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## Int'l Rail accom division

### AUSTRALIAN-OWNED

International Rail has announced the launch of an accommodation division of its "new one-stop-shop travel agent portal" (**TD** 19 Nov) called International Hotel.

The new live product offers more than 500,000 hotels, apartments and resorts with instant bookings, and is powered by French-based accommodation provider MisterRoom, which has aggregated many global reservations systems including

Booking.com and Expedia into one secure trade-only solution.

Major benefits include access to unique apartment-style accommodation and the ability for agents to hold bookings at a fixed price until 72 hours prior to the confirmation deadlines.

International Rail Managing Director Jonathan Hume said it made sense for the company to add accommodation alongside its existing core products.

"Our new one-stop-shop travel agent portal offers a practical way of bringing all three booking systems together via a secure partner with the strong local support agents," Hume said.

To celebrate the launch, International Rail is offering agents a \$100 Dan Murphy's voucher for those who make one booking on each of the three booking sites by 31 Mar.

For further info and access to the new product, **CLICK HERE**.

## Tauck webinar

**JOIN** Tauck cruising specialist Mary Murin in a webinar to learn about new products being offered by the company in 2020.

Information includes new cruises on the Douro river and new Christmas market cruises. See **page 11** for more info.

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*Travel Daily* today has nine pages of news and photos, a front cover wrap for **Inspiring Vacations**, a famil in focus from **Delta Air Lines**, plus full pages from:

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- Tauck
- Entire Travel
- Mumbrella

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## Industry mourns David Ellis

THE travel industry is today mourning the death of veteran public relations consultant David Ellis, who passed away in his sleep at his Southern Highlands home on Fri at the age of 79.

The former journalist began a 20-year career at the ABC in 1959 as a reporter and correspondent in Papua New Guinea, before launching his business David Ellis Associates in 1979, where he established many close friends with travel industry members.

Clients represented under Ellis' brand included Tahiti Tourism Board, Anaheim Visitors Bureau, Finnair, Berlin Convention Centre, Vanuatu Tourism, as well as a variety of Australian agencies.

Ellis continued to represent

his clients until 2012, when he made the decision to move back into the freelance travel writing space, writing for a number of newspapers and magazines across Australia.

Ellis leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Gwenda, son Steven, and daughter Kimberley, as well as eight grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly, but are expected to be on 14 Mar at South Chapel, Woronora Cemetery Crematorium, Sutherland.

## Scenic \$100 reward

SCENIC has launched a new agent incentive offering \$100 worth of Scenic Rewards points on bookings made from the Scenic and Evergreen 2019/2020 Europe River Cruise products.

To access the incentive, agents must book and deposit any of the eligible Scenic/Evergreen Europe cruises before 30 Apr, with the bonus points added to their rewards account.

To make a booking, [CLICK HERE](#).

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## Win a Swiss famil

TO CELEBRATE the launch of its new Switzerland Travel Connection brochure, Entire Travel Group is giving agents the chance to win one of eight spots on a Swiss famil.

For more information on how to go in the draw, see [page 12](#) of today's *Travel Daily*.

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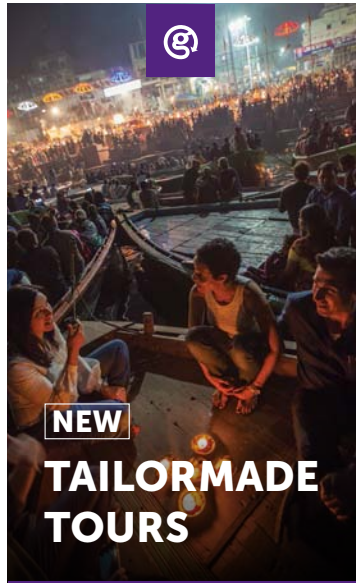


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## Mumbrella discount

**TRAVEL** Daily readers will receive a special discount of \$150 off the price of their ticket for the Mumbrella Travel Marketing Summit when they use the code TDTRAVEL19.

Check out more details for the event on [page 13](#).



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## Accor acquires Tribe

**ACCOR** has acquired Australian hotel brand, Tribe, with plans to expand the brand from one to 150 destinations by 2030.

Accor said the lifestyle hotel brand will sit in the midscale segment and target an int'l clientele of regular travellers and appeal to guests seeking a "high-quality hotel experience at an affordable price".

