

## Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today features seven pages of the latest news, including our **Corporate Update**, plus a full page from **Italian National Tourist Board**.

## FlyOne launches IPO

**FLYONE** Sustainable Aviation, a Perth company that runs air taxi services and plans to sell electric aircraft, has started raising money before it goes public on the ASX early next year.

The company is working with law firm Steinepreis Paganin to raise around \$3 million, valuing the business between \$60-\$80 million, with plans to then buy a factory for making electric aircraft with the IPO money.

Last year, FlyOne already raised \$2 million from small investors, and is aiming to list on the ASX around Apr next year.

The company earns around \$1 million a year - mostly from air taxis that fly short tourist trips from Jandakot Airport to destinations like Rottnest Island, Jurien Bay, and Leeuwin Estate Winery, with the rest coming from pilot training.

## VJ axes Hanoi flights

**VIETJET** will scrap its two Australian routes to Hanoi after launching the services from Sydney and Melbourne to Vietnam's capital in Jun last year.

The move was revealed by new scheduling filed by the Asian budget carrier, with the duo of twice-weekly services to be axed from Sydney on 27 Sep and Melbourne on 03 Oct.

Vietjet made the decision based on network consolidation, with the dropping of Hanoi to gradually benefit capacity on flights to Ho Chi Minh City from Sydney and Melbourne.

The SGN-MEL route will increase from five to six times weekly from 05 Dec, while a day later, the SGN-SYD route will do the same.

Added Ho Chi Minh City seats out of Australia will complement Vietjet's routes from Perth and Brisbane to Vietnam's major southern hub, with both Aussie



ports to remain unchanged.

The latest report from BITRE monitoring int'l airline activity in Australia showed that Vietjet enjoyed gains in May compared to the same month last year.

Passengers carried grew by around 20%, with just shy of 38,000 passengers boarding its flights to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh.

Despite a recent financial dispute threatening a global asset freeze (**TD** 25 Jul), the growth picture has looked bright for Vietjet, which has repeatedly flagged more Aussie expansion, and recently ordered 20 A330-900s to grow its network. **AB**

## CZ flies to the top

**CHINA** Southern Airlines will fly non-stop between Guangzhou and Darwin on a seasonal basis from 03 Dec.

The Chinese carrier, fresh from ramping up frequencies in Sydney (**TD** 25 Aug) and Brisbane (**TD** 19 Aug), will deploy B737 Max 8 aircraft on the NT route, operating three times a week.

Around 52,000 seats will be added annually between Guangzhou and Darwin, and will offer travellers a flight time of five hours and 30 minutes.

The carrier has been canvassing interest for the route for over a decade, with the route expected to boost inbound tourism, and service growing business links between the two destinations.

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## All Indonesia card

**AUSTRALIAN** travellers to Bali, Jakarta and Surabaya must submit a new All Indonesia declaration card online no later than 48 hours prior to arrival in the country, a new Smartraveller update has advised.

The requirement takes effect from 01 Sep and will be expanded to all Indonesian hubs by 01 Oct.

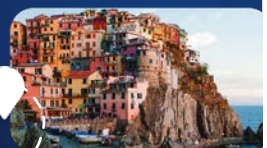
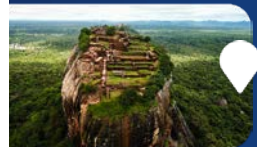
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## What solo travellers want on holiday

**AS MORE** travel brands are embracing solo travellers, there is still room for improvement in the industry, agents have observed.

According to a new Scoot report focusing on solo travel, it is expected that the segment will increase 14.3% annually between 2025 and 2030.

However, the report also revealed that 54% of APAC solo travellers feel more vulnerable to theft or harassment on holiday.

This could be helped by businesses prioritising safety with dedicated emergency support, suggested David Lyons from Horizons Cruise & Travel.

The Scoot report also pointed out that airlines “can start by building an ecosystem that provides seamless booking experiences, from flight tickets to local attractions to mobile connectivity solutions and more”.

