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Govt ready to buy Rex

IF ADMINISTRATORS for Rex are unable to find a suitor to buy the struggling operation, the Federal Government has confirmed it is prepared to purchase the carrier to ensure key regional air connections are maintained.

While Transport Minister Catherine King made it clear the preferable scenario would be for a suitable bidder to take control of Rex, preparations were being made as a contingency to nationalise the airline.

The admission had been rumoured for months, with the government forced to bail out Rex multiple times already to keep important regional air services going through to 30 Jun.

Alongside assurances to keep Rex alive, the Government has also provided further support through a waiver of the "use it or lose it" test for Rex regional flight slots at Sydney Airport, ensuring access to those slots until at least



24 Oct 2026.

However, a handful of regional airlines have slammed the potential government buyout, telling the AFR the sales process had been poorly managed and that several carriers are capable of flying many Rex routes.

Deputy Opposition Leader Sussan Ley was also critical of the decision, stating it was "just another failure of airline management" by the Govt. *AB*

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features eight pages of the latest industry news including our **Luxury page**, plus a product profile from *Exoticca* and a full page from *Viva Holidays*.

Best of India's buzz

EXOTICCA'S latest product profile takes an in-depth look at a 10-day adventure to India and the Maldives, which includes plenty of culture and excitement.

With all details taken care of and plenty of inclusions, there is much to enjoy - see **page 10**.

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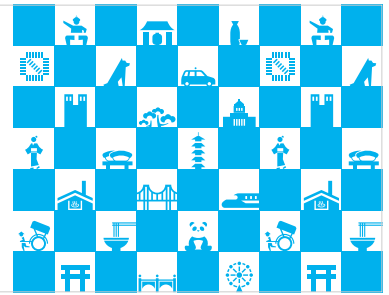
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Sabre phases out app

SABRE has confirmed it will formally sunset its travel management app, TripCase, from 01 Apr, when users will no longer have access to any travel management functionality.

In a communication sent out to customers this week, Sabre said it will delete all TripCase-related trip and traveller data as part of the decommissioning process.

Sabre made the call to discontinue TripCase as part of a strategic shift to other solutions.

“You are free to choose an alternate itinerary management app,” Sabre noted.

The travel tech company’s app has been used widely by business travellers, corporate travel agencies, and travel management companies to streamline trip planning and communication.

Integrated with Sabre GDS,



travel agencies using Sabre could send bookings directly to a TripCase account.

Consumers also used the tool as an itinerary manager that organises flights, hotels, car rentals, and activities into a single booking timeline.

It also provided real-time updates on flight delays and airport gate changes. *AB*

TK ramps up SYD

TURKISH Airlines will gradually increase frequency on its longest route between Istanbul and Sydney via Kuala Lumpur to daily, according to updated GDS listings.

In response to strong demand, the carrier will first grow from the current four weekly flights to five in Jun 2025, to six from 27 Oct and to daily from 11 Jan 2026.

No changes to Melbourne flights were included in Turkish Airlines’ Northern Winter schedule update for 2025, currently three weekly.

HX lands in Sydney

HONG Kong Airlines will expand its Australian presence from mid-year, confirming plans to launch service to Sydney from 20 Jun.

The arrival of a third carrier directly linking Australia with Hong Kong makes the Asian city the third-busiest route for Sydney Airport, with HX’s arrival boosting daily seat capacity by 20%.

The arrival of Hong Kong Airlines comes following an expansion of bilateral air traffic rights between Australia and HKG for the first time in nearly two decades.

Hong Kong Airlines will compete with Qantas and Cathay Pacific on the route, which increases flight frequencies from five to six daily.

Sydney Airport CEO Scott Charlton said the new connection will provide travellers with more options to explore a vibrant city.

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Today’s issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of Qatar Airways.

TRAVEL Daily is today joining 70 agents and trade partners flying to Doha as part of Qatar Airways and Qatar Tourism’s mega famil.

Flying with Qatar Airways, agents are arriving from all over Australia for three days of exciting nature and immersive cultural experiences across the Qatari capital city.

With a special sunrise desert tour planned and a visit to the National Museum, it is looking like a fantastic few days ahead.

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HAL \$1 deposits

HOLLAND America Line (HAL) is offering Aussie travellers a \$1 deposit per person just for today (12 Feb).

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Intrepid serves up big tour



CELEBRITY chef Luke Nguyen has teamed up with Intrepid Travel and Helloworld to launch an exclusive culinary tour itinerary throughout Vietnam.