Tribe currently consists of one address with 126 rooms at Kings Park, Perth, with 10 other openings scheduled to take place

by 2022 in Europe & Asia Pacific, totalling over 1,700 rooms.

The brand was founded by Melbourne-based hotel developers Mark and Melissa Peters, and was realised alongside founding partners Salta Properties & Victor Smorgon Group.

Under a strategic partnership, the Tribe founding partners will continue to play a role in the future development of the brand, working alongside the Accor team.

Accor Chief Development Officer Gaurav Bhushan said "The pipeline of over 50 hotels currently being negotiated for the coming years leads us to believe that the Tribe brand will achieve significant growth all over the world including in gateway locations such as Paris, London, Singapore, Dubai, Bangkok".

Tribe Glasgow UK, will be the first 290-room Tribe hotel in Europe, set to open mid this year.

## Goldwoman group

**THIS** International Women's Day, Australia's travel advisory group, the Goldman Group will celebrate all of its leading women by temporarily rebranding to the 'Goldwoman Group'.

On Fri Goldman Group offices around the country will also display a Goldwoman Group logo in a move to honour all influential women in the company and travel industry.

"We celebrate the women of Goldman Group for their invaluable contribution to the company and wider travel industry," said David and Anthony Goldman, joint Managing Directors of the Goldman Group.

The company's Executive Chairman Tom Goldman also added, "On International Women's Day, we want to take it one step further for the women who make up 85% of our team".

## DriveAway prizes

**DRIVEAWAY**, together with Air France, Atout France and Peugeot Open Europe is giving one Aussie travel agent an all-expenses paid trip to Paris for two.

Prizes include two flights to Paris, seven nights accom, \$1,000 spending money and tickets to the *Moulin Rouge* and *Bateaux Mouches* experiences.

To win, travel agents have to make a Peugeot Open Europe booking from today until 30 Jun - for collections in 2019.

## Window Seat

**GRABBING** a photo of the endangered giant panda in China would be high on the bucket list for many travellers, but what about a sighting in the wilds of...Wisconsin?

A man's attempt to play a prank on his neighbours by dressing up as a Panda went horribly wrong after a squadron of police cars were called to subdue him.

The caller told police she thought it was suspicious to see a panda in her street because they are not native to the Badger State.

"I knew that my neighbours had a security camera set up and I thought, well...I'm going to dress up in the panda outfit," the man told reporters.

Talk about causing "panda-monium" in the streets!



## Virgin makeup

**VIRGIN** Atlantic has made changes to its grooming policies, with female flight attendants no longer required to wear makeup.

Trousers were always available upon special request, but will now be provided as a uniform option from Jul, according to *Business Insider*.

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## travelBulletin Mar out

THE latest issue of *travelBulletin* is now available to read, featuring an in-depth look at the new Qantas Channel and what it means for Qantas, agents, consumers and GDS providers.

Qantas Channel is set to transform the way that airlines and agents interact, so make sure you take a read and see what the future of fares is.

The Mar issue of *travelBulletin* also includes destination features on Thailand, Europe, Africa and the emerging sector of private touring.

Readers can discover the range of coffee options at sea as we compare the brews of a number of different cruise lines.

Of course it wouldn't be an issue of *travelBulletin* without our insightful analysis of the



latest news.

**CLICK HERE** to take a look at the online version of the magazine.

If readers want to receive their own print copy of *travelBulletin*, they can sign up for just \$55 a year at [travelbulletin.com.au](http://travelbulletin.com.au).

## Agents all smiles in Thailand



**THAI Airways** in partnership with Peregrine and itravel recently escorted agents on a trip to Thailand.

During their trip to the popular southeast Asian destination, the group was taken on an adventure cruise from Penang to Krabi on board *Panorama* and hosted by Peregrine's Brett Harvey and Thai

Airways' Angela Tanis.

The fam il trip included complimentary flights on board Thai Airways and the carrier's regional service Thai Smile.

**Pictured** enjoying Thailand's Koh Rok Nai island are: Jade Gaul, Callum Whitehead, Nina Moussalli, Tegan Worboys, Angela Tsanidis and Brett Harvey.

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## AFTA Vodafone

**THE** Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA) has announced a new partnership with Vodafone Business Centre Port Melbourne which will see AFTA members gain access to a range of privileges.

Member benefits include a first look at market offers and access to a dedicated account manager.

