



Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features eight pages of news including our **Sustainability** page, plus full pages from:

- Los Angeles Tourism
- Silversea

It's play time in LA

FROM a vibrant new waterfront precinct to new luxurious accommodation offerings, there's plenty of fresh and exciting things for travellers to do in Los Angeles.

To see the full update from LA Tourism, head to **page nine**.

Silversea tempts you

CLIENTS can lock in their next Silversea cruise with a 15% reduced deposit, as well as exclusive savings and a US\$1,000 shipboard credit per suite.

Find out how on the **back page**.

CTM rebrands ETM

CORPORATE Travel Management (CTM) has made the decision to rebrand its meetings and events division ETM to CTM Meetings & Events.

The major corporate travel business said the "strategic move" will enable it to better meet growing demand for corporate events in a way that will be a more seamless extension of its corporate travel program.

"Business travel is evolving, and we're thrilled to be evolving with it," said Nicole Kolotas, General Manager, CTM Meetings & Events Australia and New Zealand.

"We are passionate about delivering highly creative and strategic corporate events that deliver results for businesses of all sizes, and our rebrand is all about making the journey smoother and more rewarding."

CTM Meetings & Events pledges to design strategic corporate event experiences that deliver long-lasting results for businesses through improved budget control and visibility, as well as enhanced operating efficiencies.

Wildlife tourism at risk

HUNDREDS of wildlife tourism attractions in Australia are at serious risk from a new strain of bird flu, which has already devastated multiple animal colonies overseas.

Despite its name, the disease is not just impacting bird life, with the virus causing a worryingly high number of fatalities in a range of species globally.

According to Senior Program Manager at Wildlife Health Australia, Dr Simone Vitali, the implications for tourism in Australia are "significant".

Speaking with *news.com.au*, Vitali suggested major Victoria tourism drawcard, the penguin colony on Phillip Island, is just one of the attractions facing risk.

"We know that penguins can be infected...and we would have to presume there is a risk of diseases and mortalities because of what we're seeing in other penguin species," Vitali said.

Of even more concern is the limited defence Australia can mount if sites like Phillip Island become infected by the strain.

"There's not a lot we can do [to stop the virus coming to our shores]," Vitali contends.

However, she does advocate that now is the time for managers of wildlife tourism sites across the country to start planning for the worst-case scenario.

"The sorts of things you can do is think about what will happen to public access to places like



Phillip Island when this disease comes? What can we do to prevent further spread through our actions? How can we limit the amount of spread in Phillip Island?" Vitali said.

The warning arrives at a time of strong growth in nature-based tourism in Australia, with demand for the segment growing by 47% between 2014 and 2023, according to figures from Tourism Research Australia.

Visiting wildlife parks, zoos, and aquariums saw a 46% increase during the period, while bushwalking and rainforest walks rose by 81%, and visiting national or state parks grew by 73%. *AB*

Qantas 72-hour sale

QANTAS has released over one million discounted seats to more than 60 destinations across Australia, as part of a surprise 72-hour sale.

Travellers can snag domestic economy sale fares for less than \$160 one-way, including Ballina to Sydney (\$109), Gold Coast to Sydney (\$119) and Launceston to Melbourne (\$119).

Unless sold out prior, the sale fares are available until 11.59pm (AEST) 25 Jul for travel from Aug 2024 to Mar 2025.



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Zurvas jumps ship

SEADREAM Yacht Club has appointed Jarrod Zurvas to the role of Director of Sales, APAC.

The new recruit (**pictured**) joins from Captain Cook Cruises Fiji, which recently announced plans to cease operations to the country's outer islands from 26 Oct due to revoked access to charter *Ms Caledonian Sky*.

Zurvas will be based in Brisbane, and is charged with overseeing all of SeaDream's activities in Australia, New Zealand, and the wider Asia-Pacific region.



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Aranui amps up Austral in '26



ARANUI Cruises is set to offer more voyages to French Polynesia's southern Austral Islands as part of its newly unveiled 2026 program.