In addition, it was revealed that 27% of solo travellers experience



loneliness while on holiday.

Tailored events, communal dining tables, flexible itinerary options and hosted welcome events can help these travellers feel more comfortable, Sarah Webster, founder at Wayfinder Travel told **Travel Daily**.

“Not everything needs to be tailored for couples - solo travellers want to feel included, welcomed, and safe, not like they’re an afterthought, or worse still, a ‘third wheel’ who can’t find a table for dinner and has to join others,” Webster said.

Solo travel also needs to be featured in marketing to “show it

as a powerful, joyful choice, not a compromise, and not just for younger women”, she added.

Lyons also suggested there could be more specialised solo itinerary planning with personalised experiences to cater for individual preferences, although immersive small group land tours often work well for this market.

Meanwhile, Philip Clape from Holidays Beckon said that brands that scrap solo supplements or reduce them to “a more equitable level” will attract more of the solo travel market.

Last week, Inspiring Vacations released its surcharge-free Solo Journeys range, with each tour including return airfares, a guaranteed solo room with no single supplement, airport transfers, local guides and escorted small group touring (**TD** 20 Aug 2025). **JHM**

Read the full story **HERE**.

## Link back to Coffs

**REGIONAL** airline Link Airways has announced plans to resume its Canberra to Coffs Harbour service from late Sep 2025, following a five-month pause.

The route is scheduled to take off again on 18 Sep, with twice-weekly flights to be operated by the carrier’s Saab 340 aircraft.

## SIA changes tix rules

**SINGAPORE** Airlines is warning the trade that its Ticketing Time Limit (TTL) settings will change from 01 Sep to align with the company’s recent inventory changes to its Point of Commencement (POC) logic.

While the TTL will be calculated based on POC, SIA’s automatic warning/cancellation element will be based on the local time of the travel agent to mitigate any potential servicing issues.

These new TTL settings will apply to all existing bookings from the cutover date (01 Sep).

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## Hijack plot foiled

A **COMMERCIAL** passenger plane was the subject of a hijack attempt this week, the Federal Government has confirmed.

While many of the details are subject to a suppression order, reports suggest an individual is in custody after they allegedly sought to fly the jet to a "hostile" Middle Eastern country.

"Any report of a potential hijacking sends shivers down the spine of every Australian, particularly Australians, who fly," Minister Mark Butler conceded.

Investigators are examining whether the alleged plot was driven by anti-Semitic views and sympathies with an unnamed country, the AFP said, with the plot reportedly involving plans for multiple refuelling stops en route to the Middle East.

## Adina opens up its house



**HOME-GROWN** hotel brand Adina Apartment Hotels has marked its 20th anniversary by declaring it intends to showcase its distinct Aussie design and style in cities around the world.

Design features include high-end Smeg appliances, Hunter Lab amenities, Indigenous artworks by Vivian Ziherl and fragrances by Scent Australia, combining to create a homely sense of place.

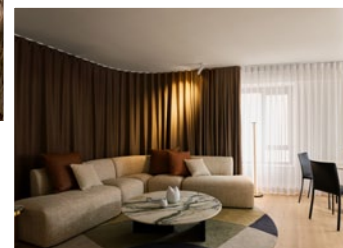
These features and other local flavours were showcased yesterday at Adina Town Hall in Sydney, which was opened for invited guests to explore its all-new look that debuted earlier this year and will be rolled out in line with refurb timelines.

Industry insiders encountered numerous activations including wine tastings, native-inspired scents, design walk-throughs and in-room cooking demonstrations.

The Adina brand currently has more than 40 hotels in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Europe, and will this year welcome guests in the UK for the first time with two hotels opening in Cambridge and Glasgow.

"We've been working on building a brand positioning and trying to work through what we want it to stand for from an Australian perspective, where 'Australian-ness' is one of our core pillars," TFE Hotels Director of Brand Geraldine Connell said.

Post-refurb apartments feature dark green carpeting juxtaposed



against white walls, dark appliances and gold brass fittings, alongside curved furniture and a welcoming lounge room.

