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AIR New Zealand is celebrating its win as Best International Airline - Online at last Sat's National Travel Industry Awards by offering a special \$299 return travel consultant fare across the Tasman, valid for the agent plus three friends - see the **cover page**.

AAT Kings plots Asia growth

THE Travel Corporation's (TTC) Australia-based AAT Kings operation has recorded year-on-year Asian growth of 36%, with the business now led by former Trafalgar MD Matthew Cameron-Smith (**TD** 12 Feb) ramping up activity in its Singapore-based sales team to further drive the company's performance.

Cameron-Smith told **TD** this morning that Japan was doing particularly well, with AAT Kings Senior Sales Manager Wholesale Asia, YK Wong, aiming to further showcase the full AAT Kings range of touring, beyond its popular day tour products.

"AAT Kings has always been known for its day tours, but we

want to show the trade that we can do much more, especially for travellers who want to spend a few days on the road," according to TTC Managing Director Asia, Nicholas Lim.

Earlier this year Cameron-Smith told **TD** that key priorities in his new role included product innovation (**TD** 11 Apr), as well as maintaining a continued focus on the travel trade.

AAT Kings also appointed a new UK-based Sales Manager this week, with Joanna Guest joining the company to work alongside Sydney-based Head of International Sales Peter Townsend.

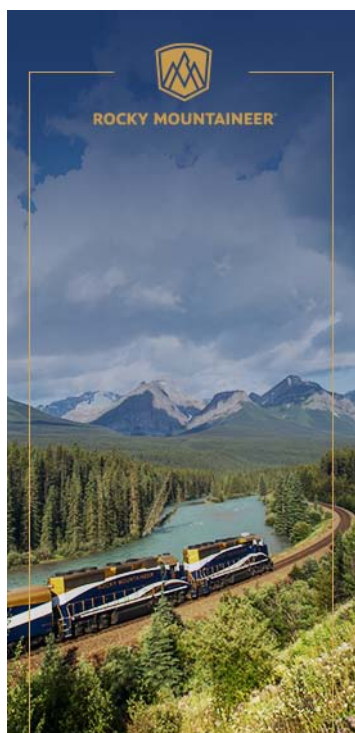
Guest said AAT Kings "presents a fantastic opportunity for agents by offering them an incredibly experience-rich product to sell".

AAT Kings also has a dedicated sales presence in North America and Germany, Cameron-Smith confirmed.

Zanetti back on bus

FORMER Linkd Tourism National Account Manager and Visit USA Australia committee member, Daniele Zanetti, has taken a new position as Sales Manager for Big Bus Tours.

His career also includes a former role at Gray Line Worldwide.



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Burnes steps down as Liberal Treasurer

HELLOWORLD Travel CEO Andrew Burnes has resigned from his honorary role as Federal Treasurer of the Liberal Party.

He has looked after the party's finances since 2015, with Liberal Party President Nick Greiner saying he had done an "outstanding job" over the last four years.

"Thanks to his hard work and professionalism, the Liberal Party was able to properly resource two successful election campaigns," Greiner said.

BA A350s to DXB

BRITISH Airways will introduce its new Airbus A350-1000XWB aircraft on the London-Dubai route a month earlier than previously scheduled, with GDS screens now indicating the A350's deployment five times per week effective from 02 Sep.

Vail to buy Peak Resorts

CONSOLIDATION in the global ski market continued overnight with confirmation that Vail Resorts will add 17 additional US ski areas to its portfolio.

Vail has come to a US\$264m agreement to acquire 100% of NASDAQ-listed Peak Resorts, which operates a range of ski and snowboard areas, mostly in the eastern United States.

"We are incredibly excited to have the opportunity to add such a powerful network of ski areas to our company," said Vail Resorts CEO Rob Katz.

"Peak Resorts' ski areas in the Northeast are a perfect complement to our existing resorts," he added, with the additions providing new Vail ski options in Vermont, New York, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri and Indiana.