Aranui 5 will operate a bumper 25 sailings, including 13-day Australs cruises calling at all five inhabited islands - Tubuai,

Rurutu, Rimatara, Raivavae, Rapa Iti - with visits to Raiatea and Bora Bora on the return leg.

"We are thrilled to be expanding our program in the south of French Polynesia with four Austral Islands itineraries in 2026, more than ever before," said Aranui Cruises Regional Representative Australia & NZ, Laurent Wong.

"With 250-guest *Aranui 5* calling a few times a year, it's a sustainable way to introduce these remote islands to tourism, while also offering avid Aranui fans a new itinerary to entice them back on board."

The cruise line will also offer a short five-day cruise to Tuamotu atolls Mataiva, Makatea and Anaa, and continue to operate its popular 12-day Marquesas Islands itinerary with 20 round-trip sailings from Papeete.

For the first time, Aranui is also offering a 15% discount for guests booking back-to-back cruises, as well as earlybird savings on Austral Islands voyages booked before 31 Dec 2024. *JM*

Savings on Eurostar

RAIL Europe has announced 20% savings on Eurostar tickets for guests travelling in Standard Premier and Comfort classes.

The discount is available until 06 Aug 2024, and is valid between 03 Sep-30 Oct on applicable routes, including London-Paris, Brussels-Lille, London-Amsterdam/Rotterdam, Paris-Brussels, and Paris-Amsterdam - book **HERE**.

VA loses regional battle

VIRGIN Australia's regional arm cancelled more domestic flights than any other independent carrier in Jun, according to the latest figures from BITRE.

While the average for all airlines during the month was relatively pleasing at 2.5%, Virgin Australia Regional Airlines fared significantly worse than its major competitor, QantasLink, scrapping nearly 8% of all services.

Qantas' regional carrier only canned 3.4% of flights.

However, VA did enjoy an overall victory against its major rival, with its combined services only seeing 1.9% of flights cancelled, versus 3.3% for Qantas.

"For the fifth month in a row, Virgin Australia recorded a lower cancellation rate than its major competitor at under 2% in Jun," VA General Manager Integrated Operations Centre, Danny Norman, told *Travel Daily*.

"There were some weather-related challenges which affected



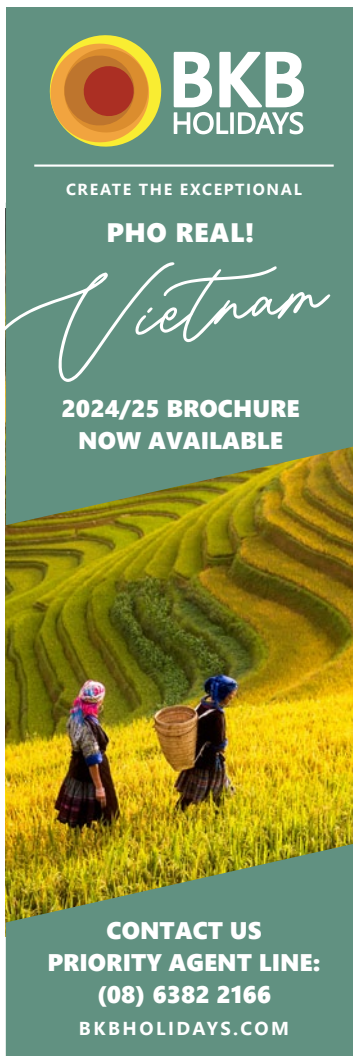
all airlines, including storms in Sydney on 06 and 14 Jun, which impacted one in every seven flights across the Virgin Australia network on those days."

The Flying Kangaroo emerged victorious when it came to taking off and landing on time however, with the report showing the carrier led the pack with an average on-time rate of 79.05%.

The result was ahead of the next-best airline, Rex, which managed to deliver 77.05% of services on time.

Virgin Australia came in third with 75.7% of flights on schedule, while Qantas' budget carrier Jetstar trailed the field with only 72.8% of flights on time.

Overall, Australian carriers delivered 77.3% of flights on schedule for the month. *AB*



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Rail Europe
Rail Journey Inspiration by Matt Carter from Journeys Retold

Matt's dream journey was one of the Top 10 entries

Next year, 2025, will mark the 20th anniversary of Paul Theroux's Pillars of Hercules: A Grand Tour of the Mediterranean. It's my favourite travel book!

