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Today's issue of *TD*

Travel Daily today features nine pages, a cover wrap from **Globus**, a photo page from **Viking**, our **Sustainability feature**, and full pages from:

- **Silversea**
- **FACTS Business Travel & Events Expo**
- **Discovery Parks by G'Day Group**

Save as a single

DURING Singles Day on 11 Nov, Wendy Wu Tours will offer savings of up to $1,495pp on selected 2027 and 2028 departures across China and Southeast Asia.

Applicable departures will also include free single supplements or up to 50% off. *JB*

itravel's TIME trio

ITRAVEL has sponsored a Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) scholarship for the third year running, announcing Lauren Zanesco from itravel Griffith as the 2026 recipient.

Zenesco said knowing she had itravel's support and investment in her development meant a lot.

"When our members succeed, itravel succeeds," itravel CEO Steve Labroski said. *ZH*

Staying way south

THE Cormorant 55 South, the southernmost hotel in the world, is now open to guests.

See more info on **page 10**.

Finding the facts

FACTS 2026 is returning to ICC Sydney this month, the one-stop-shop for global business travel.

See more detail on **page 11**.

Virgin flags fare hikes

VIRGIN Australia (VA) has flagged higher airfares and capacity cuts as it responds to elevated fuel and operating costs, with the carrier expecting domestic capacity to fall 4% in the second quarter of FY27.

In its latest ASX trading update, the airline reaffirmed its first-half underlying EBIT outlook, expecting earnings to be broadly in line with the previous corresponding period.

The carrier said that although domestic demand remains resilient, particularly for event-related travel, adjusted fares and capacity were needed in response to the high-cost environment.

Domestic capacity fell 1% in Q1 FY27 and is expected to decline 4% in Q2FY27, with a further 4% drop likely for Q3FY27.

Despite the cuts, VA expects revenue per available seat



kilometre (RASK) growth of 6-8% in the first half, unchanged from previous guidance.

VA recorded a fuel and oil bill of $1.09 billion in FY26, making it one of the airline's largest operating costs.

That figure will reach around $700m in H1FY27 alone, with H2FY27 expected to be less favourable with fuel costs set to be higher and VA's level of fuel hedging decreasing.

VA forewarned agents of incoming fare spikes via a memo in Oct (***TD*** 14 Oct 2026).

Qantas, which expects its 1HF27 fuel bill to reach $3.75 billion, last week flagged its own set of fare hikes, stating it "has and will continue to adjust fares and capacity in response to higher fuel costs" (***TD*** 06 Nov 2026).

The airline also provided an update on its fleet renewal, confirming its first Boeing 737-10 is scheduled for delivery in Jun 2028, pushed back from a previous estimate of late-2027.

Meanwhile, its Velocity loyalty business is forecast to deliver broadly flat underlying EBIT in FY27, before targeting low double-digit earnings growth in FY28 and FY29. *ZH*

New yacht leaders

RITZ-CARLTON Yacht Collection will split the role of departing president and CEO Ernesto Fara, announcing two key appointments for the positions (***CW*** breakings news).

Alan Leibman has been named chief executive officer while Tatiana Ferreira has been promoted to president.

Liebman is already a member of the line's board and has over three decades experience in global luxury hospitality.

Ferreira, who previously served as the brand's chief sales officer, will now oversee all sales and commercial activity as well as information technology, marketing and more. *ZH*

Discover and save

WITH Discovery Parks, travellers can now save 20% on stays two nights or more.

See more on the **back page**.

CLIA deadline near

THE deadline for nominations for the 2027 CLIA Awards is fast approaching, with entries for the 24th edition closing next Fri.

"Act now to be in the running," CLIA executive director Australia Joel Katz urged. *ZH*

Save with Globus

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RatPack enters UK

RATPACK Travel has announced its debut into the UK market, with the Australian campervan and RV booking service opening an office in Manchester as it celebrates 10 years of operations.

The new team will provide UK, Irish and European travellers - who already make up around a quarter of RatPack's customers - with specialist advice in their own time zone.