Luke Nguyen's 'Vietnam Food Adventure' is a 10-day gourmet showcase that takes Helloworld travellers from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City, coupled with expert advice on the best food and culture available in each stop.

Highlights include a street food tour in Hanoi, an overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay, a Perfume River culinary experience and a beachfront dinner in Hoi An.

Guests will also enjoy behind-the-scenes looks at Nguyen's favourite local sights and enjoy exclusive dining experiences in his restaurants throughout Vietnam.

Along with nine nights accom, the tour also includes daily breakfast, three lunches, six dinners & many guided activities.

Four departures have been scheduled on 19 Apr, 13 Sep, 11 Oct and 15 Nov, priced from \$5,495 per person twin share.

Nguyen **pictured** (centre) doing some important research.

QF checks into HK

QANTAS will become the first international airline to offer passengers the ability to check-in for their flights and drop luggage at Hong Kong Airport's city service desks.

Beginning next week, travellers can start their journey to Australia by checking in at either the Hong Kong or Kowloon MTR stations, both of which are connected to the city's Airport Express line.

Baggage is securely transported on the Airport Express directly to the aircraft ahead of the evening departures to SYD and MEL.

In-city check-in opens from 7am to 6pm at HKG station and 7am to 3pm at Kowloon station, however travellers can use it up to 24 hours before their flight's scheduled departure time.

"We know our customers love the convenience of checking their bags right in the middle of town and we are proud to be the first non-local Hong Kong carrier to offer this fantastic service," said Qantas Executive Vice President Asia, Nick McGlynn.



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Burgdorf exits Flight Centre

EXCLUSIVE

FLIGHT Centre Travel Group (FCTG) luxury leader Anna Burgdorf (**pictured**) is set to depart the company, **TD** can reveal (**TD** breaking news y'day).

Burgdorf just celebrated six years with FCTG, and has been in her role as The Luxury Travel Collection (LTC) General Manager Brand since Apr 2024.

The marketing specialist has also served as Global Brand & Marketing Director for FCTG's Luxury Leisure brands since Feb last year.

Her first appointment with FCTG in Jan 2019 was as Travel Associates' General Manager Brand & Marketing.

Burgdorf will finish up at FCTG at the end of the week, with the move to see LTC continue to operate business as usual, with Nikki Glading as GM.

"Anna has been a great contributor during her six years with us in various brand,



marketing and leadership roles across our luxury business," FCTG Global Managing Director Luxury & Independent Danielle Galloway told **Travel Daily**.

"She leaves on very good terms and we wish her well in her future endeavours."

Burgdorf told LTC members: "What started as a seed of an idea is now a burgeoning business, with you at the centre, and with the brightest of futures and a truly global, luxury outlook." **MS**

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Agents head downhill in BC



DESTINATION British Columbia has bid farewell to four top-selling ski agents from Australia following a seven-night adventure in Whistler and Vancouver.

In partnership with Sno'n'Ski Holidays, two members of the team took part in the week-long famil, enjoying six nights at Canada's largest ski resort, Whistler Blackcomb and one in downtown Vancouver.

The trip offered agents a first-hand look at Canada's ski culture, coupled with a tour of some of the region's best hotels for skiers and properties to suit different types of travellers.

Agents stayed at three different hotels - Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa, Crystal Lodge and Delta Whistler Village Suites.

ATIA welcomes two

THE Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA) welcomed two businesses to its accreditation scheme last month, one of which was Harmony Travel Group.

The latest statistics also reveal that one business opted to voluntarily withdraw its participation from the accreditation scheme in Jan, due to the sale of its business to another accredited entity.

Additionally, there are currently 17 members accredited under monitoring agreements, which means they are required to provide quarterly financial and operational disclosures to ATIA.

There was plenty of time to hit the slopes, with the group also enjoying other activities including snowmobiling, ziplining and learning how to sabre champagne.

The group is **pictured** above.

Ama goes external

AMAWATERWAYS has tapped former Airbnb and Disney executive Catherine Powell to lead the cruise line as President.

Starting on 17 Feb, Powell's appointment will see Rudi Schreiner transition from President to CEO and Kristin Karst shift from Executive VP to Chief Brand Ambassador.

Amawaterways' decision to bring in a heavy hitter from outside the business marks a watershed moment for the river cruise brand, which until this month had always stationed family founders in the major leadership positions.