If you are unfamiliar with this epic book, Paul attempts to circumnavigate the Mediterranean coast leaving east from Gibraltar, and circling all the way back around to Morocco and eventually Ceuta, the Spanish city on African soil.

The first segment of his journey is by rail, and it's fascinating. Read the rest of Matt's entry on [Rail Europe's FB page](#).

The best way to follow this dream journey or any European itinerary is with a [Eurail Global Mobile Pass](#), which offers unlimited rail travel across 33 countries.

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Paris is brie-ond belief



FORMER Atout France Director Australia Patrick Benhamou is in Paris ahead of the upcoming Summer Olympics for his new venture, Show 7 Events.

Benhamou, who founded the new business late last year (**TD** 07 Nov), is in Paris with the Nine Network to develop seven lifestyle segments, which are set to be broadcasted during the Olympic Games.

The features will cover fashion, food, champagne, culture, hotels, restaurants, and more.

France expects 12 million visitors for the Olympics, 20% of whom will come from overseas.

The Games will begin on Fri with an opening ceremony on the Seine, which will be watched by four billion viewers.

Benhamou, a proud 'Frossie'

(frog/Aussie - Benhamou's words, not ours), promised to jump in the Seine if his two countries top the medal tally. **MS**

Pictured is Benhamou with the Nine Network's *Today* presenter, Brooke Boney.

UN recruits Barnes

INTREPID Travel's Chief Customer Officer, Leigh Barnes, has joined the United Nations Global Compact's (UNGC) Chief Marketing Officer Think Lab.

The initiative brings together CMOs from around the world to offer advice on the marketing challenges and opportunities around the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Barnes revealed the news on LinkedIn as a "pinch me moment".

Tauck group sales

TAUCK has partnered with Approach Guides to boost travel advisors' river cruise group sales.

The tour operator is the first of Approach Guides' partners to roll out the new technology, which focuses on enhanced customisation, making it easy for travel advisors to add custom sales messages, group pricing, and other trip details.

Customising takes just minutes, with travel advisors able to add their content to a pre-built marketing landing page.

The service is available immediately for advisors selling groups on Tauck cruises.

NT refreshes plan

THE Northern Territory Government has released a new destination management plan for Alice Springs and the MacDonnell Ranges, to ensure it aligns with the current tourism environment.

The updated destination plan also identifies current and future tourism opportunities and areas of investment for the region.

These include establishing a walking trail linking the Finke Gorge National Park to Hermannsburg, and developing a tourism precinct which connects many of Alice Springs' attractions, including the Telegraph Station and the future ATSIAGA.

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Travellers are overwhelmed

NEW international research has highlighted how overwhelmed travellers feel when making holiday bookings, due to a proliferation of increasingly complex offers, according to Travelport's first annual *State of Modern Retailing Report*.

Combining international independent data, cross-industry comparisons, and broader consumer insights, the Travelport study found booking travel directly from providers has become more time-consuming and complicated than ever.

More than half (58%) of travellers feel overwhelmed by too many choices, the report revealed, with almost the same amount (56%) stating that airline offers in particular are more difficult to understand than they were 10 years ago.

Almost two-thirds of travellers (71%) feel anxious about whether they have received the best deal

after they've booked their trip, while almost nine in 10 people would prefer all flight options and fares appear on one screen.

Travelport estimates air travel options have gone from about 500 in 2010 to more than 10,000 this year.

"Despite travel providers favouring direct-to-consumer connections, the sheer volume of options is overwhelming to travellers, making them less confident in their booking choices," Travelport Chief Marketing Officer Jen Catto said.

"Our research found that instead of feeling excited after booking a trip, most travellers are left feeling anxious, wondering if they got the best deal.

"For the travel industry, this signals a growing need and opportunity for travel agencies.

"Their expertise in comparison shopping aids travellers in confidently booking." *MS*

Outrigger refresh

VISITORS to the 'Big Island' of Hawai'i can now check in to a revitalised Outrigger Kona Resort after the property completed a major US\$60 million renovation.