Now boasting a team of 40 across Australia and the UK, RatPack is also preparing to open a second office in Byron Bay. *JM*

QF expands CX

QANTAS has received approval from the International Air Services Commission to expand its codeshare deal with Cathay Pacific on flights between Sydney and Santiago, Chile.

Under the free-sale agreement, Cathay Pacific can now independently market and sell seats on Qantas flights between Australia and Chile, rather than buying blocks in advance.

The carriers said the renewed and widened arrangement will make it more seamless for travellers to buy tickets. *AB*

SPA eyes Syd and Mel

SUN PhuQuoc Airways (SPA) has flagged Melbourne and Sydney as key markets for its planned Boeing 787-9 fleet as the Vietnamese start-up prepares to expand beyond Asia.

The airline has ambitions to operate 100 aircraft by 2030, including 20 widebodies, with Frankfurt, London and Prague also under consideration for the long-haul aircraft.

SPA signed an agreement with Boeing earlier this year that will see the delivery of 40 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners.

"It is the ideal aircraft to realize our vision of bringing Phu Quoc to the world and bringing the world to Phu Quoc," Sun Group chairman Dang Minh Truong said at the time.

SPA commenced operations in late 2025 and has previously identified Australia as a target market, with services initially flagged for the first half of 2027.



SPA appointed Airline Rep Services, part of CVFR Travel Group, as its exclusive Australian and New Zealand GSA to develop trade distribution ahead of its entry (TD 19 Aug 2026). *ZH*

Trafalgar unveils 70

TRAFALGAR has launched 70 new trips for 2027 across saver, classic and premium value tiers, including new small group tours such as 'Cambodia Calling' and 'Wonders of Japan'.

There are also fresh signature journeys, like the 'Yellowstone Winter Escape' and 'Finland Beneath the Northern Lights' - explore and book the range **HERE**.

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LTC gathers in Q'town

THE Luxury Travel Collection (LTC) kicked off its fourth annual Remarkable Soiree event last night on the lakefront in Queenstown, New Zealand.

LTC general manager Nikki Glading welcomed around 100 delegates to Queenstown Wharf Bar last night ahead of three days of the network's exclusive annual leadership gathering, with 2026 set to be the biggest to be held so far.

"Our mission is member and partner success, and everybody in this room is a member or a partner...we are delighted that you are joining us," she said.

"We have got 23 attendees from 14 very dear partners, you are here with us every year and we could not do what we do without that friendship, partnership and the relationships that we have built together," she added.

This year's multi-day immersive program will feature keynote speakers such as former All Blacks



captain Richie McCaw and Rodd & Gunn chief executive officer Mike Beagley.

Delegates will also hear from Flight Centre Travel Group luxury and leisure leadership, including Danielle Galloway and James Kavanagh, as well as Steve Odell from Regent Seven Seas Cruises and Karla Pound from National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions.

The 2026 Soiree is the fourth time the event has been hosted, and the second outside of Australia, after it was held in Hong Kong last year. *MS*

Pictured are Glading, Galloway, and Kavanagh.

Moxy's mistletoe

MOXY Sydney Airport hotel has released its new celebration, margaritas and mistletoe specifically for businesses and corporate groups looking to add fun to the festive season.

Guests will enjoy the frozen margarita machine, as well as a savoury taco station followed by a delicious dessert taco station, offering chocolate ganache, fresh berries, ice cream and lollies.

A beverage package of wine, beer and soft drinks can also be added, with live musicians as an optional extra.

Meanwhile, event organisers can earn Marriott Bonvoy points on all eligible bookings as well.

Available until 31 Dec 2026, Margaritas and Mistletoe is ideal for groups of up to 50, with packages starting from $115pp.