Such simplistic living means apartments either have kitchen appliances and utensils in-room or available on-demand, which is then coupled with the brand's new digital web app where guests can communicate with staff.

Connell is **pictured** above with TFE Hotels Regional GM Emma Soutter and Adina Town Hall GM Frances Di Martino.

For more from Adina's refresh and images, **CLICK HERE**. *ML*

## Intrepid adds 32

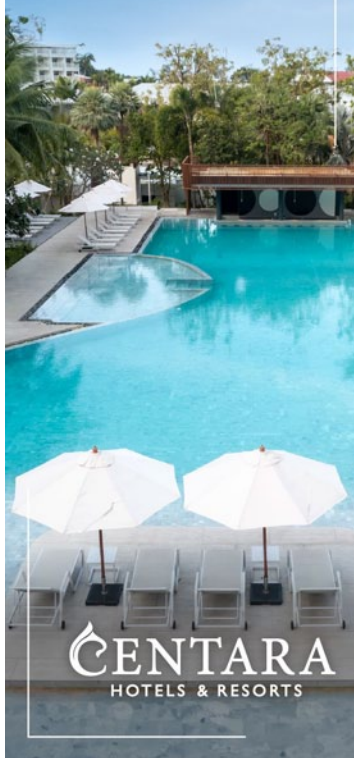
**INTREPID** Travel has launched 32 new trips across Europe in response to strong growth in demand for lesser-known European destinations.

The operator revealed its bookings are up 23% in the Nordics and 52% in the Balkans year on year, with the Czech Republic and Albania among its fastest-growing destinations.

As such, Intrepid has introduced a swathe of itineraries in three brand-new regions - Madeira, the Canary Islands and the Faroe Islands - as well as spotlighting culturally immersive experiences.

Highlights include a premium walking trip in Madeira, an exploration of the Faroe Islands, a rail journey through Northern Sweden, a Greek sailing, and a hike through the Albanian Alps.

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## VA delivers on prospectus

**VIRGIN** Australia's first financial report since re-listing on the ASX has revealed the carrier's annual net profit after tax declined by 12.3% to \$479 million (**TD** breaking news).

However the adjusted figure taking into account one-off or non-core items showed the carrier's pro forma underlying net profit improved by 27.8% on last year to \$331 million.

Meanwhile revenue increased handsomely by close to 9%, delivering VA a \$456 million bump to \$5.81 billion.

VA said it expects to see continued growth in both revenue and underlying profit for the 2026 financial year, driven largely by a rise in travel demand, its expanding Velocity loyalty program, and the impact of its transformation initiatives.

The delivery of 12 new B737 Max aircraft and four new E190-E2s in Jun next year will help



cater for a predicted uptick in demand, with domestic capacity tipped to grow by 4% next year.

Of importance to travellers and agents, VA confirmed it still has \$93 million worth of COVID credits on its balance sheet, due for expiry on 30 Jun 2026.

Any credits not used will result in a non-cash benefit for the carrier that will not be included in its future underlying EBIT.

The Velocity division recorded a \$127 million underlying EBIT for the 12 months to 30 Jun, up \$12 million on the previous period.

The program piled on close to a million new members as part of an aggressive member acquisition strategy, while there was also a 12% growth in active members.

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## Aussies embrace Thailand



**AMAZING** Thailand recently paired up with Singapore Airlines to bring the spirit of Thailand to Australia, with two product update events taking place in Adelaide and the Gold Coast.

The two organisations showcased Thailand's affordable luxury offerings, highlighting its enduring popularity in the Australian market.

The Gold Coast event welcomed Infinity Holidays, which shared exciting updates on the current Thailand campaign and agent incentive running until 30 Sep

Inspired by the vibrant streets of Bangkok, the events featured staff in fluorescent vests offering welcome Thai iced tea, pink milk, sparkling wines, and beers.

