



## Today's issue of TD

*Travel Daily* today features eight pages of news including our **Sustainability** page plus a special feature from **APT** and full pages from:

- Silversea Cruises
- Emirates

## APT's Douro ship

APT Travel Group is today showcasing its brand new *MS Estrela* which will sail Portugal's Douro River under both the APT and Travelmarvel brands next year - see the **last page** for more.

## WIN a Swift ticket!

EMIRATES is offering industry partners the opportunity to win a highly coveted private suite ticket to one of Taylor Swift's Sydney concerts in Feb next year.

The top 38 EK sellers between 01 Aug and 30 Sep, for travel 01 Oct-30 Nov, will win, with more information on **page 10** of today's *Travel Daily*.

## ATIA launches new era

THE rebranding of AFTA as the Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA) (*TD* breaking news) is the key to seeing the sector come together with a single voice to Government, according to CEO Dean Long.

The move follows an extensive post-pandemic review by the AFTA Board, with Long stressing the huge amount of consultation which has been undertaken to establish the new name, which comes along with a host of other member-friendly initiatives (see **page six** for details).

"In reviewing AFTA's performance during COVID, the Board found our advocacy did deliver on some of our objectives, but travel still did not have the voice to Government or the community it should have from its peak body," he said.

It's much more than just a name change, with the formation of ATIA also expanding the



Australian Travel Industry Association

opportunities for different parts of the industry to participate.

"ATIA represents a combined powerhouse of travel agents, tour operators, consolidators and wholesalers," said Chair Tom Manwaring.

Long noted that embracing the wider industry would inevitably bring challenges, saying "we're creating a family, and just like any family, it means that we've got to acknowledge our differences".

"But we are still stronger together," the ATIA CEO stressed.

A video showcasing ATIA is now live at [traveldaily.com.au/videos](http://traveldaily.com.au/videos).

More from ATIA on **page six**.

## FC package revamp

FLIGHT Centre (FC) has announced a new structure for its popular "Captain's Pack" add-on product, which is being offered alongside any bookings made online and in-store.

The brand's MD, Andrew Stark, said the evolution is based on data and customer feedback globally over the past four years, with the pack now including lost baggage tracking and cover, travel insurance discounts, bonus spending money and cancellation fee waivers.

Captain's Pack purchases also support reforestation projects in partnership with Brisbane-based climate-tech startup Reforest, with Stark saying the company aims to plant one million trees in the first year after the relaunch.

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## Carat sticks SATC

THE South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) has appointed Carat South Australia to run its media planning and buying strategy for 2023/24.

Carat's sister customer service agency Merkle, both under the Dentsu banner, will head up programmatic buying for SATC.

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## Aeronology's Taero launch

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AUSTRALIAN travel technology specialist Aeronology has today formally debuted Taero, described as “the world's first multi-air channel full self-service corporate booking tool”.

CEO Russell Carstensen is showcasing the product in Sydney at the BTTB corporate travel conference, saying the connected platform “enables corporate, mining, off-shore, educational institutions and government entities to self-service all flight bookings online 24/7”.

“The days of waiting on phones for your TMC to do simple tasks have officially ended,” he said.

Taero's self-servicing capability covers flight changes, rescheduling, arranging bags, seats and booking Special Service Requests such as meals and wheelchairs, with air connectivity including Amadeus, Sabre, TravelPort and TravelSky GDS.

Direct NDC links include full service connections to a range of carriers including Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Lufthansa Group and Emirates, with the imminent addition of British Airways and American Airlines.

Low-cost carriers are also covered including Jetstar and Scoot currently, with “many more being added soon”.

“Taero's marketing focus will be directed to TMCs and corporate booking tool users, and because Taero connects to all NDC/LCC and GDS PNRs generated

by TMCs, all other OBT's servicing can be done by Taero,” Carstensen confirmed.

“The Taero business model is to provide overall service improvements at all levels of the air booking process, with some estimates of a 50% cost saving at the TMC level, and the same time saving for the corporate travel arranger and traveller,” he said.

For more details see [aeronology.travel/applications/taero](https://aeronology.travel/applications/taero).

## VisitBritain appoints

VISITBRITAIN has today welcomed Bradley Nardi as Commercial Manager for Australia and New Zealand.