For inquiries, click **HERE**. *JHM*



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QUEENSTOWN

***Travel Daily* is in Queenstown this week for the Luxury Travel Collection's Remarkable Soiree on New Zealand's South Island.**

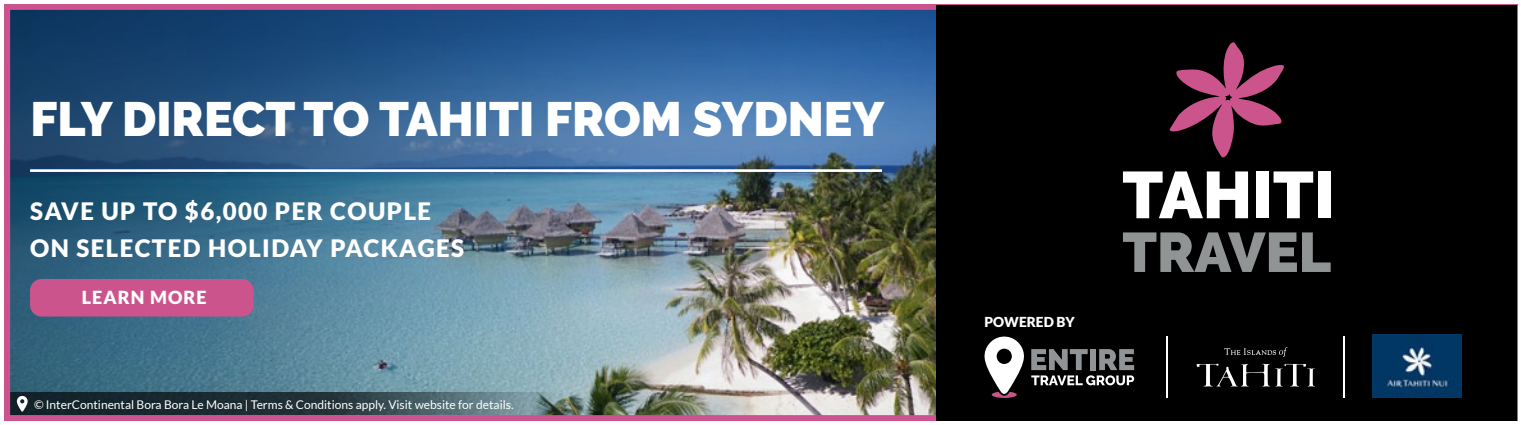
TODAY is the first full day of the Luxury Travel Collection's Remarkable Soiree in Queenstown - the fourth edition of the event.

Today will see delegates break off into two streams, with the Travel Associates gathering for updates at the QT Queenstown, while LTC's independent members will meet down the street at Hotel St Moritz.

Later on, delegates will come together for a Ponant-hosted evening event.







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TRAVELDAILY ON LOCATION

VANCOUVER

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you from Vancouver, where the Railbookers Group Global Summit is being held.

RAILBOOKERS' fourth annual event is officially kicking off today at the Fairmont Hotel.

Attendees will hear a product and marketing update from Railbookers president and CEO Frank Marini this morning, followed by rail panels on the latest train travel trends.

Guests will also hear from suppliers including Trenitalia, Travel Switzerland, Caledonian Sleeper, and more.

Fittingly, tonight's glamorous welcome reception will be held at the Rocky Mountaineer Station, the departure point for the iconic luxury train.

Old-school Gen Z bookers

EVEN in the age of artificial intelligence, there are some Gen Zs who are even keener than their older counterparts to use a travel agent, call, or email directly to book their accommodation, revealed SiteMinder's new *Changing Traveller Report 2027.*

The research revealed that 15% of Gen Z participants in the study prefer a traditional approach to booking hotels, compared to 8% of Millennials and 14% of Gen X.

According to SiteMinder, this indicated that hotel teams still have the added responsibility of manually handling guest information, rather than simply relying on digital systems.

"These findings from SiteMinder's *Changing Traveller Report 2027* indicate travellers still value a direct line of communication with accommodation providers," Bradley Haines, market vice



president of Asia at SiteMinder, explained.

"Whether they place more trust in a human voice or seek a personal touch, travellers deserve to have their private information stay that way.

"Hoteliers also need to ensure easy access to guest info when they need to ensure a smooth experience," Haines continued.

"Having the right tools and systems in place will go a long way to making sure an old-school booking approach will not bring new problems." *JHM*

Qantas axes 850 jobs

QANTAS has announced it will cut 850 positions across its finance, procurement, people and marketing departments by mid-2027 (***TD*** breaking news).

The decision comes after the carrier signed a new partnership with Accenture, which will see it outsource some services to India.