After a Thai feast of green curry, tender crying tiger beef, warm roti and delicate desserts, attendees joined trivia games for a chance to win prizes, including a Thai holiday courtesy of Singapore Airlines, Banyan Tree, Andamanda Waterpark, and Infinity Holidays, as well as a limited-edition Phuket Monopoly.

**Pictured:** The GC event. *JM*



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## EXP focus paying dividends

**SHAREHOLDERS** in Australian tourism adventure activities brand Experience Co will receive their first dividend since 2018 on the back of the company declaring strong full-year financial results.

Citing robust domestic demand and the return of international visitors, the company reported an underlying EBITDA of \$19.3 million - a sizeable increase on



the \$14.4 million posted one year ago - and a net profit after tax of \$2.1 million, turning around a \$100,000 loss 12 months earlier.

Experience Co said the result reflected a prudent focus by management on efficiency gains, free cash flow generation and organic growth that position the business for a strong future.

Making the result even more special, the company said, is the fact the turnaround happened so quickly after short-term headwinds affected last year's results, including adverse weather which impacted skydiving and bungee jumping.

A fully franked dividend of \$0.25 cents per share will now be paid to shareholders, marking the company's first since FY18.

"While these disruptions impacted top-line results, underlying demand for these months remained ahead of budget and prior periods, reflecting the enduring appeal of our premium adventure and eco-tourism experiences," Experience Co CEO John O'Sullivan said. ML



## TAT's new safety tick

**THE** Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) has unveiled a new safety initiative to enhance the destination's global reputation.

The 'Trusted Thailand' stamp aims to offer travellers peace of mind when visiting Thailand, by recognising operators that meet the highest safety standards, including hotels and restaurants.

Tourism operators will be assessed under four key areas, including general safety measures, secure financial transactions, foreign language communication, and accessibility.

The initiative also features supporting activities to strengthen confidence across the sector, including targeted campaigns to rebuild trust in both short-haul markets like China and long-haul markets in Europe and the US.

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## TM says 'it's a date'

**TRAVELMANAGERS** has locked in 18-20 Aug as the dates for next year's national conference.

The annual event will once again take place midweek, a move TravelManagers made this year in order to help the work-life balance of attendees.

However, TravelManagers will keep with tradition in announcing the conference's location on the last day of this year's event, which is scheduled for just under two weeks' time in Bali.

*Travel Daily* will report on all of the action from Indonesia.

## VV dreams new lady

**VIRGIN** Voyages' executives have confirmed its latest ship, *Brilliant Lady*, will be the last of its current class of four vessels.

"[*Brilliant Lady*] is the last one of this class, from a build perspective," the cruise line's Chief Operating Officer Michelle Bentubo told media aboard her debut sailing in the UK.

While the Richard Branson-founded "disruptor" brand confirmed it was yet to place any orders, the planning of what the next class will look like has kicked off, and it is unlikely to move into the megaship category.



## FlyPelican Canberra

**FLYPELICAN** has announced the launch of thrice-weekly Avalon-Canberra flights commencing 26 Oct, marking the first direct link between the two cities.

The launch also signals the first time the regional carrier has serviced Avalon Airport, which has solely been served by Jetstar since the collapse of Bonza.

The FlyPelican flights will be operated by British Aerospace Jetstream 32 aircraft.

"These services will make travel between Victoria and the ACT easier for business, government and leisure travellers alike," said Avalon Airport CEO, Ari Suss.

## Jayride in reverse

**JAYRIDE** has posted a 55.5% total revenue loss in its preliminary results for the year ending Jun 2025.

The rideshare company's total revenue and other income during the year was \$2,423,121 - down from \$5,446,002 in FY24.

Booking revenue dropped around 62% over the 12 months to Jun 2025 to hit \$2,035,223 compared to last year's figure, which was \$5,491,062.

Additionally, Jayride's total current assets shrunk from \$3,421,249 in FY24 down to just \$753,948 in FY25.

Despite the weaker results, the company's operating costs eased by around 32% last financial year compared the year prior, with its total expenses also shrinking by more than 40%.

