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KiwiRail seeks res

NZ TRAIN operator KiwiRail is seeking expressions of interest for the supply of a new reservation system for its scenic rail services.

The government-owned business is planning to boost its tourism focus with the addition of premium carriages on Coastal Pacific and TransAlpine services.

Tauk about a deal!

TAUCK is offering up to \$1,000 off client airfares to Ireland, as part of a promotion coinciding with last weekend's St Patrick's Day celebrations - more information on **page 11**.

QR A350-1000s for SYD

QATAR Airways has reaffirmed its commitment to the Australian market, overnight confirming plans to deploy its brand new A350-1000 aircraft on its flights to Sydney and Canberra.

The daily A350 operation will replace the current 777 service on the route effective from 27 Oct 2019, complementing QR's also daily A380 services between Sydney and Doha.

The new aircraft features Qatar Airways' patented Qsuite Business class seat, which will also be deployed on QR services to Adelaide from 16 Aug.

QR Senior Manager for Australasia, Adam Radwanski, said the A350-1000 was "our newest and most advanced aircraft, and we are confident that the product we are bringing to these markets will take the customer experience to new heights".

Qatar Airways was the global launch customer for the A350-1000, while the Qsuite product features what is claimed to be "the industry's first ever double bed in Business class".

Marketing must-do

TRAVEL Daily readers are being offered savings of \$150 on registrations for the upcoming Mumbrella Travel Marketing Summit, taking place at Sydney's Four Seasons Hotel on 11 Apr.

The event will feature a host of top travel marketers as well as a gala awards night - see **page 12**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news and photos, a front cover page for **Virgin Australia**, plus full pages from:

- TMS Talent
- Tauk
- Mumbrella

Travel Daily on location in Marseille, France

Today's issue of **TD** is coming to you courtesy of Atout France which is hosting its 14th Rendez-Vous en France tradeshow in Marseille.

AUSTRALIAN tour operators have landed in Marseille ahead of the Rendez-Vous en France trade show, arriving to a special welcome evening organised by the host city at The Mucem.

Attendees enjoyed French wine, champagne and canapes (more on **page six**).

Rendez-Vous en France is the French Tourism Industry's largest B2B tradeshow and presents its exhibitors the chance to promote their products to a highly qualified panel of int'l buyers - see **TD's** Facebook for updates.



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Vivid 2019 program

DESTINATION NSW (DNSW) today revealed the full program for the 2019 Vivid Sydney festival, which takes place 24 May-15 Jun.

The event will "bring together light artists, music makers and brilliant minds to showcase Sydney as the creative industries hub of the Asia Pacific," according to Sandra Chipchase, who is DNSW CEO and Vivid Sydney Executive Producer.

Chipchase said last year's Vivid Sydney festival saw a record 185,887 travel packages sold to domestic and international visitors, up a hefty 37%.

"Vivid Sydney is a must-attend event for travellers and motivates people to visit Sydney and beyond," she said.

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RCI to return to Brisbane

ROYAL Caribbean International has announced it will homeport its 2,400-passenger *Radiance of the Seas* in Brisbane from next year, with the ship to be based at the brand new Brisbane International Cruise Terminal.

Radiance will be deployed from the Qld capital effective from Nov 2020, "offering bold adventure and easy access to Queensland's stunning beaches and the idyllic South Pacific," the cruise line said.

Royal Caribbean added that the ship would be the largest to homeport out of Qld, offering about 20 departures during the inaugural season between Nov 2020 and Apr 2021.

Royal Caribbean International MD Australasia, Susan Bonner, said returning to Brisbane was a central component of the company's Qld growth plans.

"There's a reason why Brisbane is the fastest growing homeport for cruising in Australia.

"With unrivalled new infrastructure, we believe Queensland-based cruising has an enormous future for local, interstate and international

guests," Bonner said.

Radiance of the Seas will arrive in Brisbane fresh from a multi-million dollar makeover during a 2020 dry dock, with further details of planned enhancements to be revealed in due course.

Port of Brisbane CEO Roy Cummins welcomed Royal Caribbean's commitment to the new facility, saying "the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal opens up a whole new world of opportunities for cruising in Queensland.

"RCI's decision to homeport *Radiance* in Brisbane is a wonderful vote of confidence in our brand new facility, and we look forward to working with them further into the future."

It's three years since Royal Caribbean homeported ships in Brisbane, with the new facility helping address Australian capacity constraints which have impacted the line's local deployments (*CW* 27 Apr 2017).