"AFTA is constantly innovating and forging new partnerships with businesses who recognise the value travel agents play in the travel supply chain," said AFTA CEO Jayson Westbury.

## Measles on QF

**PAX** on board a recent Qantas flight from Bali to Sydney are being urged to be on the lookout for measles symptoms after a woman and baby on the flight were diagnosed with the disease.

Qantas QF44 arrived in Sydney at 6.30am on Thu 21 Feb.

## W Syd Nancy-Bird

**SYDNEY'S** upcoming second airport has been named the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport in honour of the aviation pioneer.

"Western Sydney International is a once-in-a-generation project that promises a new era of jobs and opportunities for the millions of people who call the region home," said Western Sydney Airport Chief Executive Officer Graham Millett.

"I think it is a fitting recognition of a trailblazing aviator and one of Australia's great pioneers, Nancy-Bird Walton," he added.

Western Sydney International will be approximately the same size of Gold Coast Airport when it opens in 2026, with a second runway expected to be required in the 2050s as the hub grows aviation traffic.

Construction on the airport's visitor centre is now underway, due for completion later this year.

## Cunard winter 20/21

**LUXURY** cruise brand Cunard has unveiled further details of its winter 2020/2021 program.

The season will feature calls at 94 destinations in 38 different countries, including three maiden calls to Hualien in Taiwan, Japan's Miyakojima, and New Plymouth, New Zealand.

Departing between Nov 2020 to May 2021, trips range from two-night breaks to a 108-night world voyage and will again include *Queen Mary 2's* East-West Voyage to Australia and Asia which will sail via South Africa.

*Queen Victoria's* world cruise will feature an Aussie leg which will see the vessel cross the Pacific via New Zealand before arriving in Australia to visit Sydney, the Gold Coast and Great Barrier Reef.

She will also operate four roundtrips from Melb and four from Syd - sales open 12 Mar.

## Tripfuser incentive

**TRAVEL** marketplace Tripfuser has announced its first sales incentive which offers \$100 Visa gift cards for every booking made over \$1,000 by 31 Mar.

The platform has placed no limits on how many gift cards an agent can receive.

To get started, agents must sign up and register at Tripfuser by **CLICKING HERE**.

## Int'l pax numbers up

**INTERNATIONAL** passenger traffic for Australia in Dec 2018 was recorded at 3.95 million, a 3.1% increase on the previous corresponding period, according to stats released by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE).

Qantas Airways notched up the largest market share for the period with 16.8%, followed by Jetstar (8.2%), Emirates (7.9%), and Singapore Airlines (7.7%).

## Travelpport push

**TRAVELPORT** has kicked off a new global campaign to encourage more support for airline passengers with intellectual disabilities.

The primary objective of the awareness push will be to improve awareness and use of the DPNA Special Service Request (SSR) code, which can be used by agents to alert airlines when a pax has an intellectual or developmental disability and needs assistance.

The campaign will be displayed over 3.5m times to agents and be allied to the Special Olympics World Summer Games in 2019.

"Travel can be a particularly challenging time for people who require special assistance, so once we discovered such low use of the DPNA SSR code, we decided to take action," said Travelpport CEO Gordon Wilson.



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- Minimum 3 years BDM or travel industry experience, with good understanding of WA trade and established industry relationships
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- A highly dedicated & motivated individual with excellent presentation
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If you are an experienced, enthusiastic BDM/Multi-Rep looking for that next step in your career representing two distinguished wholesalers, DriveAway and Entire Travel, apply now!

Please forward a cover letter and resume to Michelle Carpio at [HRSydney@driveaway.com.au](mailto:HRSydney@driveaway.com.au) by Friday 15 March 2019.



## Gate 1 Egypt return

**GATE 1** Travel is returning to Egypt with the launch of its new 12-day Classic Egypt.

The itinerary includes a visit to the Temples of Karnak, the Temple of Edfu, Pyramids of Giza, and the Temple of Philae located on an island in Aswan Dam.

The new tour includes first-class star accommodation, return airport transfers when you book a flight-inclusive package, and a seven-day cruise on the Nile.



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## Golden's new wi-fi

**PRINCESS** Cruises has confirmed its MedallionNet wi-fi will be available on *Golden Princess* from 20 Dec during the line's 2019/20 summer season.

The line said MedallionNet will see Melb guests access internet at speed equal, or faster than what they experience on land.