"I know this is hard news for some and I'm sorry for the uncertainty it brings," Qantas chief executive officer Vanessa Hudson said in an email distributed to staff, according to a report in *The Australian*.

She added: "(The changes) are about modernising the technology behind our business and becoming more efficient, so we can keep investing in our customers, our people and our future."

The decision sees the airline go back on its assurance earlier this year to the Australian Services Union that it would not cut jobs as a result of the Accenture deal (***TD*** 05 Aug 2026). *JM*



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QR's Canada push

QATAR Airways will expand its reach across Canada with a new codeshare with Porter Airlines.

Qatar Airways will place its code on select flights offering onward connections beyond its existing Canadian gateways in Toronto (YYZ) and Montreal (YUL). *ZH*

Link's Thai triumph



LINK Travel Group has celebrated a record FY26 at its annual Owners Retreat in Bangkok, Thailand, with turnover comfortably exceeding $1 billion.

Held at the Kimpton Maa-Lai Bangkok, the weekend saw owners from Link's member agencies and partners come together for a weekend of professional development, connection and collaboration.

Central to the weekend was an address from GM Scott Darlow, who detailed the group's financial performance and the results of its recently completed four-year business plan.

Darlow said the results had exceeded expectations, with member profit share allocations coming in close to 45% higher than initially forecasted.

"It is very gratifying to present the results of our long-term plan, especially when we have exceeded all expectations and projections," he said, adding that Link Live will take place from 19-21 Nov next year at a venue to be determined soon. *ZH*

Pictured: Anthony Goldman, Link director; Danielle Galloway, Link chair; Penny Spencer, Link director; Scott Darlow, Link general manager; and David Goldman, co-managing director Goldman Group.

Hyatt tech hire

HYATT Hotels Corporation has announced former Under Armour technology executive Danny Miles as its new chief digital & innovation officer.

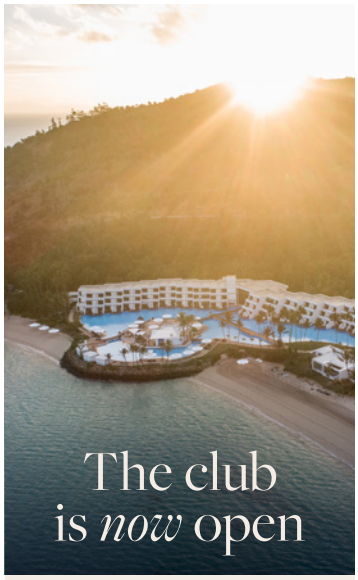
Miles will oversee digital product and experiences, engineering, infrastructure, enterprise technology, data, AI and cybersecurity.

"Danny brings the vision, technical expertise and experience to fundamentally advance how we operate, develop products and deliver value for our colleagues, guests and owners," Hyatt chief commercial officer Mark Vondrasek said. *ZH*

New era Antarctica

ANTARCTICA21 has welcomed *Magellan Discoverer* into its boutique fleet at a christening in Punta Arenas, Chile.

The hybrid-electric evolution of the line's intimate, small-ship format will sail its first air-cruise journey on 15 Dec. *ZH*



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A&K go undercover

ABERCROMBIE & Kent has launched the seven-day 'Wild Horse Nine: An Easter Island Adventure', aligning with the release of movie *Wild Horse Nine* in cinemas now.

The tours take guests to the places behind the CIA's role in the 1973 Chilean Coup, starting in Santiago with landmarks such as La Moneda Palace, Villa Grimaldi and the Municipal Theatre.

Travellers will then head to Rapa Nui (Easter Island), where guests can enjoy a cocktail overlooking the statues at sunset and a range of cultural experiences, delivered by the locals.

Trips start from A$16,295pp. *JB*

Rainer departs HX

HX EXPEDITIONS CEO Gebhard Rainer will step down from his position in the coming months, the line has today revealed (***CW*** breaking news).

Rainer has helmed the cruise line since 2024, and has overseen the implementation of a new booking system and guest app, with year-to-date bookings up more than 25% globally.