Full details of RCI's 2020 deployments in Australasian waters are expected to be unveiled soon.

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UK plans to ditch landing cards

PASSENGERS arriving in Great Britain will no longer need to complete paper-based passenger cards, under plans to be phased in from Jun 2019.

Details of the implementation are still sketchy, with the change announced as part of a "Spring Statement" by UK Chancellor Philip Hammond last Fri.

Hammond said the change would "reduce bureaucracy for travellers and speed up the processing of passengers on arrival in the UK".

He also confirmed that from Jun 2019 citizens of Australia, NZ, the US, Canada, Japan, Singapore and South Korea would be able to use e-gates at UK airports and Eurostar terminals.



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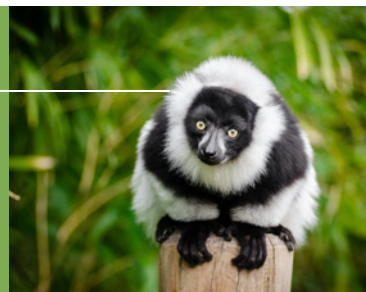
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Discover the exotic creatures that inhabit Madagascar in the March issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Southwest Hawaii

US CARRIER Southwest Airlines has commenced its first flights from the mainland to Honolulu, with the airline's plans for Hawaii set to see non-stop services from Oakland, San Jose, San Diego and Sacramento as well as inter-island Oahu-Maui flights.

Room for more at Marriott

HOSPITALITY giant Marriott International has outlined plans to open more than 1,700 hotels across the globe in the next three years, which will see the addition of between 275,000 and 295,000 rooms to the group's portfolio.

The 2021 growth plan, to be unveiled to analysts in New York today, highlights a potential growth rate in Marriott's profits of 11% to 15%, with the expansion following Marriott's massive merger with Starwood three years ago (**TD** 23 Sep 2016). "Starwood has made us a more formidable competitor, providing a more valuable loyalty program, brands with strong appeal to loyalty members and owners,

talented associates, terrific locations, particularly in the fast-growing Asia-Pacific region, significant cost synergies and meaningful scale," said Marriott International CEO Arne Sorenson.

He said the newly launched unified Bonvoy loyalty program had about 125 million members across the globe, and was adding about 50,000 more per day.

Key initiatives have seen the improvement of the Sheraton brand, which is the company's third largest globally and contributes significantly to Marriott's overall scale.

Sorenson said more than 25% of Sheratons were already under renovation or committed to upgrades.

The company noted the importance of direct digital channels, which are up to 9% more profitable than Online Travel Agents, saving the firm up to US\$26 per booking.

Jetstar DRW boost

JETSTAR Asia will increase frequencies between Singapore and Darwin to a daily operation during the upcoming Northern Summer scheduling period.

Currently serviced five times weekly, the A320 flights will go to seven frequencies between 16 Apr and 22 Jun, according to GDS screens.

NZ NTIA noms

NOMINATIONS have opened for the 2019 Travel Agents Association of NZ (TAANZ) National Travel Industry Awards.

Applications are open until 05 Apr, followed by a voting and judging period, before a gala awards ceremony on Sat 07 Sep.



Window Seat

THE Oberammergau Passion Play, which is performed every 10 years in the German village of Oberammergau, brings more than 500,000 visitors to the region which is surely a boon for local businesses.

But not everyone benefits - most particularly Oberammergau's hard-pressed barbers and hairdressers.

That's because an official edict bans anyone taking part in the performance - that is, most of the population - from getting their hair cut for more than a year before opening night.

Frederik Mayet, who is playing Jesus in the play next year (see **page four**), has just started growing his hair and beard for the role, in accordance with the formal decree that made his last trim on Ash Wednesday, 06 Mar.

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Disney private island

DISNEY Cruise Line has settled the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Bahamas, which is destined to become a second "private island destination" for its voyages.

The 300-hectare plot on the island of Eleuthera will be developed to the tune of up to US\$400 million, in accordance with a range of conditions including a significant portion which will be set aside to become a Bahamas National Park.

The Bahamas Government said the destination, expected to open in 2021, would offer public access for local residents, and have "low-density development and sustainable design".

BA A350-1000XWB

BRITISH Airways will roll out new A350-1000XWB aircraft later this year, with the planned Oct debut of the planes on launch routes including London Heathrow to Dubai and Toronto.