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## CORPORATE UPDATE

### QF NDC a mixed picture

**WHILE** large travel management companies (TMCs) are seeing the value of adopting Qantas' new distribution model, many independents and smaller players have called the Jul rollout "premature and costly", with some electing to keep more complex bookings on GDS.

The observation was made in a blog post penned by Country Manager, ANZ, Derek Sadubin, who also stated that smaller TMCs are struggling with major inefficiencies, failed bookings, tech gaps, & more manual work.



Common problems encountered so far include limited servicing, mixed system compatibility, content visibility issues, and longer Qantas support wait times.

One anonymous TMC told Sadubin they are "getting pretty frustrated" by agencies "pretending that everything is perfect and they are 100% NDC".

The story is very different for larger companies however, with that business cohort reporting strong NDC adoption rates, as well as savings of between 8-17% for their customers.

Businesses like Corporate Travel Management and Flight Centre Travel Group's corporate brands indicated that Qantas NDC adoption has led to solid savings and efficiencies for clients.

However, Flight Centre's Corporate Global COO and MD ANZ Melissa Elf said there are still some wrinkles to iron out.

These include difficulties with changing itineraries, managing credits, adding ancillaries, and growing Qantas call centre wait times for 20% of bookings.

"Our teams and NDC ninjas are actively engaged and working collaboratively with the likes of Qantas and Sabre to find solutions, and we expect this to resolve quickly," Elf said. AB

### QR biz tastes better

**QATAR** Airways has collaborated with New Zealand chef Michael Meredith to create a new business-class in-flight menu for passengers travelling from Auckland to Doha.

Available from 01 Sep, the menu is designed to be a celebration of the Southwest Pacific-inspired cuisine over three courses.

The dishes include an appetiser of cured salmon apple confit, braised short ribs for the main course, and a dessert of cherry pie with rhubarb confit, honeycomb and mint.

"[Our] new menu is more than just a meal, it is a celebration of storytelling through food, and a unique opportunity to bring the flavours of Aotearoa to the skies," Qatar Airways' Senior VP for Product Development and Design Xia Cai said.



### Trip.com AI move

**ONLINE** travel agency Trip.com has launched an AI-driven planning tool that it claims will transform complex itineraries into effortless, personalised journeys.

Trip.Planner is billed as being travellers' AI travel concierge, offering users real-time prices, availability and descriptions for travel options tailored to specific interests and specifications.

An added layer of expert help sees Trip.Planner include expert-vetted recommendations available via its in-app AI chat.

"With instant transport integration, flexible planning features, and access to over 20 million geo-tagged global points of interest, travellers can plan every detail from a unified intelligence hub," the OTA said.

### Help hints on track

**INTERNATIONAL** Rail launched a new 'useful information' section on its website, billed as a go-to hub for advisors to get answers to common queries.

Helpful details include enquiries regarding Eurostar and Eurail Passes, with the section providing comparison tables on seating, luggage, wi-fi, and meals.

Details on when seat reservations are compulsory are also available, in addition to broader insights into operators like TGV InOui, Austrian RailJet, German ICE and Italian Freccia.



### Window Seat

**ONE** of the sweetest tourism proposals in Tasmania's history is leaving a bad taste in the mouths of some tourists, after it was revealed the world's largest chocolate fountain has been scrapped from plans.

The Tasmanian Government previously announced \$12 million in funding to help developers build a major chocolate attraction at Hobart's Cadbury factory, however the renders released this week have quietly removed the centrepiece.

While a chocolate lab, an arboretum of cocoa trees, a chocolate history experience, and a mass ingredient barn are still planned, a spokesperson confirmed the fountain has been chewed up and spat out like so many Cadbury treats.

No reason was given for the abrupt about-face, but we can only speculate someone in the safety committee had watched *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* one too many times.

Spoiler alert, but that Augustus Gloop had it coming.