Nardi joins the tourism agency with 15 years' experience working in tourism development and trade engagement, most recently heading up the Tweed Tourism Company destination marketing body in the NSW Northern Rivers region, and former roles at Fraser Coast Tourism, Destination Gold Coast and PPHE Hotel Group.

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## Tassie maps 2030 plan

TASMANIA expects to welcome 1.6 million interstate visitors and 400,000 international arrivals by 2030, Tourism Tasmania's newly released 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy document has revealed.

If the forecasts come to fruition, the numbers represent an additional 750,000 visitors at an average growth rate of 2.6% per annum from 2025 to 2030.

The report also asserts that the total annual visitor expenditure could grow to around \$5.6 billion by 2030, more than double the value noted in 2019, achieved through an annual growth of 4.8% across 2025 to 2030.

Key goals set out in the strategy to increase tourism over the next six years include enhancing Tasmania's appeal as a winter destination, as well as attracting year-round visitor spend through enhanced destination marketing, infrastructure and events.

Major winter campaigns have been flagged as one element of the push, in addition to championing events that will attract more visitation during the winter and shoulder periods.

## Eurail Pass savings

ADVISORS can pass on 20% savings off Eurail Passes for bookings made before 01 Sep in both First and Second classes across all passenger categories.

Passes must be activated by 17 Nov - see [agent.raileurope.com](http://agent.raileurope.com) for more information.



Tourism Tasmania also flagged working more closely with Tourism Australia and global travel stakeholders in a bid to grow its global presence, a move that will incorporate more long-term ambitions integrating unique cultural experiences.


Other key directions for the 2030 tourism strategy include continuing to improve visitor spend, which is already 159% ahead of 2019 levels in 2023, with forecasts predicting the number to double to more than \$5 billion by 2030.

Embracing Tasmania's net zero emissions by encouraging tourism and hospitality operators to actively engage in emissions reduction activities is another key element of the future plan, as well as developing a 10-year infrastructure plan that prioritises the visitor economy, and growing job and training opportunities in the tourism sector.

## AirAsia X promotion

TRAVELLERS in Australia and New Zealand can snatch up discounted AirAsia X flights to Kuala Lumpur, starting from A\$130, with Premium Flatbeds on sale from A\$299.

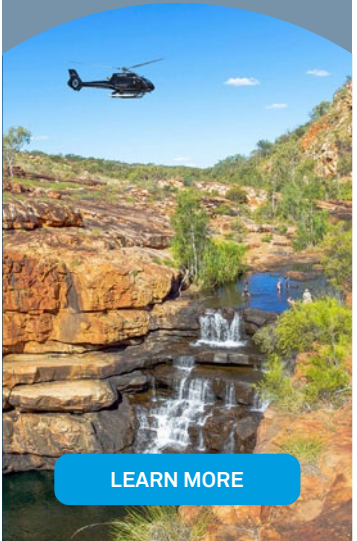
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## Kellaway People launches

**WELL-KNOWN** travel industry recruiter Richard Kellaway has announced the launch of his new travel recruitment firm, called Kellaway People.

The start of the new venture signals the end of an era for the Melbourne-based talent manager (pictured), who has worked at CRC TravelJobs for almost 28 years as general manager and executive recruiter.

According to the company's website, at Kellaway People "we unlock doors to inspiring career paths" in the travel and tourism industry using its networks and reach, negotiation skills, and exclusive partnerships with high-profile employers.

"I have been recruiting for the Travel and Tourism industry since before any of the Matildas were even born," Kellaway said.

"Having coached literally thousands of people to be courageous and brave and make



ambitious career moves, it was time for me to take some of my own advice.

"I have been pretty overwhelmed with the industry response to be honest," the industry icon shared.

Kellaway can be contacted at [richard@kellawaypeople.com](mailto:richard@kellawaypeople.com), [au](http://au) or on 0466 514 607, while the firm's website can be found at [kellawaypeople.com.au](http://kellawaypeople.com.au).

## Rex inks cool deal

**REX** Airlines has formed another key teaming agreement in its bid to secure a Federal Government contract to service the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD).

The carrier has inked a deal with Canada-based Enterprise Aviation Group (Enterprise) to assist with delivering and operating four intracontinental fixed-wing turboprop aircraft needed to meet the capability needs of the government tender, which includes planes that can land using ski and wheel landing gears.

"Enterprise's exceptional track record in the polar regions, with over 27,000 accident-free hours in the past decade, underscores its dedication to operational excellence in the challenging Antarctic and Arctic environments," Rex said.

