Pakistan closed its airspace.

The two sides exchanged fire in the border region of Kashmir between India and Pakistan. before the situation escalated when Indian war planes were shot down by Pakistan's air force after crossing the disputed boundary, the ABC reports.

As a result, flights to Pakistan were suspended, along with some to airports in North India and many were forced to reroute to avoid the airspace.

Thai Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways, flydubai, Gulf Air and SriLankan Airlines all cancelled services to Pakistan





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A new publication for travel and cruise lovers





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Natural Hab brox

ADVENTURE World Travel has released its second brochure for Natural Habitat Adventures, featuring two new nature-focused adventures to Africa and India.

The new additions for the 2019-20 program include the Southern Africa Safari, a private cruise on a small luxury ship for 16 guests, exploring the islands, inlets and inland wildlife of Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe.

Additionally, the India Tiger Quest Safari, which heads to the jungles of Ranthambore National Park, features a four traveller maximum per open vehicle and will see guests search for the endangered Bengal tiger.

A total of 32 eco-conscious small group expeditions have been selected to suit the Australian appetite, from polar bear trips in Churchill, Canada, Alaska grizzly bear encounters & African wildlife safaris.

For more information on the brochure call 1300 363 055.

VIETNAM Airlines and its subsidiary has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sabre to expand their relationship, with a potential value of US\$300 million attributed to the deal.

Vietnam, Sabre deal

The agreement includes technology from Sabre's AirVision and AirCentre portfolios which will join Vietnam Airlines' existing passenger service system software, SabreSonic, which is also from Sabre.

The airline said it hoped the Sabre solutions would help contribute to its profitability and digital abilities.

In addition, Vietnam Airlines will consider Sabre's In-Flight solution to enhance operational efficiency and a new long-term domestic content distribution agreement through Sabre's GDS.

"Vietnam Airlines is pleased to build on the existing agreement with Sabre our trusted, long-



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term technology provider, to include advanced solutions that will propel our business into the future," said Vietnam Airlines Chief Executive Officer and President Duong Tri Tranh.

"Our Digital Transformation program is essential to our continued success and onboarding these solutions from Sabre directly support our efforts to achieve the Skytrax 5-star status."

Sabre President of Travel Solutions Dave Shirk said "this announcement reaffirms our role as a strategic technology provider to one of the region's leading carriers, Vietnam Airlines".

The MoU comes less than a year after the two companies signed an extending agreement for SabreSonic and distribution through Sabre's GDS (*TD* 08 Jun 2018).

The new deal was signed at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi, with both US President Donald Trump and President of Vietnam Nguyen Phu Trong in attendance.

Jetstar on sale

JETSTAR has launched its Explore Overseas Sale, with a range of bargain fares on international destinations.

Fares include deals such as Gold Coast to Auckland from \$135 one way, Melbourne to Queenstown for \$169 one way and Cairns to Tokyo from \$249 one way. The sale runs until midnight 04 Mar unless sold out prior.



AS THE official accommodation partner of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, Accor Australia has introduced a new virtual Facebook assistant called QueenBot, the company's first drag queen inspired chatbot.

QueenBot has been charged with interacting with followers of the company's Facebook group and is described by Accor as "fearlessly unconventional".

Accor said she "is also never without a joke or two up her sleeve and may even let users in on her night's plans". Meet Queenbot **HERE**.



Sports 365 deal INTERNATIONAL ticket

provider Sports Events 365 has signed a season ticket agreement with Italian football club AS Roma which paves the way for group corporate bookings interested in attending the team's matches.

Sports Events 365 is planning to showcase its range of B2B initiatives at the upcoming ITB conference in Berlin next week and follows similar agreements with British team Manchester City and Spain's Atletico Madrid.

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Giuseppi departs

TOURISM Accommodation Australia (TAA) has announced the resignation of its Chief Executive Officer Carol Giuseppi.

The organisation's President Scott Leach praised her many years of service.

"Carol's strong grasp of detailed policy at both the state and national level, and her devotion to her members both large and small has driven TAA to become the preeminent association for the accommodation industry in Australia," Leach said.

No replacement has yet been announced.

HLO share purchase

HELLOWORLD Travel Chairman Garry Hounsell purchased 30,000 shares in the company late last week for a total value of \$149,578 or \$4.98 a share.

The current share price for helloworld is \$4.85.