## Silversea upgrade

**SILVERSEA** Cruises has enhanced its in-suite television offering, with guests now able to watch the National Geographic and Sport 24 channels.

"As part of our ongoing Project Invictus product upgrade initiative, we are delighted to enhance the in-suite experience for our guests with a broader range of television channels, delivering high-quality entertainment programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Barbara Muckermann, Silversea Cruises' CMO.

## SA Sightseeing Pass

**ONLINE** booking engine Sightseeing Pass has kicked off its national expansion with a move into South Australia.

The company will offer packages of South Australia's popular tourist experiences, along with surprise attractions.

Sightseeing Pass Australia Director Lisa D'Souza said the priority was to showcase South Australia's tours and attractions.

"By offering three of the best experiences along with a choice of matched hotels, customers can simply package the best sightseeing in one instant booking."

## Cunard Women's Day



**CUNARD** celebrated the role of women in the maritime sector ahead of International Women's Day this Fri, with a special event on board *Queen Victoria*.

Last weekend Cunard and Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd invited 120 guests, predominantly women from across the Port of Brisbane precinct as well as others working in the industry, for a special ship tour and morning tea to celebrate the valuable contribution of women in the sector.

Ann Sherry AO, Carnival Australia Chairman, and Jerry Maycock, Port of Brisbane Chairman, hosted Queensland Premier, Anastacia Palaszczuk MP on board *Queen Victoria* in Brisbane.

**Pictured** are: Roy Cummins, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Brisbane; Joan Pease MP, Member for Lytton; Anastacia

Palaszczuk MP, Queensland Premier; Ann Sherry AO, Carnival Australia Chairman and Jerry Maycock, Chairman Port of Brisbane.

## Sth African Biz fare

**SOUTH** African Airways has re-introduced a Senior Business class airfare until 31 Aug.

The fare is available on outbound and inbound flights on Sun-Thu until 31 Mar; 01 May to 30 Sep; and 03 Nov to 28 Nov 2019 and is applicable to Australian passengers aged 65+ at the time of outbound travel.

For more info contact SAA Reservations on 1300 435 972.

## SIGN UP FOR 2019 FOOTY TIPPING

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## Insignia's new look



**OCEANIA** Cruises' *Insignia* debuted the results of the OceaniaNEXT refurbishment program to trade partners and media in Sydney yesterday.

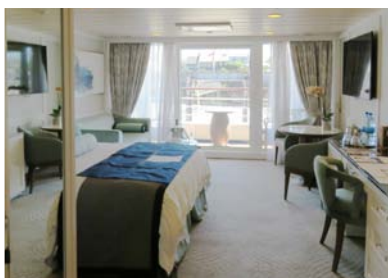
The transformation is part of a US\$100 million fleet-wide investment including the enhancement of all four R-class vessels by Jun 2020.

*Insignia* was the first to undergo the updates, emerging from drydock in Dec last year before heading to local waters on her 180-day Around the World cruise.

The "better-than-new" refurbishment has seen updates to all staterooms and suites, restaurants, lounges and bars and public spaces.

The transformation is designed to maintain the feel of Oceania ships that passengers love, while also providing a more contemporary look, said Steve McLaughlin, Vice President, Sales Australian & New Zealand.

Steve Odell, Senior Vice President and Managing Director Asia Pacific of Norwegian Cruise Lines Holdings (NCLH) said "the input of our valued past



guests and travel partners has played an intrinsic part in the initiatives conceived as part of OceaniaNEXT".

Pictured inset is the new Penthouse Suite, which along with all staterooms, features USB charging points next to the bed.

Odell also praised the efforts of trade partners in making Australia the number two source market for the cruise line.

He attributed the success of the brand to the alignment of the Oceania experience to Australian culture, particularly the casual atmosphere of the ships and the focus on quality food and wine.

Pictured at the event are: Steve Odell, NCLH with Isis Ruiz, Senior Vice President, International Marketing & PR NCLH and Ben Angell, Vice President Marketing Asia Pacific, NCLH.

## AFTA UPDATE

from Jayson Westbury



**THE** travel and tourism industry are very closely aligned in so many ways.

While those that work in the travel industry are very different to those who work in the tourism industry, together we are a force for good and a strong voice in the Australian economy.

Much of my own career has been in the tourism industry and I am always so excited and delighted to see the winners of the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards announced.