The collaboration follows a new teaming partnership with Helicopter Resources (*TD* 03 Aug), to improve its chances of winning the AAD tender.

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ON LOCATION

FIJI

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of Fiji Airways, which is preparing to welcome the arrival of its new Airbus A350-900 aircraft.

**TODAY** is a landmark day for Fiji Airways, which will take possession of a widebody Airbus A350-900 in Fiji.

A special celebratory ceremony will be held to mark the occasion, including a traditional welcome by the people of Beqa, speeches from Fiji Airways and Fiji Govt representatives, and a tour of the new jet alongside the country's PM Sitiveni Rabuka.

The new aircraft expands Fiji Airways' fleet and will be servicing the mid- and long-haul routes of Fiji Airways network.

More in tomorrow's *TD*.

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## A350 to unlock FJ growth

FIJI Airways is now in a stronger position to explore new destinations with the arrival of its third A350 aircraft today.

The latest wide-body plane, which boasts increased capacity and a longer range than most jets in the fleet, will service Melbourne to Fiji up to twice a week, as well as increase capacity on the Sydney to Nadi route.

While no specific details have been revealed, the carrier has also hinted today that more A350s in its growing fleet will mean that "several additional destinations in Australia" can be explored down the track.

A special welcome ceremony was held in Denarau to welcome the newest A350, nicknamed The Island of Beqa, with Fiji Airways confirming the latest addition will also fly routes to Auckland, Hong Kong, San Francisco and Vancouver - providing Aussie travellers with a range of more international connections.

Fiji Airways Chief Executive Officer, Andre Viljoen, said the airline has been seriously pursuing fleet modernisation since 2017, with the third A350 testament to the plan it had put in place over the last six years.

"The A350, with its superior cabin, significant fuel savings and substantial cargo capacity, has fast become the pride of our airline and the joy of our passengers," Viljoen said.

"Fiji Airways brings in 70% of all visitors to Fiji; we are crucial to the long-term sustainable growth of the tourism industry which is 45% of our Gross Domestic Product and the largest employer in the country," he added.

Fiji Airways' network already covers major North American markets, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, and most recently to Vancouver, however the emerging fleet of A350s has the airline also examining the prospect of flying to a range of new international hubs, including Dallas, Seattle, Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul, Noumea, Rarotonga, and Port Moresby.

Fiji Airways is offering up to 15% off return Economy airfares to Fiji and beyond until 31 Aug to mark the latest A350s arrival, applicable to select travel dates.

**MEANWHILE** Fiji Airways is also revamping its menu and in-flight entertainment options.

Healthier and fresher Business and Economy class menus are set to go live shortly, offering a larger variety of fruit, salad and dessert options, while blockbusters from Disney and HBO are also coming soon as part of the airline's enhanced entertainment offering.

## Etna disrupts flights

SICILY'S largest air hub, Catania-Fontanarossa Airport, has been forced to cancel flights following the eruption of nearby Mount Etna, the most active volcano in Europe.

The volcanic activity began early yesterday AEST, and according to the Italian National Institute of Geophysics, evolved into a "lava fountain", producing a volcanic cloud dispersed in a southerly direction.

Flights for the time-being have either been cancelled, delayed or diverted, compounding an already turbulent period for Sicily, which was disrupted by a major fire at the airport only last month.

## Travelmarvel Oz '24

TRAVELMARVEL has launched its Australia program for next year, advertising "more travel styles than ever before".

The program is headlined by Travelmarvel's new Kimberley cruise program, leading a diverse range of tours, which also feature land, rail, and remote four-wheel drive adventures across Australia.

The 10-day Kimberley Coast Adventure cruise from Broome to Darwin or vice versa aboard *Heritage Adventurer* takes guests on a journey to the region's coastal wonders, with sightseeing highlights including viewings of ancient indigenous rock art and Zodiac outings to Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef, and King George Falls.

Meanwhile, the 18-day Kimberley Coast & 4WD Adventure explores even further into the Kimberley, combining the cruise with an in-depth tour of the region's inland jewel.

## Avani Mooloolaba

A NEW Avani Hotel is set to revitalise Mooloolaba's tourism accommodation economy, with construction set to begin in Sep.

The brand-new 13-storey hotel will offer a rooftop bar, a pool, a restaurant, and a conference & wedding venue.