Chair Alex Dichter thanked Rainer for his time at the company, stating "he has brought stability, strong leadership and a clear focus on the pax experience, from the first digital interaction to life on board."

Rainer will remain in his role during a transition period to ensure a smooth handover.

More info in ***Cruise Weekly.*** *ZH*

MSC chugs for racing



MSC Cruises has entered a three-way partnership with Formula 1 and Heineken to release a special beer, which is now available in select bars across its fleet and duty-free stores in Brazil.

Debuting at the Formula 1 Sao Paulo Grand Prix last weekend, the limited-edition can features a special design with an F1 car next to an MSC ship with a coastal backdrop (**pictured**).

The can will also be available on *MSC World Asia* when she begins her Mediterranean sailings on 04 Dec (***TD*** 05 Nov 2026).

"At MSC Cruises, we are always looking for new ways to enhance the guest experience through partnerships with world-class brands," said CEO Gianni Onorato.

"Together with Heineken and Formula 1, we are creating engaging new experiences that bring the excitement of race weekend to life at sea, allowing guests to connect with the sport they love while enjoying unforgettable moments on board," he added.

The cruise line has sponsored Formula 1 since 2022, in addition to being a premium sponsor of the BWT Alpine team and the title sponsor of three Grand Prix this year, including the most recent one in Sao Paulo.

Heineken has also been an F1 sponsor since 2016. *JB*

GTI chosen by MH

GTI Tourism has been selected by Malaysia Airlines to handle its public relations and communications across Australia and New Zealand.

The agency will act as the trade and media point of contact for the carrier, which aims to "become the preferred full-service carrier between Australasia, Asia and beyond" (***TD*** 01 Dec 2025). *JM*

Hilton's capital move

HILTON is set to make its Canberra debut next year, with the hospitality giant announcing the signing of a 184-room hotel at 15-17 Franklin Street.

Expected to open in early 2027 directly opposite Manuka Oval and 7km from the city's airport, Hilton Canberra Manuka will feature a restaurant and bar, fitness facilities and event spaces.

The hotel will operate under a franchise agreement with ICC Development Group. *JM*

Luxury river offers

ULTRA-LUXURY Riverside Luxury Cruises has released tiered earlybird incentives and combinable long-stay discounts for its 2027-28 European sailings.

Guests are able to save up to 25% on 2027 departures when pairing the line's 15% earlybird saving with a 10% long-stay bonus for sailings of seven nights or more.

To redeem the offer, these bookings must be made between 01 Mar and 31 May 2027.

For 2028, passengers can take advantage of the line's 18% earlybird booking promo with a 10% long-stay discount for voyages of the same length.

The offer is valid on bookings secured between 01-31 Jul 2027.

Cruise guests will enjoy these exclusive savings for sailings on board *Riverside Mozart*, *Riverside Ravel*, *Riverside Debussy* and *Riverside Mahler.*

Click **HERE** for more info. *JHM*



ELEVATED EXPERIENCES

APT Travel Group CEO David Cox on catering to discerning travellers.

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Viking rewards top Flighties

VIKING was proud to host a group of top-achieving Flight Centre advisors and head office partners on a recent exclusive famil, sailing the eight-day 'Venice, the Adriatic and Greece' itinerary.

The voyage began in Venice and called at Zadar, Dubrovnik and Kotor, where the ship sailed past the steep cliffs of the Bay of Kotor.

It then continued south to Olympia before finishing in Athens.

The Flighties and their travel companions explored the best of Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Greece, from sunsets to 4x4s to wine tasting and more.

In Dubrovnik, they joined a local family for dinner and traditional music in their home, visited a family of olive oil producers on the Dalmatian Coast and ate oysters straight from the beds at Ston.

In Olympia, the group walked the ground where the ancient Games began.

Throughout the voyage, the agents enjoyed the chance to experience life on board a Viking ocean ship.



CHEERS from Dubrovnik! Karl Gust (Flight Centre Samford) and Sarah Carter (Flight Centre Hobart) try a local aperitif in the heart of the Old Town with Viking's Leon Hill and Lee Siefken.



IRRESISTIBLE group photo opportunity in Zadar, Croatia.