Over this past weekend (02 Mar) the Australian Tourism Industry came together in Launceston, Tasmania, to celebrate the successes of the tourism industry and award these nationally acclaimed industry awards.

If you are yet to see the list of winners, **CLICK HERE**.

It's a long list of quality Australian Tourism owners and operators.

The Qantas Australian Tourism Awards are held each year and hosted by the Australian Tourism Awards Incorporated which is the national grouping of all of the state tourism industry associations.

This year, a great Australian Tourism family was inducted as legends and I am sure the entire industry will be celebrating with them on this achievement.

The Irwin family has continued to support the local tourism industry with the ongoing operation of Australia Zoo, as well as promoting and advocating the protection of the environment

more broadly, amongst many other things.

It is true entrepreneurial Australians like the Irwin family that continue to make Australia a world-leading tourism destination but also provide a voice on the things that ensure a strong industry into the future.

On behalf of the members of AFTA, I extend a heartfelt congratulations to all the finalists and winners of the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards.

And while the tourism awards are important and very worthy of noting, so too is this coming Fri, which marks International Woman's Day (08 Mar).

This year the theme for the day is #balanceforbetter and for many of the travel industry it will be marked as a very important day to advance the theme of balance and to support female participation and advancement in any and every way we can - not only as an industry, but more broadly as a nation.

You can get much more detail about this important day by **CLICKING HERE**.

More and more, diversity, equality, gender balance and acceptance are words being incorporated into business plans, vision statements, culture and sentiment across the Australian economy and for that matter, across the world.

This Fri is the start of a year-long campaign that in fact never stops, to open people's minds to the opportunities that everyone can enjoy together.

I wish both the women and men of the travel industry an inclusive International Woman's Day 2019.

### On the Go Baltics

**IN RESPONSE** to growing demand for 'off-the-beaten-track' destinations, On the Go Tours has launched trips to the Baltics.

Departing from Mar 2019, the four new trips visit Latvia, Estonia, Poland and Lithuania.

### Oman, Turkish deal

**OMAN** Air (WY) and Turkish Airlines (TK) announced an extended codeshare agreement.

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## Winner off to NZ

**AGENTS** from Seymour Travel in Victoria will be heading across the ditch thanks to Grand Pacific Tours (GPT).

The travel agency was declared the winner of GPT's recent competition in which agents were invited to post a picture of their shelves stocked with the new 2019/20 Grand Pacific Tours Coach Holidays brochure.

Seymour Travel won a GPT eight-day New Zealand Taste of the North Island Tour for two.

## TUI Blue reshuffle

**TUI** Group has announced plans to expand its TUI Blue hotel brand to become the world's largest leisure hotel brand within the next few years.

TUI Sensimar and TUI Family Life hotel brands will merge into the existing TUI Blue brand from the 2020 European summer.

The merger will take TUI Blue from 10 to 100 hotels.

## Trip.com & Rezdy

**ONLINE** travel agency part of Ctrip Group, Trip.com, has announced a new partnership with Australian booking and distribution platform Rezdy.

The agreement will allow Chinese travellers booking through Trip.com access to Rezdy's 80,000 travel products in over 100 countries worldwide.

Rezdy will also gain brand awareness and raise its profile in China and Asia.

The two companies said the agreement was a "win-win".

## Traveloka in Aus

**INDONESIAN** technology company Traveloka has officially launched in Australia.

The platform allows Australians to book flights, accommodation, packages, transfers, activities and attractions online, with a focus on Indonesia.

Traveloka is accessible through its website and a mobile app.

## FAMIL IN FOCUS

**FAMIL** in Focus is our feature showcasing some of the photos from recent industry famils. If you want your famil to be featured, email [advertising@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:advertising@traveldaily.com.au).



**DELTA** Air Lines along with Memphis Tourism, Visit Mississippi and New Orleans & Company hosted seven top sellers from Mobile Travel Agents (MTA) for a week-long experience of the deep south of USA as part of a "Blues Trail".

The group's itinerary included Elvis Presley's Graceland, Stax Museum of American Soul Music in Memphis, Grammy Museum in Cleveland and the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in Indianola.

Along with well known Beale St, Memphis and Bourbon St, New Orleans, the group discovered the historic towns steeped in civil rights history with stately plantation homes, bayous and of course the southern cuisine and hospitality.

The group is **pictured** above in front of the gates of Graceland.