Alitalia not so Easy

EUROPEAN low-cost carrier EasyJet has reportedly pulled out of talks with Italian flag carrier Alitalia over mounting a rescue bid for the airline.

EasyJet had previously been linked with Delta Air Lines and Italian rail operator Ferrovie, which had proposed a three-way partnership to run Alitalia, currently under administration since 49% owner Etihad declined to extend a further line of credit to the airline (**TD** 03 May 2017).

EasyJet confirmed it was withdrawing from the process, saying it "remains committed to Italy as a key market," where it currently carries 18.5 million passengers every year and employs 1,400 pilots and crew, all on local contracts.

The carrier noted it continued to invest in its own three Italian bases in Milan, Naples and Venice, with additional aircraft based there in peak season.

Jesus has come for Collette



EXCLUSIVE

COLLETTE Vacations has scored a significant coup this week, bringing the actor who is playing Jesus Christ in next year's Oberammergau Passion Play down under to meet with key industry partners.

Frederk Mayet, who is **pictured** above with Collette Marketing Manager, James Hewlett and Nadja Warner from the German National Tourist Office, is making his first visit to Australia.

He told **Travel Daily** being selected to play the Messiah was a great privilege, with about 500,000 visitors expected to attend performances of the play when it kicks off in May 2020.

The Oberammergau Passion Play has been performed once every 10 years since 1634 and has developed into a major tourist drawcard.

Collette has had a close association with the event since 1980, and next year expects to take thousands of people to the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Australia is a key market for attendees, with the fact that the play only takes place once each decade helping to trigger interest.

Key Collette agent partners in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth will have the opportunity to meet with Jesus himself at a series of events over the coming week.

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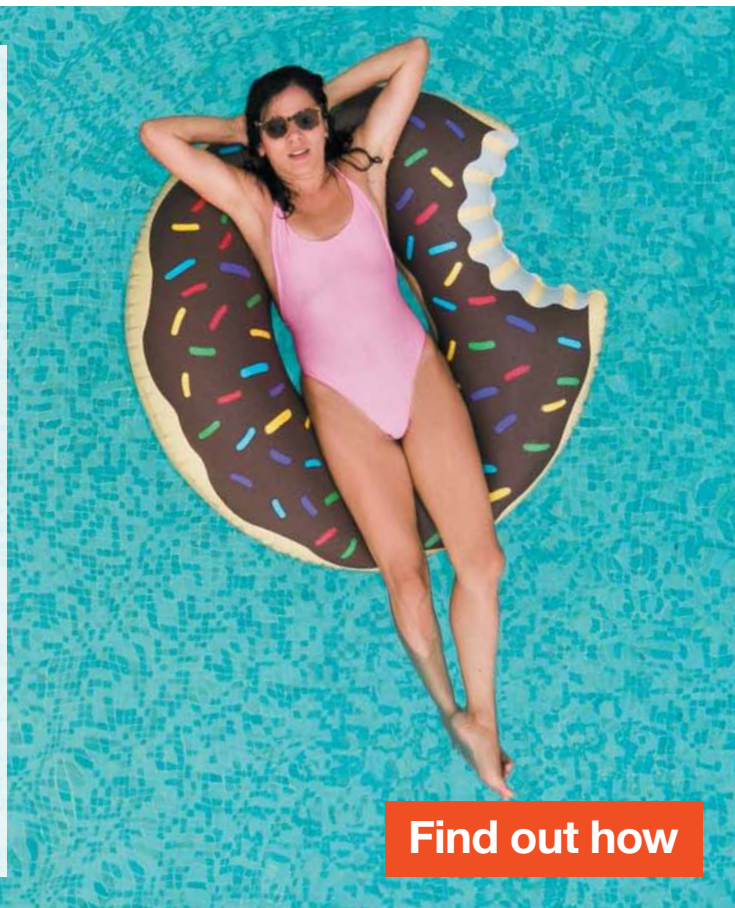
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The airline has entered into a deal with United Overseas Bank, allowing Scoot passengers to pay for bookings direct from their bank accounts using peer-to-peer funds transfer service, PayNow, for the first time.

Italian rail on sale

INTERNATIONAL Rail has launched its Escorted Rail Tours of Italy sale, offering travellers a 10% discount when booked and deposited by 21 Apr.

Itineraries include travel in premium class, accommodation, select meals, tour director, luggage portage plus transfers.

Highlights include the 14-day Grand Tour of Italy that begins in Milan and visits Venice, Florence, Rome and the Sorrento Coast, priced from \$3,500 per person twin share.