"Catherine's vision aligns perfectly with our ethos of exceptional guest experiences and innovation, and her leadership will be instrumental in propelling AmaWaterways to new heights," Schreiner said.

In her new role, Karst will focus on strengthening trade relationships globally.

Locally, it has been an exciting time for AmaWaterways as well, opening its first Australian office last year (**TD** 16 May 2024) after parting ways amicably with partner APT (**TD** 17 Aug 2023).

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Calling all top achievers

THE Travel Corporation (TTC) Tour Brands is bringing back its Top Achievers Famil incentive for 2025, and according to the company, it is "bigger than ever".

Designed to reward top-selling advisors, the incentive has 33 spots up for grabs across Australia and New Zealand, with the famil destination to be revealed at a later date.

Agents who sell any Luxury Gold, Insight Vacations, Trafalgar, Cost saver and Contiki product between 01 Dec 2024 and 14 Mar 2025 will go into the running to win a place on the coveted trip, which will showcase all five of the TTC Tour Brands.

"Our 2024 Top Achievers Famil was a huge success, with our top-performing agents experiencing an unforgettable adventure in Egypt," said Toni Ambler, TTC Tour Brands Managing Director.

"And for 2025? We're raising the bar, the destination is still top secret, but trust us, it's going to be extraordinary.

"It's our way of recognising and rewarding their hard work, and we can't wait to celebrate their



achievements with something truly special."

To assist with converting sales, Insight Vacations, Trafalgar and Cost saver currently have The Big Tour Sale, with offers of up to \$3,000 savings per couple.

For Contiki, the sale is offering up to 20% off plus an additional 5% for agents exclusively.

Find out more about the famil by logging onto the TTC Travel Agent Portal **HERE**. *JM*

Pictured: Last year's Top Achievers Famil in Egypt.

Amadeus in the cloud

AMADEUS has announced the renewal of its global strategic partnership with Microsoft, which leverages Cloud and AI technologies to drive innovation within the travel industry.

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10 years of itravel Carlingford



ITRAVEL Carlingford has marked its 10-year anniversary this week, with owner Emily Kadinski and personal travel consultant Sue Todorovski celebrating alongside industry friends yesterday.

According to itravel, the duo's "dedication, passion, and commitment to delivering exceptional travel experiences have made itravel Carlingford a true success". JM

Pictured: Todorovski and Kadinski celebrating the big business achievement.

Love is in the Air

HELLOWORLD Travel's Air Tickets has launched a 'Special Valentines Week Super Sale', offering discounted companion and other fares to more than 80 romantic destinations

Until 24 Feb, the deals - which include QSuite and economy offers from Qatar Airways - will be featured progressively from today on the Air Tickets portal, which is now pink to celebrate the occasion.

"Our airline partners and also our clients had such positive feedback on our Black Fri special deals that we couldn't resist having a pink special for the romantics in all of us, because after all, Love is in the Air," said Rohan Moss, Group General Manager - Consolidation.

WSI dines out on deal

EMIRATES-OWNED inflight catering division dnata will invest \$17 million in an advanced catering centre at Western Sydney International Airport.

The facility, to be developed at WSI's Cargo Precinct, will be capable of producing three million meals a year.

The investment is also set to create up to 200 local jobs, with recruitment for chefs, drivers, catering attendants and other supporting roles to begin in 2026.

Occupying a 3,200m² area, the facility will aim to showcase local produce, utilising environmentally-friendly technologies including a recycled water system.

QTIC plays the field

OZTIX co-founder and Managing Director Stuart Field has been welcomed onto the Queensland Tourism Industry Council's board of directors.

Field brings more than 25 years in major events to his position, with his expertise to be utilised as Queensland prepares to host the 2032 Olympic Games.

"I look forward to giving a voice to the events sector, and the wider tourism community as a whole and advocating for the support and change needed across the state as we look towards the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games," Field said.

WHERE TO NEXT WITH COLLETTE? PERU WITH KJIRSTEN TRUNDLE



Kjirsten Trundle, Collette's Queensland BDM, recently embarked on the journey of a lifetime - joining guests on the small group Explorations tour, 'Peru: Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca'.

Collette's small group tours are all about creating unforgettable moments through unique, immersive experiences. With fewer travellers, there is more opportunity to truly connect - not just with each other, but with the incredible cultures and communities along the way.

In the heart of the Peruvian Andes, the group engaged with the Mulla's Misminay community for an authentic farm-to-table experience, learning about local traditions. They learned about the Incas while climbing

Machu Picchu and had the option to take the 'Machu Picchu at Sunrise' tour for a serene experience. Other highlights included participating in a Pachamama ceremony to honour Mother Earth and cruising Lake Titicaca to witness its incredible reed islands.