The \$250 million, four-and-a-half-star property has been designed by Cottee Parker Architects, and is located at Brisbane Road & First.



## Window Seat

ETIHAD Airways has managed the impossible: a mid-air orchestral skydiving stunt (pictured).

The Etihad team played the Theme from *Mission: Impossible* while completing a jaw-dropping skydive, with the stunt celebrating the launch of the series' latest instalment, *Dead Reckoning Part One*, in movie theatres now around the world.

The skydiving orchestra fell 13,000 feet through the air at almost 200km/h.

The stunt took weeks of preparation, with each skydiver given their part of music to practise and learn by heart, which they needed to be able to play perfectly despite the wild environment while skydiving.

See the video [HERE](#).



## A few degrees more

50 DEGREES North has doubled its range of escorted summer tours to Scandinavia for next year.

The Nordic operator has added five new escorted small group tours, with plans to release a sixth next month.

Travellers can now explore Norway from Oslo to Bergen on the eight-day Best of Norway escorted small group tour; from Bergen to Trondheim on the 10-day Scenic Fjords of Norway; or get the full experience on the 17-day Norway In-depth from Oslo to Trondheim.


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## Individuals can join ATIA

**THE** newly formed Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA) is rolling out a new individual membership option, allowing anyone working in the travel sector to align themselves with the peak industry body.

ATIA CEO Dean Long said the initiative is a way of “creating an industry culture beyond your employer...you can be on maternity leave, you can be at the beginning or end of your career or between roles, but you’re still joined into the industry”.

“We think that’s going to be a really powerful way to create a home for everyone,” he said.

After the extensive feedback received during the recent review of AFTA, “when we looked at our members we realised that we needed to create a natural home for them,” Long said.

The individual membership, which costs \$10+GST per month, is completely separate to ATAS accreditation and membership, which remains the cornerstone of the association’s platform and voting structures.

“ATAS will continue to be the accreditation model that ATIA supports and continues to promote, and we’ll continue to enhance the systems and processes that we’ve spent over \$20 million in building and maintaining over the last decade.

“But the individual membership is an exciting new option,” Long added, noting the key role played by ATIA’s Director of



Membership Experience, Richard Taylor (pictured), in overseeing the Association’s expanding membership community.

ATIA Individual Membership (register interest by **CLICKING HERE**) includes access to a new online “Travel Exchange” platform, with Taylor telling members this morning it will be a “neutral, well-moderated and helpful community forum that fosters connections and knowledge-sharing”.

Independent ATIA members will also have access to ongoing online and in-person events to discuss topics such as industry trends, dealing with complaints, sustainability, NDC and more.

Meanwhile, sub-groupings called “caucuses” will provide options for informal discussion for special interest groups such as “Tour Operators and Wholesalers”, “Independent Contractors”, and “Independent Travel Agents and Agencies”.



**TODAY** marks a watershed moment in the Australian travel landscape as we introduce the Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA).

With the torch passing from the Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA), this transition represents an extraordinary milestone, one that holds the promise of a more empowered and united future for our thriving \$69 billion travel sector.

A comprehensive two-year review process is behind today’s announcement.

The world of travel has changed since AFTA’s inception in 1957.

Our transformation is across our structure and our approach to create a home for travel.

A reimagined voting structure, infused with equity, alongside our ongoing commitment to the Australian Travel Accreditation Scheme (ATAS), reaffirms our determination to raise the bar.

The establishment of an independent ATAS Advisory Committee underscores our dedication to transparency and strong governance.

In direct response to member feedback, we are introducing dedicated caucuses to empower Independent Travel Agents, Independent Contractors (Homebased), and Tour Operators/Wholesalers.

These platforms are spaces for dialogue and launch pads for advocacy and change, further harnessing the collective power of our diverse membership.

We’re also launching the ATIA Independent Membership option, available at just \$10 per month, to support those many individuals who want to shape Travel’s future and benefit from a treasure trove of resources and connections available through our new Travel Exchange online platform.

Our industry’s transformation into ATIA is a nod to the vibrant ecosystem we inhabit and the rich tapestry that is the Australian Travel Industry.

This journey is about inspiration, inclusivity, and empowerment as we support the success of all our members.

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## Corporate partners welcome

**THE** new Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA) is welcoming industry partners to its ranks, via a corporate program promising to help “build and enhance brand awareness”.