Vic tourism review

THE Victorian Government will undergo a thorough review of the tourism industry in a move to identify opportunities to reverse the decline in international visitors to regional Australia.

Over the last 12 months, regional Victoria witnessed a 2.6% decline in international expenditure, while overnight visitation fell by 1.4%.

The review aims to identify how the State Government can better support tourism in regional areas, attract private investment and boost employment opportunities.

Victorian Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, Martin Pakula, described tourism as "the backbone of jobs in regional Victoria, accounting for one in every 10 jobs".

"Through this review we will strengthen employment opportunities and open new markets for our thriving sector," he said.

Magnifica for MSC Cruises



SYDNEY welcomed MSC Cruises' *MSC Magnifica* yesterday for her maiden visit during a 116-day round-the-world cruise.

Docked in the middle of Sydney Harbour, guests and media were invited to witness the time-honoured tradition of the crest exchange between the Port Authority of NSW and *MSC Magnifica's* Captain.

The cruise ship's epic journey, which commenced in Genoa, Italy on 05 Jan 2019, features an all-star cast of international chefs onboard, creating dining experiences that allow guests to be immersed in the flavours of the destinations they visit.

To celebrate the ship's maiden call, MSC Cruises is extending a 50% off second passenger offer for its seven-night East Mediterranean itineraries later this year, with prices from \$1,368 per cabin.

MSC Cruises Chairman Lynne Clarke said the cruise line had experienced "ultimate success" since its first journey in 2002.

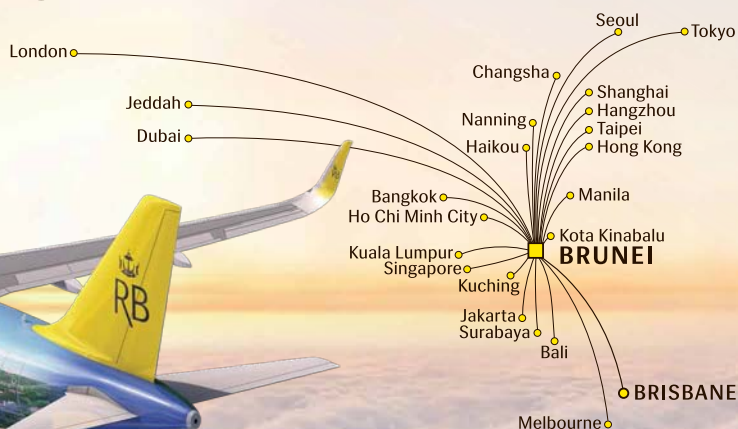
Pictured above are representatives from the Port Authority of NSW for Sydney Harbour with *MSC Magnifica's* Captain Marco Massa, MSC Cruises Chairman Lynne Clarke, and newly appointed Managing Director Alessandro Guerreri.

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THAILAND'S 56-room boutique residence The Sarojin is offering up to 35% off stays booked between 05 May and 16 Jun, and 08 Jul and 20 Oct.

Rates include accom plus an all day a la carte breakfast with sparkling wine - more [HERE](#).

HAL 2020 Canada

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has released its 2020 Canada and New England itineraries, which will see its *Amsterdam*, *Zaandam* and *Zuiderdam* ships exploring the region on more than 40 cruises.

The season, which spans Apr through to Oct, will offer guests a selection of 10 itineraries ranging from six to 14 days - more [HERE](#).

Tourism conference

THE 2019 Destination Melbourne LIVE Tourism Conference, taking place on 30 May, has announced its full program and keynote speakers.

Lior Meyer from Tel Aviv Global & Tourism will headline the event, while Australians Janine Garner and Roscoe Power will also take to the stage to discuss a range of industry topics.

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

Sth Wharf turns 1

NOVOTEL Melbourne South Wharf has celebrated its first anniversary, with the hotel stating it has welcomed more than 125,000 guests through its doors since its 2018 debut.

The property has also been ranked in TripAdvisor's top 10 by guests, with General Manager Glen Erickson saying "we have delivered a value proposition and made a good first impression".

The hotel plans to remove all plastic products in 2019, as well as decrease its level of waste.



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Bonjour Marseille



THIS year's Rendez-Vous en France has officially kicked off in the Provence capital of Marseille, a destination that welcomes some five million visitors per year.

Hundreds of tour operators were welcomed in a spectacular fashion last night at an event hosted at The Mucem where they enjoyed delicious canapes and live music.