Kjirsten summed it up perfectly: "The bonds formed with fellow guests and locals made the trip even more special." A journey that blends culture, nature, and deep connections - truly bucket-list worthy!

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TOP: Kjirsten uncovering the mysteries of the spectacular Machu Picchu.
MIDDLE: Exploring the majestic ruins at Machu Picchu.
BOTTOM: Exploring the vibrant Pisac market, known for its colourful stalls and rich culture.



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DANES are not taking threats by US President Donald Trump to purchase, or forcefully take, Greenland without a fight.

In response, an online petition calling for Denmark to purchase California from the United States has gained nearly 200,000 signatures.

The petition's pitch is that the 'Denmarkification' of California would grant the European nation with more sunshine, easy access to Disneyland, and all the avocado toast they can eat.

Seeing as California is steadfastly Democratic and often staunchly disagrees with anything Trump says or does, Californians may like the idea.

Your passport may even get a Danish stamp on the next visit.

Infinity Fiji promo

AGENTS can now book a new collection of four Fiji packages in Helio as part of a new promotional partnership between Infinity Holidays and Tourism Fiji.

The packages feature Denarau, Coral Coast, Mamanuca Islands and a special luxury product.

To celebrate the partnership, the top-selling agent of Infinity's Fiji range by 31 May will win three nights in an Ocean View room at Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort, with Teweka airport transfers.

Reform call at Heathrow

AIRLINES and business travel groups have come together to call for urgent regulatory reform at London's Heathrow Airport to prevent expansion costs being funnelled to the travelling public.

International Airlines Group (IAG) which includes British Airways, along with Virgin Atlantic, Arora Group and The Heathrow Airline Operators Committee, have jointly launched *Heathrow Reimagined: A Better Way for Britain* and call for a review into LHR's regulations.

The campaign urges Britain's Civil Aviation Authority to rein in the market power of Heathrow Airport Limited, the airport's operators, and its "inefficient" spending patterns over the past 15 years since the last review.

The Heathrow Reimagined signatories said that LHR has since become the world's most expensive airport, with passenger and airlines paying £1.1 billion (A\$2.2b) more than European airports, consistently letting down consumers and carriers.

The group is urging for a review into addressing the root causes before LHR embarks on planned expansion works, which it says will see charges climb again.

In a submission to government, the group compared Heathrow with similar airports which have stimulated economic growth with new terminals costing half or less than LHR Terminals 2 and 5, such as Munich and Barcelona.

Further afield, the group also



cited Istanbul, New York and Singapore, which are all creating either entirely new airports, terminals or runways at cost prices well below Heathrow.

"The current regulatory model at London Heathrow is simply not fit for purpose and does not sufficiently constrain Heathrow's monopoly power," said Virgin Atlantic CEO, Shai Weiss.

"We would like to work with the industry, the Government and the CAA and recommend an urgent review in to the regulatory system at Heathrow, to improve the affordability and experience for travellers, so that it can become a leading global airport once again," IAG boss Luis Gallego said.

Accused man on bail

A FIJIAN man accused of raping a Virgin Australia crew member on New Year's Day has been granted bail (**TD 07 Jan**).

Degei successfully applied for bail when he faced the Lautoka High Court on Mon, under strict conditions that he must not change his address without the approval of the court, and must not leave Fiji.

Crystal commission

CRYSTAL Cruises will now pay agent commissions on bookings up to 90 days ahead of departure, triple the former timeline.

Payment schedules will be dictated by the length of each booking, with longer cruises paid further in advance.

Agents booking their clients on voyages of 40 nights or more will enjoy the longest advance on their commission, with less than 40 nights paid 50 days ahead.

The new policy is now in effect for the Abercrombie & Kent-owned brand, and will be applied retroactively to all qualifying standard bookings paid in full within the 100% penalty window.

AAPA gains Air NZ

AIR New Zealand has joined the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA), becoming the trade association's 18th member.

According to the Director General of AAPA, Subhas Menon, the Kiwi carrier will play an important role in strengthening "the collective advocacy of airlines in the Asia-Pacific region in areas such as sustainability, supply chain recovery and smooth cross border travel".

Greg Foran, CEO of Air New Zealand, said being a part of AAPA would allow the airline to "share learnings with our regional counterparts, to ensure a thriving Asia-Pacific aviation industry into the future".