Ecotourism deal

ECOTOURISM Australia has formed a partnership with the World Tourism Organization of the United Nations to enhance collaboration efforts on future ecotourism initiatives.

The agreement sets out the following objectives: exchanging info on how national policies promote nature-based tourism and ecotourism, the analysis of statistics on nature-based tourism, and cooperation in areas such as sustainability and climate change in South Pacific nations.

SilkAir Broome Jun

SILKAIR has revealed that during the month of Jun it will once again operate Singapore to Broome services.

The service will offer four roundtrip flights on board a Boeing 737-800 aircraft which will depart 13 Jun, 17 Jun, 20 Jun and 24 Jun.

A thousand reasons to smile



1000 Mile Travel Group (1000MTG) has revealed a new partnership with advisory and accounting firm ShineWing Australia, a deal brokered by the travel specialist to help optimise its support platform for mobile travel businesses.

1000MTG Travel Experts can now access ShineWing Australia services dealing with specialised travel start-up support for annual compliance considerations.

"ShineWing are an ideal 1000MTG partner because they understand the complexities of our industry," said 1000MTG Managing Director Ben Ross. "Like us and our experts, they also value the importance of dedicated relationships and business partnerships," he added.

1000MTG has flagged an increase in its dedicated corporate support for travel experts across Australia in 2019, an objective driven by a significant growth trajectory in the last six months.

Pictured are reps from both companies: Amanda Camilleri, ShineWing Australia; Steve Edmonds, ShineWing Australia; Steve Hona, 1000 Mile Travel Group; and Christina Atkin, 1000 Mile Travel Group.

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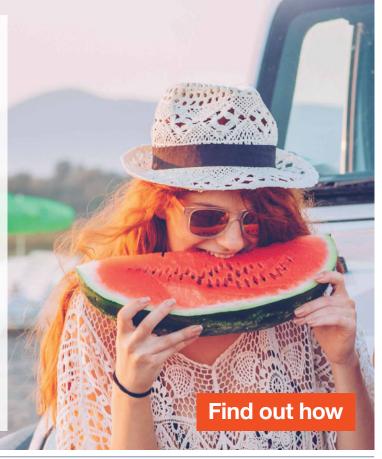
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World Exp program

WORLD Expeditions has launched its new Middle East, Central Asia and India program, featuring over 20 new itineraries.

Additions include Ladakh Cycling Epic with Kate Leeming, Karakoram Exploratory with Tim Macartney-Snape and Trans Caucasian treks in Georgia and Armenia.

The new range of cycling adventures also includes the 14day Armenia to Georgia by Bike tour, a 13-day Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan experience, an eightday Jordan trip and a 13-day Goa to Kerala Cycle.

WTTC Tourism stats

THE global Travel & Tourism sector grew by 3.9% to contribute a record \$8.8 trillion and 319 million jobs to the world economy in 2018, according to the World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) annual research.

"For the eighth consecutive year, our sector outpaced growth in the wider global economy and we recorded the second-highest growth of any major sector in the world," said Gloria Guevara, WTTC President and Chief Executive Officer.

United & Travelport

UNITED Airlines will continue its long standing relationship with travel commerce platform Travelport into 2021 under a multi-year agreement.

The companies said they would continue working together to enhance the delivery of United's product offering, including ancillaries and fare families, to agencies and corporations through Travelport's traditional ATPCO and API platforms.

The deal includes deployment of United content consistent with IATA's New Distribution Capability standard.

"While direct volumes through our award-winning website and mobile app continue to grow, we want to be available across a variety of booking channels, & collaborating with Travelport helps us do that," said UA Pricing & Revenue Mgmt VP Dave Bartels.

Sth Africa walking

KWANDWE Private Game Reserve in South Africa has introduced Winter Wilderness Walking and fly camping safaris from 01 May.

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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MSC}}$ Cruises Australia is looking for a Product Specialist based at the Sydney CBD head office.

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> For further information and to submit your resume hr@msccruises.com.au

Rottnest cheers to launch



WESTERN Australian glamping resort, Discovery – Rottnest Island, hosted a launch party last Fri for over 220 industry friends.

The 83 eco-tent property is a joint venture between Baileys Group and Discovery Parks and is the first new accom on the island in over 30 years (*TD* 11 Feb).

Discovery Holiday Parks General Manager Andy Cleverley said the team was enthusiastic about welcoming its first guests.

"Rottnest Island is a special place for locals and is linked to

Peppers Magnetic

PEPPERS Blue on Blue Resort at Magnetic Island is reminding agents that it is operating as usual following the recent floods that hit North Queensland.