Guests heard from Marseille Mayor Jean-Claude Gaudin who delivered a special video message to the crowd welcoming them to the 14th Rendez-Vous en France workshops as well as Martine Vassal, the President of Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropolis.

Commenting on the host city, Atout France Australia Director Patrick Benhamou told **TD** that

Marseille was a region that "epitomises the whole of France".

"We are vineyards, ski resorts, world class cities and UNESCO listed towns in an area even smaller than NSW," he said.

Tomorrow, 20 Australian tour operators will head to Parc Chanot, Palais Phocéen to meet with local tourism bodies and tour operators, where they will discover new product and learn more about the diversity of France's tourism offerings.

Pictured at the welcome soiree are Stuart McGregor, Product Manager, Flight Centre; Patrick Benhamou, Australian Director Atout France; Sonia Jones, Director, France Vacations and Sarah Elfassy, Marketing and Trade Executive, Atout France.

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MONEY

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

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TRAVELLERS to the USA will be cheering today after the AUDUSD climbed 0.2%, representing a two-week high against the Greenback following a jump in Asian markets.

Other markets enjoyed a similar boost, with the AUDEUR also up 0.2%, and the Aussie dollar climbing 0.4% against its Japanese counterpart.

Today's RBA outcome could also see the AUD gain further.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.709
UK	£0.535
NZ	\$1.037
Euro	€0.626
Japan	¥79.07
Thailand	฿22.49
China	¥4.765
South Africa	10.249
Canada	\$0.947
Crude oil	US\$58.52

Istanbul goes online

THE Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality has kicked off a new digital tourism project called Visit Istanbul, highlighting the historic and cultural values of the city on an international scale.

The campaign features a series of movies featuring "fashion phenomena of social media" who tour the city and share images with their followers.

See the Facebook page [HERE](#).

CroisiEurope 2020

RIVER cruise operator CroisiEurope has launched its new 2020 worldwide program, featuring 170 itineraries across 87 countries.

Highlights include a six-night cruise from Mantua to Venice departing between Apr and Oct, as well as a five-night cruise along the Moselle from Cochem to Basel - [CLICK HERE](#) for more.

Outback Tourism

THE Queensland Government is continuing its push to lure tourists to the western part of the state with the launch of a revamped calendar of outback events as part of its Year of Outback Tourism campaign.

The updated events include the promotion of the Julia Dirt and Dust Festival, the Mount Isa Rodeo, Winton's Way Out West Fest, & Birdsville's Big Red Bash, with the campaign aiming to reach more than 3 million people.

Melbourne pax up

MELBOURNE Airport welcomed close to 3m pax during Feb, a 1.7% increase on overall figures recorded for the same period in 2018.

The highest climbing sector was the international market, which saw almost 900,000 people fly overseas, a growth of 2.5% on volumes recorded in Feb 2018.

Domestic travellers also increased in Feb, showing a 1.3% growth for the month.

A new design for Melbourne



VICTORIAN hospitality company Zagame's is set to add a new venture to its portfolio with the opening of the "design driven" Zagame's House in May.

Located in Lygon Street Carlton, on the edge of Melbourne's CBD, the building has undergone an \$18 million renovation, with all 97 rooms now equipped with "contemporary comforts and custom furnishings".

Each bedroom features a king size bed, European pillows, integrated technology outlets and "acoustically panelled walls" that aim to provide optimum privacy and ambience.

"From the bold, geometric detailing to the hotel's exterior, to the unexpected, psychedelic artworks that line the hallways...a whole new sensory experience awaits," said Head Designer, Kas Makohan.

Cocky Guides launch

THE blind and low vision community have welcomed a new multi-sensory tourism venture offering eight tactile and sensory tours at some of Sydney and NSW's most visited sites.

Cocky Guides includes a "program of group adventures offering low cost support for active community members", more info can be found [HERE](#).



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Travel Partners pays homage



THE glitz and glamour of Travel Partners' Gala Awards night was on full display in Bali over the weekend, with 150 guests gathering to honour the network's most successful agents.

Co-presented by Travel Partners General Manager Kate Cameron and Flight Centre's General Manager Premium Leisure Brands Danielle Galloway, a range of coveted gongs were handed out on the night to an elated and elite brigade of high performers.

Jenny Tucker took out the honour for Mobile Agent of the Year, while the Mobile Agency of the Year (two staff or more) was awarded to Brad Thomas.