The resort has blended elements of traditional Hawaiian culture with modern aesthetics in a new layout across its 511 guest rooms and suites.

Guests in Club level rooms can also now access the Voyager 47 Club Lounge, offering comfortable seating and refreshments.

Other enhancements include a new coffee and wine bar featuring locally grown beans and internationally sourced wines, along with an improved events venue with flexible spaces.



Window Seat

MELBURNIANS have been voted Australia's most poorly behaved skiers and slope users, according to a poll by SnowSeasonCentral.

The "slope etiquette" study revealed the worst habits of Aussie skiers who have hit the slopes in recent years, with pushing in line or skipping it altogether revealed as the most frequent transgression.

Annoyingly, not keeping a safe distance was reported by half of respondents as their biggest bugbear.

Skiers have a variety of methods to combat the poor behaviour too, with responses ranging from ignoring it, to politely communicating the rules to abusers, while only a small 17% post the behaviour on social media channels.

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ALBATROS Expeditions has just launched the first-ever Halal-certified cruise to Antarctica, led by the polar industry's only female Muslim expedition leader, Rashidah Lim.

While travellers of all backgrounds are welcome to join the adventure, no pork or alcohol will be served on board.

Guests are also not allowed to bring external food or beverages on the voyage, while the onboard sauna will also include ladies-only hours daily.

"We are very proud to be the first movers in the polar industry to launch a new, exciting expedition adventure," said Jens Rasmussen, COO and Board Member of the Albatros Group.

Skal warms up this winter



SIA takes a big bite

SINGAPORE Airlines is now food festival Taste Port Douglas' new international partner.

Taking place from 8-11 Aug, the event has also received funding from the state and federal govts to support FNQ's recovery from ex-Tropical Cyclone Jasper.

SENIOR MANAGER Trade Marketing

The Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) is a dynamic, global marketing organisation whose mission is to promote Hong Kong as a unique, world-class destination. HKTB requires a Senior Manager - Trade Marketing for its Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific operations.

Based in Sydney, reporting to the Director of Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific, the role is responsible for the planning, development and implementation of Trade, Cruise & MICE projects & campaigns. An understanding of current trade distribution channels and strong relationship management is essential. The position is also responsible for managing budgets, new initiatives, analysing campaign results and market intelligence, providing guidance and support to a small team.

Ideally, candidates will have minimum 10 years' experience in the travel industry with a minimum 5 years in a management role. Tertiary qualifications, in depth understanding of the travel industry and consumer travel behaviour, extensive computer skills, strong presentation and communication skills, together with a working knowledge of Hong Kong.

The position comes with a competitive salary package and health benefits.



Applications to be sent by 5 August 2024 E-mail: anna.chui@hktb.com

THE Skal Melbourne Club recently gathered for a Winter Warmer networking night, hosted by Marshall Waters and his team at Rewine Queen Victoria Market.

The club enjoyed a great evening of sustainable wine, delicious finger food and, of course, plenty of networking.

The evening also saw the club welcome in Qatar Airways' Sales & Operations Manager, Pamela (Pammy) Pavitt (pictured), as its newest member.

"It was a fabulous evening and we had the honour of inducting the infamous member, Pammy Pavitt from Qatar Airways,"

President Richard Kellaway said. To find out how to join the club, email membershipmelbourne@skal.org.au. JM

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Ponant hosts client events



PONANT hosted two “bring a client” events last week in Newcastle and the Central Coast.

The two informative evenings hosted 100 travel advisors and travellers at Novotel Newcastle Beach and Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific, an IHG Hotel.

Ponant was represented by NSW & ACT State Manager Kristina Sambaher.

The cruise line was also joined by Journey Beyond’s Deon Johnson and Abercrombie & Kent’s Alexa Papoulias.

The three welcomed attendees with wine and canapes to showcase their extraordinary journeys by sea, rail, and land. *MS*

Pictured: Papoulias, Sambaher, and Johnson.

Traveltek adds Avalon

TRAVELTEK has added Avalon Waterways to its growing network of cruise lines.