The resort, located off the coast of Townsville, is offering a special Tropical Escape package valid for travel until 27 Jun, with rooms starting from \$145 per night, and a minimum stay of two nights.

The deal includes full breakfast daily, 10% off dining at Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, wi-fi, and inroom movies.

CLICK HERE for all the details.

Viking info sessions

VIKING is set to host a series of free information sessions around Australia this year, starting in Adelaide on 22 Mar.

The aim of the workshops is to educate both potential guests and travel agents about the company's range of river and ocean cruise itineraries and shore excursions.

Viking's sessions run from 22 Mar-02 May with multiple times available - **CLICK HERE** to register. many fond family memories. "We aim to add an exciting new experience to the traditional Rotto family holiday, while also giving interstate and international guests a new reason to visit Rottnest Island," said Cleverley.

Pictured at the launch party are Melanie Reid, Journey Beyond PR & Communications; Tyron Wilson, Rottnest Express Fleet Manager; Steve Taylor and Michelle Taylor, Rottnest Express Business Development Executive.





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Railbookers Japan

RAILBOOKERS has released a new selection of train holidays in Japan, including the Shinkansen bullet train.

There are three new itineraries: the Golden Route of Japan, Scenic Japan and Best of Japan, all of which are independent holidays and can be tailormade.

Railbookers Head of Sales and Marketing Narelle Ross said "when explored by train, [Japan's] destinations offer travellers an entirely new perspective on the Land of the Rising Sun.

"We are very excited to introduce these new itineraries to our collection of train holidays around the world."

The trips visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Kanazawa and more.

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Aussie res habits

AUSTRALIANS are last minute bookers when it comes to both travel and dining out, according to a study released by KAYAK and OpenTable.

On average, Australians book international trips only 69 days before they depart, meaning many miss out on savings from planning ahead.

KAYAK said that this late booking pattern is costing Aussies on average \$431 per trip.

According to the company, 135 days out from a trip is the best time to book an int'l flight.

It is a similar story for domestic flights, with Aussies booking around 18 days in advance, when they could book 25 days out for the best price.



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APPOINTMENTS



Travel the World has expanded its sales team with the appointment of Kelly Smith as Sales Manager NSW. She will be responsible for building

Three new faces have joined Oaks Hotels & Resorts across its executive and hotel teams. John Thompson has assumed the role of Head of Commercial - Minor Hotels AU and NZ, while Melissa Rodrigues joins as Director of Brand & Marketing - Minor Hotels AU and NZ. Also new to the group is Shaun O'Bryan, who is the new General Manager of Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort in the Hunter Valley.

Troy Rose has joined the team at TripADeal Australia as the company's

Fiji's Nanuku Auberge Resort Pacific Harbour has welcomed Anna Ratucoki to the position of Lailai Kids Adventure Club Manager. She brings a wealth of experience in safety, supervision and care for kids.

California's Heritage House Resort & Spa. In his new role, he will be

Cathay Pacific Airways has promoted Richard Jones to Regional Head of Marketing and Sales. Jones was previously the Sales and Marketing Manager for Australia at the airline.

Qantas shopping

QANTAS has developed a new browser tool to help customers capitalise on opportunities to earn Qantas Points while shopping online.

The Qantas Shopping Points-Prompter will alert users when there is a chance to earn points at supported stores, and will also show them where they can earn points in search results.

The free tool can be downloaded from browser app stores.

SA MoU with AWA

SOUTH African Airways has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ghanaian airline, Africa World Airlines.

The agreement includes "codesharing, franchising and any other related projects".

Currently the pair have an interline agreement and are planning to announce a codeshare deal in coming months.

The MoU gives South Africa more connectivity with West Africa.

Footloose on Joy

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has revealed Norwegian Joy will offer guests the Tony Awardnominated musical Footloose on board from May this year.

The deal marks the first time the musical has been performed at sea.

Footloose joins the acrobatic show, Elements and wine-tasting comedy Wine Lovers: The Musical. Joy will reposition to North America in late Apr after a US\$50m renovation.

Qatar wildlife prog

IN A move to fight illegal wildlife trafficking, Qatar Airways has launched a training program to increase employee awareness, particularly for team members in roles where they may encounter the crime.

The training program educates staff on the effects of wildlife crime, common routes and methods for smuggling and how to respond and report the activity.

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