Other big prize winners included Melanie Clout who snagged the Mobile Agent Entrepreneur of the Year award, Roy Dass who was bestowed the Travel Ambassador of the Year award, while the peer-



voted Circle of Excellence award went to Matt Costello.

The night concluded with Travel Partners' "Gold Logie" honour, the Most Outstanding Network Individual award, which was awarded to an emotional Michaela Conomos.

"[This award] recognises a person who has a successful business, has a huge participation at our functions and events, and is always willing to be training and help others in the network," Galloway said.

Pictured: the award winners and **inset** are Kate Cameron and Danielle Galloway.

AFTA UPDATE

from Jayson Westbury



THE shooting in Christchurch last Fri (15 Mar 2019), has sent shockwaves around the globe, particularly across the Tasman.

With the death toll now reaching 50, the loss of life from this tragedy becomes more and more difficult to fathom.

I am sure everyone in the travel industry both in Australia and New Zealand hold heavy hearts at this time for the victims, families and loved ones impacted by this horrendous act.

At a time when the world is striving to become a more peaceful place, a place of greater understanding and respect for one another, this individual has placed a dark cloud over the direction we thought the world was going.

Why now? Why Christchurch? Just why? Are questions that I am sure the authorities that have this individual in custody will be asking.

The city of Christchurch has had its fair share of tragedy and pain over many years. It is a city that has demonstrated its resilience to rebuild following major earthquakes in 2011, and bring forward a spirit of community that perhaps many other cities around the world would struggle to do, and so we all hope that Christchurch will once again bring forward this spirit of community in the wake of this dreadful incident.

As we struggle to comprehend how such a tragic event can occur, the eyes of the world have turned to New Zealand's Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, who has been an outstanding leader in a time when a nation needs a true leader, a time of pain and hurt.

I suspect gun laws will never be the same again in that country.

From what we know - and perhaps a little late - change to gun laws will come.

Guns have a place in our society, but the types of weapons used, and the relative ease of access to them seems odd, particularly to Australians, as we have had very tough guns laws now for decades.

But there is no place for politics at a time like this and we can only hope that the NZ Parliament will band together to do the right thing for the country and the future of gun use in that country.

In these early days post an event of this nature, as is always the case, the travel industry on both sides of the ditch will be put to the test, but I hope that we can all do our best to alleviate the pain and suffering so many will be feeling over the coming weeks.

A dreadful event for our friends in NZ and an extended deep sympathy to all who have been impacted by the events of Fri.

While there can be no positive taken from this act of terror, the fact it appears to be a lone act of lunacy that we sincerely hope will never be repeated, can give us some small comfort moving into the future

Radisson Turkey

THE Radisson Hotel Group is targeting high-end business and leisure guests with its first Radisson branded hotel apartments project.

Radisson Residence will open in Vadistanbul, Istanbul soon.

Shang social outlet

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Destinations on the tour included Rarotonga and Aitutaki, with agents able to participate in and experience a range of local activities such as sampling some fresh island food, meeting with friendly locals, and completing a number of site inspections.

Pictured enjoying their time in the sun at Aitutaki's lagoon in the Cook Islands are: Tegan Coates, Flight Centre Bay City; Josh McConnell, Flight Centre Oasis Broadbeach; Deb Cullen, Flight Centre Burleigh Town; Pippa Vann, Travel Associates Red Hill; Matt

Brookfield, Cook Islands Tourism; Kristyn Ward, Flight Centre Southland; Alex Havakis, Flight Centre Kew; Amanda Falzon, Flight Centre Nepean; Nicky Clarke, Flight Centre Gippsland; Reyanna Gibson, Flight Centre Lake Haven; & Jacob Shephard, Flight Centre Tweed Mall.

Sheraton Setif open

MARRIOTT International has announced the opening of the 191-room Four Points by Sheraton Setif in Algeria.

The property features 13 suites, free wi-fi, 24-hour fitness centre, an outdoor pool, and meeting rooms equipped with modern tech & a dedicated events team.



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!

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TOTAL passenger traffic for Auckland Airport (AKL) grew by 4% in Jan when compared to the same period in 2018.

International visitors for Jan was up by 4.4%, while domestic passenger movement also increased by 4.8%, however the airport also saw a 5.5% drop in transit movements.

Australia led the source markets for visitation, notching up 79,879 visitors to AKL, while China followed next with 36,137 travellers, the United States ranked in third spot with 30,641, and the UK was next with 28,527.

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