Once the deal is finalised, Vail's 2019-20 Epic Pass season pass

product will include unlimited and unrestricted access to the 17 Peak Resorts ski areas.

In addition, for the 2019-20 season Vail will continue to sell all Peak Resorts pass products, with existing passholders able to upgrade to an Epic Pass after the transaction closes.

Vail's Epic Pass offers access to Perisher, Falls Creek and Mt Hotham in Australia, as well as a host of North American properties including Whistler Blackcomb, Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Heavenly, Northstar & Kirkwood.

There's also limited access to partner resorts including seven days at Telluride and Sun Valley, five consecutive days at Hakuba Valley and Rusutsu in Japan, and Les 3 Vallées in France and Skirama Dolomiti in Italy.

The Peak Resorts deal is expected to settle before the 2019-20 winter season kicks off.

CZ ups Brisbane

CHINA Southern Airlines is expanding capacity to Brisbane, with overall frequencies from Guangzhou increasing from seven to 10 per week.

The seasonal boost will see the additional flights offered from 14 Dec 2019 through to 09 Feb 2020, using A330 aircraft.

\$3.6b in Jet claims

MORE than US\$3.6 billion is being claimed by creditors to collapsed Indian carrier Jet Airways, according to India's National Company Law Tribunal.

As many as 16,000 claims have already been lodged as part of the airline's bankruptcy process.

Interestingly, some of the claims have been rejected, including a substantial amount from a company called Jet Air, owned by Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal, which acted as the failed airline's general sales agent.



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FCM rolls out MarketPlace

FLIGHT Centre's FCM Travel Solutions has launched a new "virtual gateway" allowing clients to easily access its range of negotiated business travel content including special fares, hotel rates and booking options.

Dubbed "MarketPlace", the portal is said to aggregate "all the content you could need or want" with the aim of making it simpler to navigate the increasingly complex range of travel options.

FCM has highlighted the strong experience of its content team across air, rail, car and hotel suppliers, with more than 20 million accommodation rates and access to the company's SmartSTAY program with bonus options such as complimentary breakfast, wi-fi and additional value-adds.

"The global offering available to you through our virtual MarketPlace means you are never

going to be short of options or access to hotels, flights, rail and car hire," the company said.

"We provide savings for your company within its yearly travel spend and offer a seamless service that has been handpicked and negotiated by our team," with benefits cited including policy compliance, duty of care, reporting and simplified billing.

FCM has produced a video showcasing the new offering - see traveldaily.com.au/videos.

MarketPlace is expected to be a key feature of Flight Centre Travel Group's upcoming Illuminate 2019 event (**TD** 19 Jul), where a host of high profile speakers including Virgin Australia CEO Paul Scurrah and Accor Chief Operating Officer Simon McGrath will share their insights into the "latest developments shaping the world of corporate travel" in Sydney on 12 Sep.



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EVA Air to Milan

STAR Alliance member EVA Air is set to launch non-stop flights from Taipei to Milan in Italy.

The expansion is the carrier's first new route launch to Europe in more than two decades, with plans to debut the 777-300ER service on 18 Feb 2020.

EVA Air also operates non-stop to Amsterdam, London Heathrow, Paris and Vienna as well as 50 ports in Asia and Oceania, and 11 in North America.

Egypt criticises BA

EGYPTIAN authorities have expressed "displeasure" at a decision by British Airways to unilaterally suspend Cairo flights for a week (**TD** yesterday) due to unspecified security concerns.

The British Ambassador to Egypt Geoffrey Adams has clarified that the decision "is not related to security measures at Egyptian airports".



Window Seat

FANCY buying a weekender?

Heading down the coast is so passé - why not consider something a bit further afield, like the villa owned by famous fashion designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana.

Yes - the property on the Italian island of Stromboli is officially on the market, and there's good news - you can get there by helicopter as well as boat, the sales blurb breathlessly enthuses.

Dolce and Gabbana have spent their summers at the villa since the 1990s, and have "furnished it with the same love and passion that they put into designing their collections".