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**AAT Kings** has slashed the price of more of its most popular journeys on select departures. The company's 18-day 'Essence of New Zealand' departure on 02 Oct 2025 was \$10,365pp and is now \$8,810pp, marking a \$1,555 saving. Sister brand Inspiring Journeys has also cut the price of its seven-day 'Tasting Tasmania' itinerary from \$6,657 to \$5,545 per person on its 30 Nov departure. Call 1300 228 546 to book.

Deal hunters can save up to 30% on **Uniworld River Cruises'** 'Portugal, Spain and the Douro River Valley' itinerary, specifically on its 16 Nov and 30 Nov 2025 sailings. Grab a last-minute deal and enjoy this quaint part of Europe. **CLICK HERE** for more details.

Time is nearly up to save up to 15% on **Collette's** design-led itineraries in its earlybird sale. Eligible trips include the 14-day 'Wilderness of Southern Africa Safari' tour and the 12-day 'Exploring Iberia: Southern Spain to Coastal Portugal' tour. Find out more **HERE**.

**Trafalgar** has released an exclusive offer for viewers of *MasterChef Australia*, with up to 15% off selected 2026 departures. Food and travel are a perfect pairing, with the tour operator celebrating the intrinsic link between culture and cuisine. To view valid tours, **CLICK HERE**.


All tours, all departure dates and all destinations are featured in a new earlybird sale from **Wendy Wu Tours**, with great savings available for those who book early. Save up to \$2,000 per person on the company's wide range of all-inclusive tours, with only a few days left to save. The sale ends on 01 Sep so get in quick - **CLICK HERE** to find out more.

Beat the burnout with **Crystalbrook Collection**, which is offering up to 30% off luxury stays across Australia. The deal includes a serene coastal retreat in Byron Bay, city breaks in Sydney and Brisbane or tropical holidays in Cairns, with more hotels coming to the group soon. The sale is available until 07 Sep, for stays until 31 Jul 2026. **CLICK HERE** to book.

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Check out a remote northern corner of Japan with **ANA** spotlighting the city of Akita with a special airfare from Sydney and Perth. Return flights from Perth are priced at \$1,100 or from Sydney from \$1,317 for select travel windows. For full details including the fare sheet, **CLICK HERE**.




**Crystal Cruises** is highlighting its 'Voyage of the Week' - a 13-night round-trip sailing from Tokyo, which also calls in Taiwan onboard *Crystal Symphony*. Departing 05 Apr 2026, travellers can enjoy up to \$5,000 off the suite price, plus up to US\$1,500 in onboard credit to spend on shore excursions, dining and more. **CLICK HERE** to find out more.



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## Lofty heights for UTC hotel



**FORT** Bazaar, a luxury boutique hotel in Sri Lanka and represented by The Unique Tourism Collection, has unveiled an exclusive new studio.

Located 150 metres from the main hotel in the heart of Galle, 8 Leyn Baan is a private, split-level studio that blends contemporary design with the rich heritage of the region.

Aimed at "active couples on the move", the new accommodation offering features a downstairs area with an open-plan pantry, dining and living space, which opens onto a private terrace with teak lounge chairs and views of the Fort.

The loft-style bedroom consists of a king-size bed with built-in luggage space, air conditioning and an ensuite rain shower.

Guests can also access Fort Bazaar for meals, cocktails and complimentary use of the new 14-metre swimming pool, which opened last Dec.

Rates start from US\$300 per night per room for two people, however savings of up to 20% are available for bookings made a minimum three months prior to stays until 30 Apr 2026. *JM*

## Lillianfels to Ardour

**SALTER** Brothers Hospitality (SBH) has announced Lillianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa will become the second Ardour Hotels & Estates property to launch next year.

The hotel will undergo an extensive million-dollar renovation and rebrand before it joins the new collection.

## WA tourism summit

**WESTERN** Australia is this week hosting the APAC Hotel Industry Conference and Exhibition Social (AHICE) hotel investment summit for the first time.

The conference is taking place at Crown Perth, bringing together more than 150 high-profile delegates from the hotel and tourism sectors.

AHICE is set to boost WA's tourism sector by showcasing investment opportunities and encouraging private investment.

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