Agents are now able to book Avalon on Traveltek’s reservations platform, which offers the agents cruise line’s content.

“I’m thrilled we are partnering with Avalon Waterways, another heavyweight in the river cruise industry, as Traveltek continues to focus on adding further cruise lines on our platform,” Traveltek Global Director of Revenue & Supply, Tracy Sharp, said.

“This shows our commitment in offering a truly global range of cruise partners for our clients in all markets,” she added.

ATIA UPDATE

from Dean Long, CEO



THIS week we saw the importance of making sure regulations support tourism and the travel industry.

Without a robust travel (import) industry, the country cannot have a robust tourism industry (export).

This is a central tenet of our advocacy efforts and requires consistent reaffirmation to ensure policymakers around Australia understand this fact.

Yesterday’s announcement by VA to cease flying between Cairns and Haneda from Feb 2025, is significant.

The decision highlights Cairns ongoing struggle to keep direct flights due to the lack of Australians travelling outbound.

For Australia, most routes are profitable because the local Australian population provides sufficient base revenue to build profit from int’l tourists.

While the news is disappointing and will further fuel public debate on the performance of the aviation market, the way the team at VA has handled this situation is to be applauded.

In a practical sense, the management of this withdrawal means families who want to see the reef will be able to as planned and will not need to incur additional costs due to no fault of their own if the flights were cancelled.

While there will be significant speculation around the role of the record high Japanese Yen and the choice of aircraft for that route, for ATIA it also demonstrates the importance of slots to airlines.

As we have spoken about at length, slot reform is necessary and critical to the ongoing modernisation of aviation.

The 80/20 rule was created with two main considerations.

The first ensures that airlines retain their slot to be able to provide travellers with certainty.

The second aspect of reform prevents airlines from cancelling too many services for commercial reasons.

With the anticipated *Aviation White Paper* release, we also eagerly await to see if there will be reform of the domestic slot management system.

As ATIA members reform their businesses, we hope the government will restructure this outdated rule.

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Air Canada does it for the kids

AIR Canada's non-profit arm has highlighted how it helped make a difference to the lives of children across the country, in its newly released *2023 Impact Report*.

The paper outlines Air Canada Foundation's key programs, charitable partnerships, humanitarian relief and employee volunteering initiatives in support of children's health and wellbeing.

Last year, the foundation donated more than CA\$1.3 million, as well as Aeroplan points and over 2,000 airline tickets to organisations across Canada to support children in need, while nearly 1,100 Air Canada employees volunteered to their time to causes of their choice.

"Among many 2023 initiatives, we are proud to have provided hope to children by connecting them with fun, once-in-a-lifetime experiences," said Priscille Leblanc, Chair of the Air Canada Foundation.

"These include a Rocky Mountaineer journey through the Canadian Rockies with Starlight Children's Foundation Canada, magical days at a theme park through Dreams Take Flight, and the chance to support their favourite sports team on the road through Air Canada's Fan Flight program."

CAPRICORN COAST GETS THE GREEN TICK

CAPRICORN Coast has become Queensland's fifth ecotourism destination, after achieving Ecotourism Australia's ECO Destination Certification.

Situated in the Southern Great Barrier Reef, the Capricorn Coast is home to pristine beaches, lush national parks, and charming coastal towns, with an array of marine and reef experiences acting as visitor drawcards.

Ecotourism Australia Chief Executive, Elissa Keenan, said Capricorn Coast "has been a champion in its commitment to internationally recognised sustainable tourism standards".

The certification was led by Livingstone Shire Council and supported by Capricorn Enterprise and local tourism industry stakeholders.

Seven of the region's local



operators hold ECO Certification, including Capricorn Caves, which has maintained best-practice certification standards for more than two decades.

Tourism and Events Queensland CEO Patricia O'Callaghan extended her congratulations to Capricorn Enterprise and Livingstone Shire Council, and said it was great to see another Queensland destination achieve this outcome.

"More and more destinations in Queensland are becoming ECO certified, which is part of a bigger strategy to maintain world best-practice standards and align with current global trends in nature-based tourism and ecotourism.