AAPA also recently welcomed Qantas Airways in Jan.

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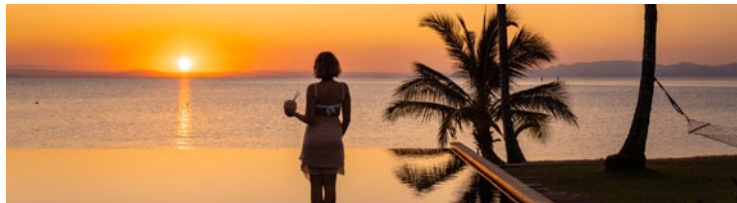
LUXURY LODGES WELCOMES TWO ISLAND RETREATS

LUXURY Lodges of Australia is has announced the addition of Orpheus Island Lodge and the ultra-luxury Pelorus Private Island to its collection.

Both islands are situated within the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, home to clear waters, coral reefs, and a variety of marine life.

The retreats, both part of the Morris Escapes portfolio, are accessible via a scenic 30-minute helicopter flight from Townsville, or a longer helicopter transfer from Cairns Airport.

Orpheus Island Lodge offers boutique and beach house-style accommodation, each with ocean views, as well as a main pavilion



bar al fresco-style dining area, a restaurant, a 25-metre infinity pool and the Gwandalan Day Spa.

Guests can enjoy snorkelling and diving, fishing, paddleboarding and hiking, as well as dinghy adventures complete with gourmet picnics at the island's secluded bays and beaches.

Exclusively available for private bookings of up to 11 guests, Pelorus Private Island is a secluded single residence with

five luxurious suites.

Guests can snorkel or dive into the pristine fringing reef straight from the beach, cruise the Great Palm Archipelago and outer reef, and hike the rugged wilderness of uninhabited Hinchinbrook Island.

"Orpheus Island Lodge and Pelorus Private Island provide the kind of uniquely Australian experience that aligns perfectly with the Luxury Lodges of Australia DNA," said Luxury

Lodges of Australia Executive Chair, Penny Rafferty.

"Guests travelling within Australia and from overseas can enjoy an incredible range of experiences via several Luxury Lodges which provides access to one of Australia's greatest drawcards: our pristine, diverse and World Heritage-listed reef systems," she added.

A Luxury Lodges of Australia itinerary can include the Great Barrier Reef via Lizard Island, Qualia and now Orpheus and Pelorus Islands; WA's Ningaloo Reef with a stay at Sal Salis; and Australia's southernmost coral reef from Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island. *JM*

A very luxurious event

MORE than 50 luxury travel brands will come together for the second annual Luxury Travel Event, with events to run in Sydney and the GC.

Brands such as The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Viking Cruises, Albatross Tours & APT will be exhibiting.

Suppliers will be assisted by more than 30 expert luxury agents, who will be able to help travellers design their ideal 2025 holidays.

The Sydney event will take place on 23 Feb, and the GC will be held on 30 Mar - [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

Capella deep-dives into local cultures with its new experience collection

CAPELLA Hotels and Resorts has unveiled 'Capella Sojourn', a new collection of year-round, bespoke experiences across eight destinations.

Designed to immerse guests into local culture, culinary experiences and wellbeing, the new experiences aim to "connect travellers with the essence of the locale".

The collection features the hospitality brand's newest property, Capella Taipei, set to open later this year.

A two-night Capella Sojourn at Capella Taipai includes a relaxing a 30-minute flotation pod experience; an elegant dining

experience at either Rong Ju or Ember 28; and daily champagne breakfast at Plume lounge.

Guests can also choose a cultural experience, from tea ceremonies and artisanal craft workshops to guided explorations of hidden treasures.

The Capella Sojourn collection also includes a two-day experience at Capella Ubud, in the heart of Bali's Keliki Valley.

Guests will enjoy daily breakfast at Mads Lange; a traditional Indonesian medicine-making class; a three-course Indonesian lunch; an exclusive monogrammed duffle bag; and a choice of either a 'Balinese

Dance Movement', 'Gi Jungle Bootcamp' or 'Soul Reborn' Capella Curates experience.

Sydneysiders can also enjoy Capella Sojourn at Capella Sydney, which features a 90-minute 'Connect to Country' treatment for two guests at Auriga Spa; afternoon tea with champagne at Aperture for two guests; daily breakfast at Brasserie 1930; and a daily complimentary personal bar (non-alcoholic beverages).