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NexPoint, Condor

NEXPOINT Hospitality Trust (NHT) has announced it has acquired all of the outstanding equity interests of Condor Hospitality Trust.

The purchase will see the hotelier gain 15 select-service and extended stay hospitality properties, representing 1,908 additional rooms across the eight American states of Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas.

"The transaction instantly expands NHT's geographical footprint and balances our strategic value-add portfolio with durable, core, extended-stay hotels," said the company's Chief Executive Officer Jim Dondero.

When the transaction is formally completed, NHT's gross asset value is expected to increase to approximately US\$700 million.

Completion of the acquisition is expected in the fourth quarter of 2019.

Calombaris cooked

TOURISM WA has dumped celebrity chef George Calombaris as the face of its current food and wine tourism campaign after his business empire was last week found to have underpaid 515 staff by \$7.8 million.

The tourism body told Channel Seven that it would remove social media content featuring Calombaris, also ordering television advertisements to be pulled following intervention from the state's Tourism Minister, Paul Papalia.

Western Australia's Create Your Own Gourmet Escape in WA campaign was due to run until the end of Sep.

The *MasterChef* judge was last week also ordered to pay a \$200,000 fine following a Fair Work Australia investigation.

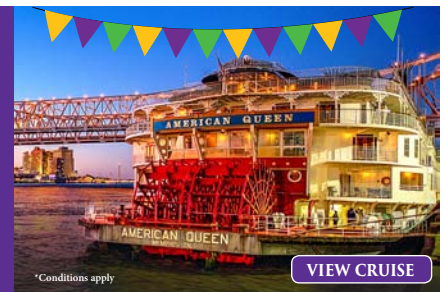
Calombaris claimed the underpayments were an oversight and not deliberate, and said almost all of the affected staff had now been paid back.

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A blue ribbon winner



TMS Talent recently dropped in on the winner of *Travel Daily's* State of Origin competition, Peter Woolley, to personally award him a new NSW Blues jersey.

The competition was sponsored by TMS Talent.

Pictured donning his victorious

NSW jersey is the winner of *Travel Daily's* State of Origin competition Peter Woolley from Travel Associates Balgowlah in Sydney's north, alongside Senior Recruitment Consultant from TMS Talent's Sydney office, Peter Jackson.



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GOING PLACES TOGETHER

Tempo's Spanish reward



DRINKS are on Nicole Fallon from Signature Travel Orange, who received a case of fine Spanish wine after she took out Tempo Holidays' latest Spain incentive.

Fallon is **pictured** getting ready to raise her glass.

Hotel GM named

BODELLE Francis has been appointed as GM of the proposed Adelaide Oval Hotel.

Francis will start 01 Aug and was previously General Manager of the Ibis Adelaide hotel.

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Airbnb work trip

AIRBNB has introduced a "Work Trip" toggle and updated search capabilities in a bid to make the platform easier to use for business travellers.

The Work Trip feature allows guests to search work-friendly places to stay that have received high ratings from other business travellers, including entire homes and boutique hotels.

"Previously, guests were asked if trips were for business travel at checkout, this was primarily to help with expensing by charging to companies directly, however, we saw the importance to place the search at the beginning of the process with guests now being able to customise their search results for business travel," Airbnb for Work APAC Regional Head Alvan Aiau Yong said.

Yong said the company had seen "strong uptake" of business trips booked on the platform across the ANZ region.

HAL appointment

CARNIVAL Corporation brands Holland America Line and Seabourn have appointed Nikki Glading as National Manager of Business Development for Australia.

In the newly created role, Glading will lead the Holland America Line and Seabourn national sales team, as well as major key accounts.

Most recently, Glading was Area Sales and Operations Manager for Flight Centre in Queensland.

AVIS scholarship

AVIS Australia has today opened applications for its 2019 Travel Agent Scholarship program.