ATIA’s Corporate Partner Program helps members connect with well-known travel brands and industry decision makers.

“ATIA is looking to build a portfolio of valued suppliers that our members can access and rely on for the products and services that make their businesses thrive,” according to the freshly developed ATIA website.

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## ECOTOURISM JOINS FORCES WITH CIAA

**THE** Caravan Industry Association of Australia (CIAA) has joined forces with Ecotourism Australia to develop a pathway to sustainability for the caravanning and camping sector.

Caravan Industry Association of Australia Chief Executive, Stuart Lamont, said “we are pleased to partner with Ecotourism Australia to help promote the importance of sustainability to our caravan parks and associated operators”.

“Caravanning and camping have immense potential to be part of the growing responsible travel movement in Australia and lead regional small to medium-sized businesses toward innovative sustainability,” he explained.

Ecotourism Australia Chief Elissa Keenan pointed out that more than a third of its 120 eco-certified accommodations around Australia



offer caravanning, camping and glamping experiences.

“It is wonderful to partner with the peak national body for the caravanning and camping industry, Caravan Industry Association of Australia, to kickstart a pathway to sustainable tourism,” she shared.

“We look forward to seeing more parks undertake this journey towards ECO or Sustainable

Tourism Certification.”

The Sustainable Tourism pathway program, launched in 2022, encompasses the four pillars of sustainability, which are sustainable management, environmental impacts, socio-economic impacts, and cultural impacts, and includes the Strive 4 Sustainability Scorecard pre-certification benchmarking tool.

**Pictured:** Lamont and Keenan.

## Google gets onboard with SAF

**GOOGLE** is set to join one of the world’s largest sustainable aviation fuel programs, backed by American Express Global Business Travel and Shell.

The tech company’s collaboration builds on the program’s goal to reach net zero across all its operations and value chain by 2030.

“The use of SAF will play a critical role in helping the aviation sector on its path to decarbonise,” Google Director of Climate & Energy Michael Terrell said.

“Joining...the program further represents Google’s continued efforts to accelerate the global transition to a carbon-free future.”

## Hyatt hits goals

**HYATT** has eclipsed its diversity, equity & inclusion goals, it has shared as part of its World of Care Highlights and DE&I Report.

The company also announced progress across environmental and social impact initiatives, against its 2030 goals, which include strengthening the engagement of hotels in renewable electricity opportunities.

## Adventure World backs polar bears

**ADVENTURE** World recently funded a visit to Australia from Polar Bears International Director of Conservation Alysa McCall to present to hundreds of travel advisors.

Funding the trip alongside Destination Canada, McCall spread her message of research, stewardship, and respect for polar bears to the Australian trade.

“Alysa is a TED Alumni and an incredible ambassador for



their cause,” Adventure World Managing Director Neil Rodgers said.

“She speaks with passion, authenticity, and echoes Adventure World’s philosophy of ‘teach don’t preach’.”

## Capri certified

**CAPRI** by Fraser, Brisbane has become the first hospitality property in Queensland to receive the Australian government-backed Climate Active Carbon Neutral certification.

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**THE** Australian dollar has hit nine-month lows against the US dollar, falling to US\$0.645 before close yesterday.

Various factors have contributed to the collapse, including a dovish turn by the Reserve Bank of Australia, China's troubled economy and a solid greenback.

Despite a sluggish week, the Aussie has increased against the Japanese yen, up one-cent from the previous week.

*Wholesale rates this morning.*

US	\$0.649
UK	£0.511
NZ	\$1.086
Euro	€0.595
Japan	¥94.42
Thailand	฿22.87
China	¥4.708
South Africa	12.37
Canada	\$0.873
Crude oil	US\$86.81

## Skal scores a hole-in-one



**SKAL** International Brisbane hosted its annual charity golf day at Virginia Golf Course in Brisbane last week, organised by the club's golf committee Craig Whye and Kathy Wassman.

The event kicked off with a welcome from President Tony Coates, before the 88 players split into teams and teed off at 8am for a day of sunshine, laughter and friendly competition.

The teams were provided with motorised carts, breakfast, three complimentary drinks, and the

chance to win some great prizes.

Eighteen holes were sponsored by local businesses and travel industry identities, including the Expedia TAAP team, with proceeds going towards the Kids Helpline.