**LEFT:** The group at the Rock 'n' Soul Museum in Memphis: Chris Ingram, Memphis Tourism Director NZ/AU;

Kevin Brewer, Memphis Tourism Officer; Di Cox, MTA; Alba Aradillos, Delta Air Lines National Account Manager; Susan Barton, MTA; Tatiana Parry, MTA; Stacey Harding, MTA; Julie Hatz, MTA; Joe Pezzano, MTA; and Fiona Snell, MTA.

**RIGHT:** Enjoying a meal with Maria Manzella - New Orleans & Co Tourism Director.



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## Carnival kids deal

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line has launched a "Kids Sail Free" offer, available on select *Carnival Spirit* itineraries between 23 May and 03 Nov 2019.

The promotion includes a four-night Moreton Island cruise, an 11-night New Caledonia and Vanuatu sailing, a three-night Weekend Sampler, an eight-night Great Barrier Reef experience, and more.

The promo is available to book until 21 Mar, more info [HERE](#).

## MONEY

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

**AU\$1 = US\$0.708**

**A BUSY** upcoming economic calendar could see the Australian dollar experience some minor turbulence this week, after it rose modestly against major global currencies in the last few days. Reports suggest it is "unlikely" that Aussie interest rates will change, however all eyes will be on the RBA's announcement on the outlook of Australian economic growth later today.

*Wholesale rates this morning.*

US	\$0.708
UK	£0.537
NZ	\$1.038
Euro	€0.625
Japan	¥79.19
Thailand	฿22.59
China	¥4.753
South Africa	10.079
Canada	\$0.943
Crude oil	US\$55.80

## Disney's Star Wars

**STAR** Wars fans are gearing up for the official opening of Galaxy's Edge, a "large and ambitious" theme park that is scheduled to open its doors at California's Disneyland in the northern summer, & Florida's Walt Disney World in the northern autumn.

Each theme park will feature two interactive rides that "combine and propel the tech mastery of Lucasfilm and Disney into hyperspace", along with a number of other yet-to-be-revealed attractions.

## Murray Christmas

**CAPTAIN** Cook Cruises has revealed a series of three-, four-, and seven-night Christmas in Jul itineraries for sailings on board *PS Murray Princess*.

Each voyage visits a range of historic ports, plus the chance to learn about Aboriginal history.

A traditional Christmas lunch or dinner is also included.

Guests can save 15% on bookings made more than 30 days in advance, [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## Celestyal additions

**GREEK** cruise operator Celestyal Cruises has extended its season with the addition of two new 2019/2020 Med itineraries.

The seven-night Eclectic Aegean journey will sail six departures from 21 Oct to 25 Nov.

Also new, the seven-night Three Continents journey will offer five trips in Dec.

For more information on the additions, [CLICK HERE](#).



## JINGLE YOUR WAY TO LA

Delta Air Lines has partnered with *Travel Daily* to give agents the chance to win flights from Sydney to LAX in Delta's Premium Select cabin.

Delta launches the refurbished B777 in April on the daily Sydney–Los Angeles route. Help them sell the new Delta One and Delta Premium Select cabins – and you could win return tickets to LA!

To enter, come up with a jingle (max 200 words) about the new cabins and the Delta experience. You must include the following words; 'suite', 'daily', 'bed' and 'WiFi'.

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## Click Frenzy stats

**ONLINE** travel operator Click Frenzy hosted its latest event on 26 Feb, with the results revealing a range of booking trends and destinations for Aussie travellers.

The top six deals booked during the event based on clicks included Virgin Australia's "up to 45% off selected domestic and international flights", while TravelOnline's "Over 50% off Fiji, Bali, and Thailand resorts" deal came in second.

Air NZ's "Up to \$200 off return air fares to NZ" was also a popular choice for shoppers.

Top destinations booked by users included Bali, followed by Hawaii, Japan, Fiji and the Maldives and the top five categories booked during the sale were packages, flights, accommodation, destinations and cruises.

## Anantara Mauritius

**ANANTARA** Hotels, Resorts & Spas is set to open a new property on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius in the last quarter of 2019.

The 164-room resort will be located 15-minutes from the airport and close to the Blue Bay Marine Park, and will offer guests multiple dining options, a 30 metre swimming pool and signature Anantara Spa.

## More trees for Qld

**SAILAWAY** Port Douglas and local animal experience Wildlife Habitat have joined forces to plant 250 Eucalyptus trees that "meet the unique dietary requirements" of the resident koalas at the wildlife park.