The initiative aims to "encourage, recognise and reward outstanding customer service" and offers a prize valued at \$35,000, including professional coaching and profiling for one year from Right Path.

CLICK HERE for details.



Around the World in 8 Days Sale

New fares daily. Sale ends 29 July.

Find out more

South Africa



OTG overland tours

ON THE Go Tours has introduced nine new budget range overland adventures to South America.

The new suite of trips involve travelling aboard large purpose-built trucks equipped for camping, a genre of holiday that the company's Global Head of Industry Sales, Dennis Basham, believes will resonate strongly with the Aussie market.

"Australians have significantly matured as travellers who seek new and authentic travel experiences, and overland tours can offer just that," he said.

Destinations on offer include Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Bolivia.

Additions include the 12-day Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca, which delves into the history and culture of the Incas and the scenery of the Andes, priced from \$1,415pp & the 23-day Patagonia Adventurer, from \$2,905pp.

Carnival Soap Aid

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has announced a new partnership with Soap Aid that will see the cruise line collect discarded soap bars on its ships to recycle and donate to disadvantaged communities across Australia.

The program involves the collection of discarded soap from guest and crew staterooms to be refined and sterilised at a Soap Aid processing facility.

Meals on the ground

FIJI Airways has launched a new luxury dining experience called "Dine on the Ground", offering passengers pre-flight meals at the Fiji Airways Premier Lounge shortly before boarding.

The carrier opted to introduce the service following in-house research which found almost a third (31%) of Aussie passengers regularly skip in-flight meals in favour of some extra shut-eye, resulting in food wastage.

Leading the way in South Africa



THE Leading Hotels of the World recently treated six agents to an eight-night tour of South Africa as part of the company's Leading Famils program.

The group kicked off the adventure in Cape Town, where they were led by host Kirsty McGuire to some of the city's most popular attractions such as the iconic Table Mountain.

The tour included taking in the view from an even higher vantage point, enjoying a helicopter ride before setting down for a lunch at the 12 Apostles Hotel & Spa.

Next stop on the itinerary was a Thanda Safari for a game drive experience, the tour taking in close encounters with the

native wildlife before enjoying a traditional African dinner under the stars.

The penultimate leg of the journey saw the agents visit Johannesburg, where the group enjoyed two days exploring the city's tourist haunts, before the adventure wrapped up with a picturesque sunset cruise on the Douw Steyn Dam - the largest man-made lake in South Africa.

Pictured: Annette Galettis, Travelcall; Sean Jones, Shambala; Sally O'Brien, Mary Rossi Travel; Josephine DeMuth, Bayview Travel; Amelie Coquet, American Express; Kirsty McGuire, LHW; Vicky Gilden, Rose Bay Travel; and Catherine Baillie, Frontier Travel.



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Bench says hakuna matata



THIS week Bench Africa treated a group of Helloworld Travel agents from across the country to a private opening night screening of Disney's remake of *The Lion King*.

Bench Africa hosted events in Sydney, Perth, Brisbane and Melbourne where the agents

experienced the new live action movie in Gold Class comfort with food and drinks.

Attendees enjoyed plenty of popcorn and singing along to the popular songs.

Pictured on Pride Rock at Hoyts Broadway are some of the NSW-based Helloworld agents.

Qantas sale & OOL

QANTAS yesterday launched an "Around the World in 8 Days" sale, covering its domestic and international network.

The sale runs across all cabins from 22 to 29 Jul, with a new destination on offer each day.

Fares are available for select travel periods from Aug to Mar, with the majority available over the summer period.

Today's on-sale destinations are South Africa and South America, with flights to Santiago leading in from \$1,047 return and Johannesburg from \$1,149 return.

MEANWHILE, the airline also announced an up-gauge on flights to and from the Gold Coast this summer from Sydney and Melbourne.

Around 1,100 extra seats per week are available from SYD between Dec and Jan, while around 700 additional seats per week will be provided from MEL between Nov and Mar.

To provide the extra capacity, Qantas will add flights on the Sydney route when necessary, with Boeing 717s being upgraded to 737s on some days.