**Pictured:** Warren Parkes, TravelManagers; Simone Barnett, Expedia TAAP Qld Executive; Ovolo Hotel Representative; Julianne Rose, Tour Director of APT Travel Group; Thane Nguyen, owner of Iluv2travel.

## More K'gari worries

**TOURISM** operators on K'gari (Fraser Island) are having to contend with yet another aggressive dingo incident, after a fisherman was forced into the water when a pack of the canines began stalking him on the beach.

David Prain said the dingoes began to follow him as he tried to walk away, eventually forcing him to enter the surf in waist-deep water to avoid an attack.

The incident is the latest in a string of aggressive dingo episodes on the popular tourist island, with wildlife officials recently making the decision to close some camping sites until at least Dec for safety reasons.

## Langton promoted

**TRAVEL** communications agency Slojour Studio has announced the appointment of Narelle Langton as its Co-Director.

Langton has worked with the company since 2011, most recently as marketing director.

In her new role, she will work closely with Tess Willcox, the Founder and Co-Director of Slojour, who described Langton as her "right-hand-woman and business confidant".

## MH SYD incident

**A MAN** has been charged after allegedly claiming to have explosives on board a Malaysia Airlines flight from Sydney to Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Flight MH122 was forced to return to Sydney due to the claim, which preceded an hours long stand-off aboard the aircraft, which saw the man arrested.

Operations are now running as normal at Sydney, despite the incident causing the cancellation of 32 domestic flights.

## Delta Hotels NYC

**MARRIOTT** has debuted its mid-range brand, Delta Hotels, in New York City with the opening of a 310-key property on the bustling 340 West 40th Street.

Delta Hotels by Marriott New York Times Square features a lobby bar, a North American cuisine restaurant and a state-of-the-art fitness centre, as well as hydration stations on each level.

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# Alright Swifties, Let's create a Love Story and Win a Private Suite ticket to **Taylor Swift** in Sydney\*

## Shake it off and find out how to enter

Issue 1 (one) Adult Return ticket from Australia to anywhere on our Emirates Network between **1 August 2023 - 30 September 2023** for travel departing between **1 October 2023 - 30 November 2023**.

Be one of the top 38 (thirty-eight) selling agents during the competition period to win!\*

**Every eligible ticket you issue is an entry!**

## Your Wildest Dreams AKA The Prize

1 (one) Private Suite ticket to see **Taylor Swift | The Eras Tour** concert on one of the dates below:

- ◆ Friday 23 February 2024 at Accor Stadium, Sydney; or
- ◆ Saturday 24 February 2024 at Accor Stadium, Sydney

The ticket includes premium food and beverage, an outstanding view of the concert with an exclusive outdoor balcony and seating.

To ensure there's no Bad Blood, let's get to the End Game!

Head to our **Emirates Partner Portal** for further details on how to submit your eligible bookings.

[Find out more here](#)

\*The prize is a single concert ticket only. Competition terms and conditions apply.



# APT's Brand-New Douro River Ship

APT is delighted to announce a brand-new river ship set to make her maiden voyage in 2024.

The bespoke ship, named MS Estrela, has been custom designed to sail Portugal's Douro River with Southern European-inspired interiors.

Translating to star in Portuguese, the MS Estrela has a maximum capacity of 120 guests and features a Sun Deck boasting an outdoor bar and lounge area, a golf putting green, plus one of the largest swimming pools on the Douro River.

The ship's main restaurant will serve a range of Portuguese, Mediterranean and international flavours for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Alternatively, guests can opt for a light meal in the lounge or

dine alfresco on the deck of the main lounge.

Guests staying in the balcony suites will enjoy electric slide-down windows that open to a French balcony, allowing them to bask in the glorious landscapes that glide by.

The MS Estrela will sail from June to October in her maiden season, with itineraries including the 14-day Douro Delights. Travelling from Lisbon to Madrid, this is the perfect way to experience the region's stunning beauty.

Guests will spend three nights in Lisbon at the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel Ritz before boarding the MS Estrela in Porto and cruising through the world's oldest wine region,

the Douro Valley. A private fado performance at Palácio da Bolsa and a visit to Quinta da Pacheca for a traditional lunch and wine tasting await guests before concluding their journey with three nights in Madrid.

## BOOK NOW FOR 2024

APT's 2024 Europe season is now on sale. For more information and to help your clients be among the first to sail aboard the MS Estrela, visit the **APT website** or contact their team today.