"The certification gives travellers confidence that destinations are committed to sustainable practices and offer high-quality nature-based tourism experiences." JM

Club Med guests see green this week

GREEN Week kicked off yesterday at Club Med resorts around the globe, celebrating the hospitality brand's ongoing commitment to a more sustainable future.

Until Fri, guests staying at participating Club Med resorts can take part in daily demonstrations centred on specific environmental topics, including waste reduction.

Guided nature walks, educational workshops, wildlife conservation efforts, beach cleans-ups, and cultural experiences are among the



myriad of eco-focused activities taking place this week.

"Green Week is a fantastic opportunity to showcase Club Med's dedication to sustainability and inspire our guests to join us on this journey," said Rachael Harding, CEO of East, South Asia and Pacific markets at Club Med.

Chug for a cause

VISITORS at Cardamom Tented Camp ecolodge in Cambodia can sink back a beer knowing they're doing their bit for the environment.

The ecolodge has launched its own conservation beer, supplied in recycled bottles, with the tagline, 'Your Beer Keeps the Forest Standing'.

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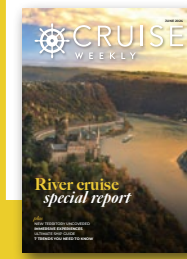
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MONEY

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

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THE Australian dollar took a plunge at the beginning of the week, dropping to four-week lows against the United States dollar, thanks to weak commodities and a poor economic outlook in China.

Experts predict a slow recovery for the Aussie currency given its dependency on China, which continues to face slow growth amid post-pandemic challenges.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.664
UK	£0.514
NZ	\$1.111
Euro	€0.609
Japan	¥104.3
Thailand	฿24.11
China	¥4.831
South Africa	12.12
Canada	\$0.914
Crude oil	US\$81.04

Mekong refreshed

PANDAW Cruises has introduced new excursions in Cambodia, which will take effect immediately for all Mekong expeditions from Sep.

The authentic and sustainable experiences include an opportunity to learn about and buy authentic locally made silk products in the quaint village of Pak Russei, and a visit to Peam Chi Korng, a small village known for its pottery industry.

See the updated itinerary [HERE](#).

Schwartz's new solar farm



HOTEL tycoon Jerry Schwartz has launched a new solar farm in the grounds adjacent to his Rydges Resort Hunter Valley (pictured), fresh off the property being crowned 'Regional Superior Hotel of the Year' at the Accommodation Association of NSW Awards.

The 5MW solar plant joins another 5MW plant, meaning the two farms are now producing enough energy to cover more than the entire output of all of Schwartz's hotels across New South Wales.

The resort magnate said environmental and sustainability best-practice needs to be at the heart of the sector's operations.

"Hotels have to be holistic in terms of the way they operate," Schwartz argued.

"Sustainability must be at the fore of every hotel operation.

"Most Schwartz Family Company hotels have introduced major environmental initiatives over the years, and Rydges Resort Hunter Valley really shines brightly as a sustainability leader."

Schwartz added it is important to showcase renewable energy in the heart of a region still known for its coal mining.

"Tourism is the sustainable industry of the future for the Hunter Valley," he said.

"At times, the Hunter Valley Conference & Events Centre can host more than 1,000 people across the venue, which requires massive energy use, but we can cover all of that through locally produced renewable sources.

"The installation of the solar panels across the property and the building of the solar farms were the ideal solution to meeting our energy needs and minimising our environmental impact," Schwartz added.

Rydges Hunter Valley was one of the star performers at last week's Accommodation Association Awards, which also took out gold for 'Best Innovation Project and Workplace Health & Safety'.

Schwartz is also about to add another NSW hotel, with Leura Gardens Resort expected to join at the end of the month. *MS*

Scoot to Subang

SCOOT has announced the launch of flights to Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in downtown Kuala Lumpur from Singapore.

The new route will launch from Sep with an A320 aircraft, providing passengers with an alternative option to travel between KL and Singapore.

Scoot's route network will increase to 70 destinations with the addition of Subang.

The carrier will operate 110 weekly flights to Malaysia.

JAL to modernise

JAPAN Airlines (JAL) will modernise its fleet with up to 20 more Boeing 787 Dreamliners, which it will add on long-haul routes to meet rising demand for international travel.