Likewise, on the Melbourne deployment, two extra flights will be added on Mon and Sat in addition to current daily services.

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Choice APAC exp

CHOICE Hotels Asia-Pac has appointed Bangkok-based business Krest Hospitality as its preferred hotel management company in South East Asia.

Krest will expand the portfolio across the company's Comfort, Quality and Clarion brands.

CMV themed deps

CRUISE & Maritime Voyages (CMV) has launched themed cruises for summer, including two firsts: a Gin Cruise and a one-night in-port Fringe World event.

The offerings will be aboard CMV's newest ship, *Vasco da Gama*, and includes a seven-night Boutique Gin and Culinary Cruise from Adelaide to Fremantle departing 06 Jan.

The ship will also play host to Fringe performances on 01 Feb during the Fringe World Festival in Perth which runs 17 Jan-16 Feb.

Also new is a five-night Military History Cruise departing from Sydney on 01 Dec and cruising to Adelaide.

"This season we are eager to welcome gin lovers, foodies, history buffs and arts fiends," said Dean Brazier, Managing Director of CMV Australia.

APAC Rev summit

OVER 250 delegates are expected to attend next month's annual APAC Revenue Management Summit.

To be held at Rydges Melbourne from 14-15 Aug, the event is designed to provide delegates with practical revenue management skills.

The event is in its fourth year and is set to offer revenue management insights and perspectives from a range of industries including accommodation, cinema and television.

For more details, [CLICK HERE](#).

Airnorth treats agents to NT



AIRNORTH played host to 10 travel agents from the Gold Coast and Townsville between 26-20 Jun to showcase the natural beauty and culture of the Northern Territory.

Agents boarded an Airnorth Embraer 170, 76-seat jet aircraft which departed Gold Coast Airport bound for Townsville for a quick 30-minute stopover before continuing on to Darwin.

Across the three days, the participants enjoyed a Chartair scenic tour of Darwin, a trip to

Crocasaurs Cove, a stop in the NT Museum, lunch at Mindil Beach Casino, Mindil Beach markets and a sunset cruise.

Pictured taking a dip at Berry Spring Nature Park are: Ange Esdaile, Fishgo; Billy Godfrey, STA Travel; Shannon Nielson, FCTB; Christina McKinley, The Punch Group; Annwen Rowe, Townsville Business & Leisure Travel; Monique Mendel, Travel Associates; Ellysha Mills, Travel Masters; and Kelly Millard, Retail Flight Centre.

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Winner wild about Turkey



GRANIA Fingleton from Savenio has scored a spot on an exclusive fam to Turkey after winning a combined Travellers Choice and Emirates incentive for Apr & May.

She earned her prize by booking the most business on Emirates flights during the period.

The eight-day Turkey Beauty educational will be hosted by Eastern Eurotours and will run from 21 to 28 Oct 2019.

Pictured: Jack Brandon, Savenio; winner Grania Fingleton, Savenio; Kim Tomlinson, Travellers Choice;

and Shiran Ranatunga, Emirates.

San Juan cut again

TWO more cruise ships have cancelled stops in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in the wake of more planned protests against the Caribbean Island's Governor Ricardo Rossello (**TD** 18 Jul 2019).

Royal Caribbean International and MSC Cruises have both decided to divert their ships to other destinations until security concerns are allayed.

Operations Assistant

This position would suit a self-motivated, enthusiastic and highly organised individual with a strong passion for detail and computer skills. Accuracy is key in this role. The ideal candidate would have strong communication skills both written and verbal and be able to effectively work across several departments.

This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience working for one of Australia's leading luxury tour brands.

The role is a 6 month full time contract with the possibility for an extension should it be required. Ideally this would suit someone who has worked in a junior role in the travel industry and is looking to broaden their experience. Based in Banksmeadow with 9am – 5pm Mon – Fri office hours. Applications should be sent via email only to info@billpeachjourneys.com.au.