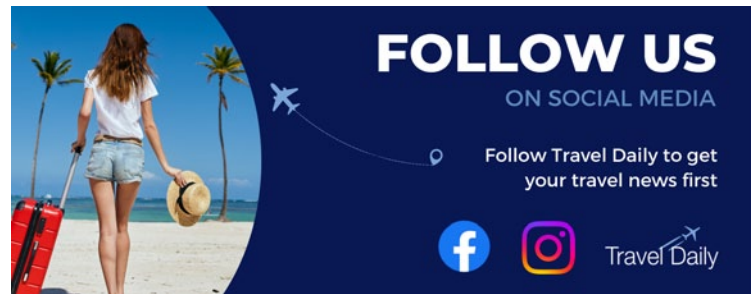
Other Capella locations included in the new collection are Singapore, Bangkok, Shanghai, and Tufu Bay in China's island province of Hainan.

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Luxury resort brand Anantara has opened its first property in India. The **Anantara Jewel Bagh Jaipur** serves as an ideal gateway to the Pink City. The resort's 160 rooms and suites allow guests to connect to India's past dynasties through hand-crafted details such as tikri glasswork, gold leafing and rich textiles. The property features a signature restaurant serving heritage Indian dishes, while guests can also take an Art Walk to learn about murals and mosaics.



Nestled among the vineyards of Burgundy in France, **Como Le Montrachet** has reopened for the upcoming summer season, replete with new experiences and delights. Onophiles eager to explore the nearby wineries can do so in a vintage car tour operated at scheduled times by the resort, which include stops at a number of wineries for local tastings. New for 2025 are private yoga classes set among a lush 25-metre pool & garden, booked in advance.



Newly refurbished rooms have been introduced at **Ibis Singapore on Bencoolen** as part of a property-wide refurbishment that blends style, comfort and local culture. Rooms have been fitted with the latest modern conveniences including high-speed wi-fi, smart televisions and USB charging points. As a decorative measure, rooms feature watercolour artworks by Singaporean artist Aw Bee, which depict the city's rich cultural and architectural heritage.



Vietnam's **Waifafo Resort** in Hoi An has opened a new Chocolate Corner attraction featuring local ingredients and a passion project of burgeoning chef Victor Ceano Savall, who descends from the brand's original founders in Ba Na Hills. Visitors to the property can sample products before purchasing and accompany the treats with a beverage at the resort's Bang Huu coffee shop.



Described by Marriott International as a masterpiece of Italian design, the new **Casa Brera** in Milan is the newest member of the company's Luxury Collection Hotels. Located in the Piazzetta Bossi region of the city, the hotel sits within the Rationalists building and blends cosmopolitan flair with contemporary design. Guests can enjoy geometric patterns on walls, floors and carpets.

O'Sullivan finds more TIME



BIRDS Eye View Consulting founder Nicole O'Sullivan has joined the Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) board of directors as its new state representative for Victoria.

O'Sullivan (**pictured**) brings more than 20 years in the travel industry across three continents to her new post, working with travel businesses across multiple verticals and bringing experience in sales, leadership, business development and coaching.

TIME founder Penny Spencer said she is delighted to add O'Sullivan to the organisation's team of state representatives and is looking forward to working closely with her.

O'Sullivan is a self-professed advocate for professional growth and mentorship, and is eager to use her skills to help sales professionals to reach their goals through mindset shifts and tailored training opportunities.

"One of the best ways I love to learn is to surround myself with people who challenge my thinking, inspire new ideas, and push me to grow," O'Sullivan said.

Coral bites Apple Isle

CORAL Expeditions will mark its 10th year of exploring Tasmania in 2026 with an expanded lineup of itineraries for summer 2026.

The season will launch on Boxing Day with a thrilling start as *Coral Discoverer* shadows the annual Sydney to Hobart yacht competitors down the east coast on a seven-night itinerary.

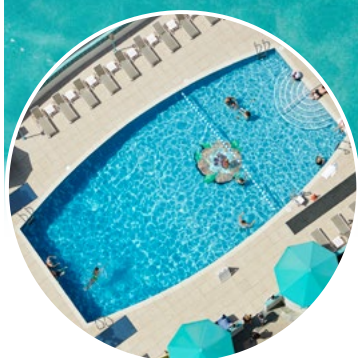
Adventurers can also take part in a 14-night circumnavigation of the state, with two departures scheduled for 13 Jan and 26 Feb, taking guests to Wineglass Bay and the remote Flinders Island.

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