JAL has committed to 10 new fuel-efficient 787-9 jets, with an option for 10 more, which are valued on international routes to North America and Asia.

The 20 additions will add to JAL's current fleet of more than 50 of the popular wide-body jet.

"We are delighted to announce the addition of 787 Dreamliners to our fleet," the airline's Executive Officer of Procurement Yukio Nakagawa said.

"This order underscores our commitment to accelerating the introduction of the modern and more fuel-efficient aircraft to deliver unparalleled service to our customers and further reduce CO2 emissions.

"We greatly appreciate the strong relationship and support from Boeing, which has been instrumental in our efforts to modernise our fleet and expand our international routes."



NOW PLAYING

BEVERLY HILLS SUITE LIFE



Burton House Beverly Hills, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel by Marriott, opened its doors in May, offering guests a stylish escape in the heart of luxury.

This all-suite hotel pays homage to Beverly Hills' founder, Burton Edmond Green. Expect modern flair alongside historic nods, with separate living areas, kitchenettes, and artwork curated for a residential feel.

Guests can unwind at the

state-of-the-art fitness center or the 1,100 sq. ft. yoga and pilates studio. For a taste of California cool, the indoor-outdoor Emerald Lounge serves breakfast, drinks, and light bites.

Burton House offers a unique blend of luxury and comfort, ideal for discerning travelers seeking an unforgettable Beverly Hills experience.

Find out More [HERE](#)

WEST HARBOR IS IN VIEW

West Harbor at San Pedro is a vibrant new waterfront development situated directly adjacent to the Port of Los Angeles Cruise Terminal.

The new development offers your clients the perfect pre or post-cruise experience.

Visitors can indulge in delicious harborside dining, explore unique shops, or catch a live show at the planned open-air amphitheater. West Harbor will also boast a stunning waterfront promenade, ideal for scenic walks and taking in the LA waterfront views.

The newly renovated San Pedro Fish Market is now open, with the remaining development to open in 2025. More [HERE](#)

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Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood and Turner Classic Movies (TCM) have partnered to introduce the TCM Classic Films Tour. This new tour features bespoke clips with TCM hosts, visits to areas of the studio that are not part of the regular tour (including the Property Department and Rose Garden), and TCM-branded tour carts. This classics-themed tour focuses on the Golden Age of Film and TV, featuring award-winning titles that were produced on the iconic backlot from the early days of the Studio through the 1970s. More [HERE](#)

BEACHFRONT BLISS IN MARINA DEL REY

The Jamaica Bay Inn Marina del Rey, Tapestry Collection by Hilton, has recently unveiled its newly renovated rooms. This beach front haven offers your clients modern amenities and island-inspired charm.

Guests can enjoy a refreshing dip in the heated pool, rent beach cruisers to explore the area, or unwind on private balconies with stunning marina views. Conveniently located near Abbot Kinney Blvd. and the Venice Beach Boardwalk, Jamaica Bay Inn remains a relaxing retreat close to the action. More [HERE](#)



WATCH & WIN

Watch our LA culinary webinar [HERE](#) and answer this question: How many Michelin-starred restaurants does LA boast? Email your answer to oceania@latourism.org by July 31st, 2024 to be in the draw to win 1 of 3 \$50 gift cards plus an LA prize pack! Don't miss out!

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Engage your eco-conscious clients with PST: Art & Science Collide, a region-wide event launching this September.

This groundbreaking initiative features over 60 exhibitions exploring the intersection of art, science, and sustainability. From innovative installations to thought-provoking discussions, PST challenges and inspires with its focus on tackling climate change. More [HERE](#)

LET'S GO DODGERS

Offer your clients a behind-the-scenes experience at the legendary Dodger Stadium with Dodger Stadium Tours.

These year-round tours, available on game days and non-game days, take your clients through the heart of baseball history. Depending on what tour is chosen, visitors will be able to walk down onto the field, hit a ball like their favourite players, visit the iconic centerfield plaza and pavilions, view the World Series trophies, explore the Vin Scully Press Box and more!

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