BESydney seeks immunity

BUSINESS Events Sydney (BESydney) has lodged a formal application with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), with the aim of facilitating cooperation between its member hotels when supplying accommodation to delegates of int'l business events.

BESydney is an independent, member-based group which works to secure conferences and meetings for Sydney and NSW, and supplies event tendering and organising services.

The ACCC application relates to a new initiative which aims to improve the competitiveness of NSW as a destination for international business events, under which hotel members agree to provide a common set of terms to delegates.

The proposal only relates to events of more than 2,000 delegates where organisers will need to use multiple hotels, creating a significant administrative burden.

"A key objective of the Hotel Agreement is to reduce this burden and make Sydney a more convenient location for event organisers," BESydney said.

The specific terms relate to cancellation policies, concessions for event organisers that book a

certain number of hotel rooms, a lowest advertised rate guarantee and holding room block quotations for a set period after bid submissions and acceptance, to allow clients to make bookings.

BESydney said accommodation costs were the largest expense for both international and interstate event delegates.

"The applicant has identified that key factors which determine how attractive a particular city is for international business events include the availability, cost and logistics of arranging accommodation services."

The submission also notes a Business Events Council of Australia report which identified accommodation as a key impediment to the success of Australian business events.

Other cities such as Vienna, Austria, have a city-wide congress agreement in place with accommodation providers.

BESydney is seeking to implement a similar arrangement and is seeking a 20-year authorisation to allow for the long pipeline sometimes required to secure an event.

The ACCC has flagged a draft determination next month followed by a public consultation period, with a final ruling in Sep.

Qld plots 2032 bid

QUEENSLAND is looking at the possibility of hosting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, with the State Government this morning announcing a study into the cost to taxpayers of staging the event.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said the \$20 million research project would be jointly funded alongside the Commonwealth, with a "cross-government taskforce" considering venues, transport infrastructure and economic viability.

She said a decision on progressing to the next stage would be made in early 2020.

Urban Rest growth

SYDNEY-BASED corporate accommodation specialist Urban Rest Apartments has flagged international expansion, with plans to add options in New Zealand in the coming months.

Urban Rest was founded in 2017 by David Whelan with the aim of changing the corporate accom sector by providing "larger and more comfortable spaces for business travellers".

Services offered include a 24/7 concierge, on-demand food delivery and in-room spa treatments, with current long-stay clientele including McKinsey & Co and Boston Consulting.



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LAST Sat's National Travel Industry Awards win by Travellers Choice in the "Best Agency Group" category was particularly poignant, coming just a few weeks after the untimely death of the group's former MD, Gary Allomes (**TD** 19 Jun).

Travellers Choice CEO Christian Hunter dedicated the victory to his predecessor, saying "Gary was passionate about the independent sector, which is clearly alive and well".

He said from a small group of just six specialist agencies in the 1970s, Travellers Choice now comprised "150 of the most passionate and inspirational travel businesses you could ever meet," with some of the group's members pictured **above right** celebrating the big moment.

Magellan Travel GM Andrew Macfarlane, pictured right with

NTIA 2019 winners celebrate



sponsor Jum Mu from Star Alliance/Air China was also thrilled at the group's accolade as Best Non-Branded Agency Group.

"For us to be recognised with the award this year is very special because we've had a period of change over the last 18 months.

"We know that we will continue to go from strength to strength and we feel that this is further validation of that," he said.



ENTIRE Travel Group celebrates winning Best Specialty Wholesaler.

TRAMADA'S Susan Enners with the company's trophy for Best Travel Agency Technology Innovation alongside colleague Chris Powell and sponsor Mike Stein from Cover-More.



HELLOWORLD'S Julie Primmer hands over the Best River Cruise Operator award to Deb Fox and Chris Hall of APT.



PRINCESS Cruises - Oh What A Feeling, Best International Cruise Line.



THE Travel Authority - Best Corporate Agency Multi Location.