The planting aims to "advance eco-tourism" in the region.

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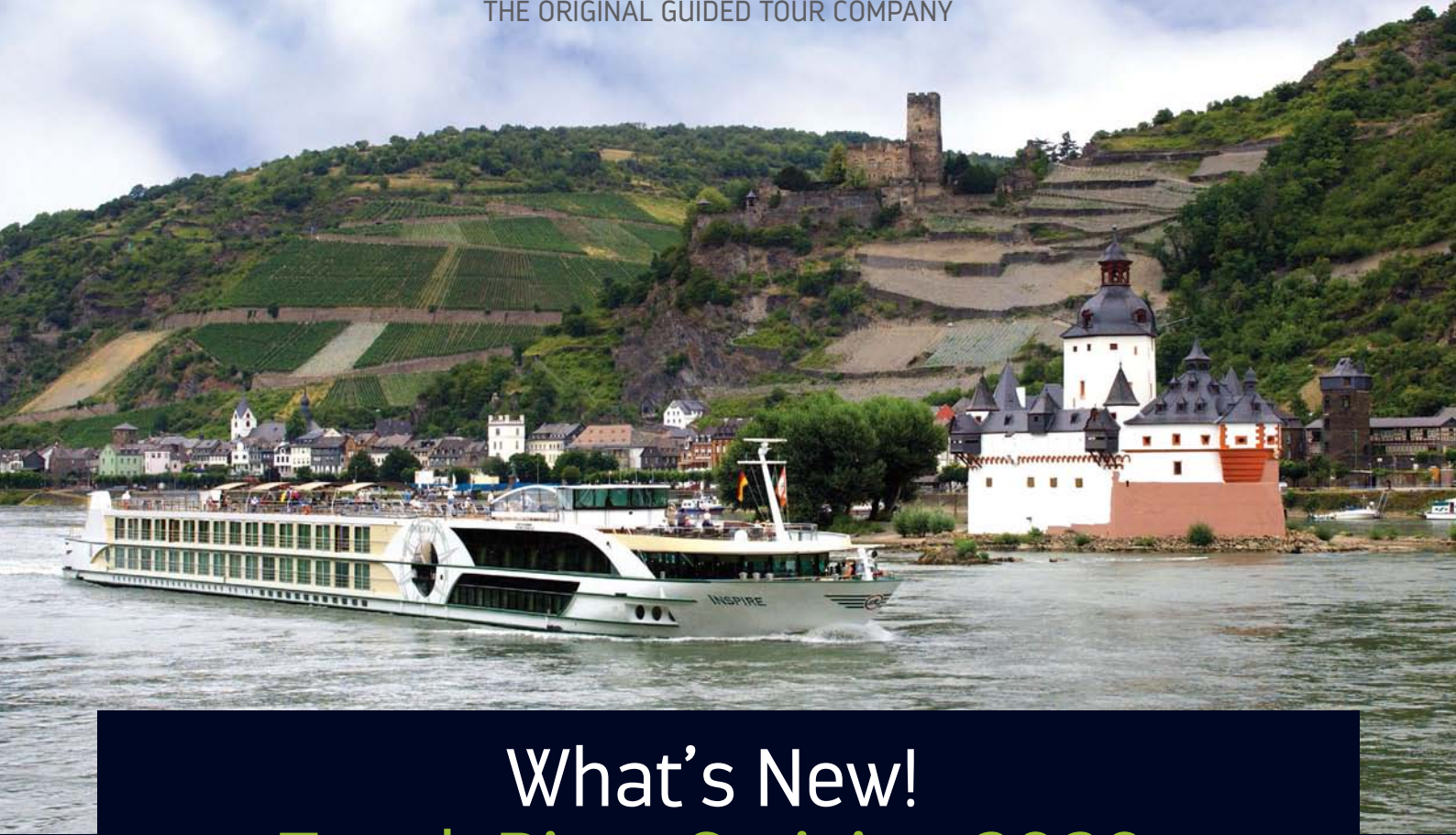
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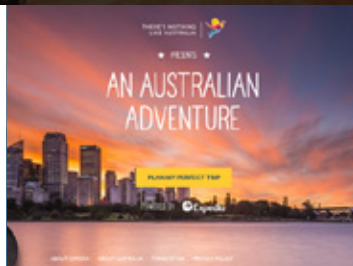
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