Adv Canada deal

ADVENTURE Canada is offering savings on nine expedition cruises to the Arctic and Newfoundland.

The 18-night expedition through the Northwest Passage between Canada and Greenland in 2020 represents the largest saving, with a junior suite available from US\$22,750ppts, a discount of US\$7,080 for couples.

Sailing on 21 Aug and 06 Sep 2020, this deal will be on offer until 31 Oct, and is subject to availability.

Kempinski DMA

EUROPEAN hotelier Kempinski Hotels is expanding its presence in the Americas, with its newest luxury property scheduled to debut on the Caribbean island of Dominica.

Set to open on 14 Oct, Cabrits Resort & Spa Kempinski will be Dominica's first five-star resort.

Featuring 151 guestrooms and suites, guests will enjoy modern conveniences, including flat screen televisions, complimentary wi-fi, in-room espresso machines and luxurious bath amenities.

MONEY

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

AU\$1 = US0.703

THE Australian Dollar has risen back above 70 US cents, with speculation increasing stateside of a 0.5% rate cut later this month.

The continued rise of the Aussie over recent weeks has some local bank officials predicting a potential push for the Australian dollar towards 71 US cents next week, suggesting those looking to buy American dollars need not rush right now.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.703
UK	£0.564
NZ	\$1.041
Euro	€0.628
Japan	¥75.88
Thailand	฿21.69
China	¥4.839
South Africa	9.748
Canada	\$0.923
Crude oil	US\$62.47

Emirates Skywards

EMIRATES' loyalty program Skywards will now offer Australian travellers the ability to earn miles on purchases across The Bicester Village Shopping Collection.

Miles can be redeemed for flights on Emirates, flydubai or other partners, or used across a range of retail & lifestyle rewards.

Members will earn one Skywards mile for every EUR, GBP or 10 RMB spent at any of the The Villages.

Milan Linate closure

ITALY'S Milan Linate Airport will stop operations for runway maintenance work from 27 Jul to 27 Oct.

Refurbishment projects will include redesigning the terminal facade and reconstructing baggage claim and arrival areas.

Impacted flights will be moved to the neighbouring Malpensa Airport and Orio al Serio International Airport.

WIN A TRIP TO morocco

This month Gate 1 Travel is joining Travel Daily to give agents the chance to win a trip to Morocco for two. The 11-night Kaleidoscope of Morocco trip takes in ancient wonders such as the UNESCO-listed Roman ruins of Volubilis, the ancient desert city of Ait Benhaddou, the imperial city of Fez and the bustling medina of Marrakesh. Click here for more trip details.

To win you need to correctly answer one question each week in July, and at the end of the month tell us in 25 words or less why you should be the person to win this prize. Send your answers to gate1@traveldaily.com.au.

Q4 - What is a kasbah?

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Nitmiluk upgrades

NITMILUK National Park's upgraded visitor centre has opened as part of the Northern Territory Government's \$10 million investment into tourism infrastructure at Nitmiluk Gorge.

The upgrades include a new kitchen and fresh bathroom facilities, with planned further works to include visitor orientation information and a Welcome to Country experience.

Radisson supports

RADISSON Hotel Group (RHG) has raised USD\$480,000 to provide support for SOS Children's Villages and local communities.

For the 16th consecutive year, RHG's annual Community Action Month saw a number activities carried out to support global communities.

Raffles repairs

SIR Stamford Raffles' statue at Raffles Landing Site in Singapore will undergo repairs from today to 26 Jul.

Scaffolding will be placed around the statue to facilitate the works, so it will not be available for photo opportunities.

Swiss-Bel Serpong

SWISS-BELHOTEL International has unveiled a new upscale hotel in Serpong, 21 kilometres southwest of Jakarta, Indonesia.

Swiss-Belhotel Serpong officially opened on 16 Jul and features 107 contemporary rooms and suites equipped with amenities for business travellers, including wi-fi, international power sockets and laptop-sized safes.

The property also has six flexible function spaces.

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