OFF-ROAD in Montenegro. Kirsty Stassen (Flight Centre Area Leader), Jessica D'Costa (Flight Centre Southlands Boulevarde) and fellow travellers join Lee Siefken and Leon Hill (Viking) on a 4x4 ATV adventure through Kotor's scenic surroundings and mountain trails.

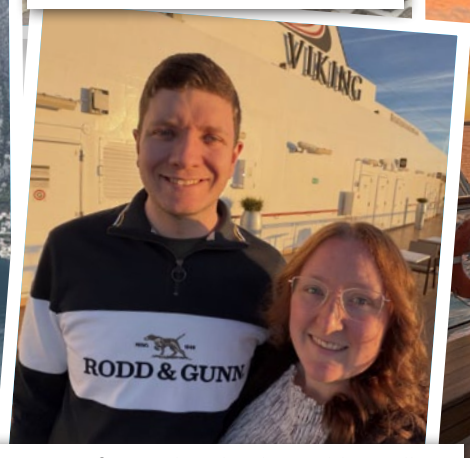


JESSICA D'Costa (Flight Centre Southlands Boulevarde) and friend sample some local Croatian wine.

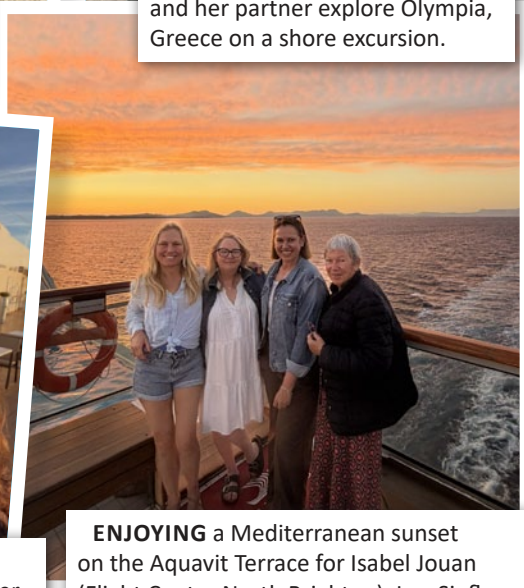


LINDA Ge (Flight Centre Ballina) and her partner explore Olympia, Greece on a shore excursion.





THE perfect end to the day: Ashley Hall (Flight Centre Colonnades) and her partner take in the sunset from the top deck.



ENJOYING a Mediterranean sunset on the Aquavit Terrace for Isabel Jouan (Flight Centre North Brighton), Lee Siefken (Viking) and their travelling companions.

REFLECTIONS RAISES THE BAR FOR PARKS

REFLECTIONS Holiday Park has become the first of its kind in Australia to achieve B Corp certification.

Headquartered in Newcastle, Reflections is the largest holiday park group in New South Wales, with 40 locations under its umbrella in addition to 47 community reserves.

The company was able to meet the certification requirements after "placing a magnifying glass on every part of our operations to ensure that we were taking genuine action to ensure that the communities we operate in were benefiting from our presence in their town or village", according to Reflections Holiday Park CEO Nick Baker.

"B Corp certification recognises something that has already been important to us - caring for people, places and communities



in a way that creates a positive impact beyond profit."

Baker said that instead of treating the certification as the "finish line", it will be used as a tool to keep the organisation accountable, including continuing its support of local suppliers and businesses and creating positive impact for communities.

"B Corp accreditation does not change our purpose, it has given us an independent instrument to assess our operations and continue to improve.

"We hope this result inspires others in our industry to examine how they can improve their businesses to benefit everyone around them," he added. *JM*

Please disperse

THE European Commission is encouraging better tourism dispersal across the continent's destinations and seasons in its newly published *Sustainable Tourism Strategy*.

On average, 42% of nights spent in a destination occur during Europe's three busiest months of Jun, Jul and Aug.

With no numerical targets and no new funding, the plan leans on voluntary tools, including a tourism management model, a proposed recommendation to member states, and a toolbox for sharing practices.

MEANWHILE, travel and tourism leaders from across Europe and beyond are set to convene in Turkiye to discuss the challenge of extending tourism beyond peak season at the Tourism Seasonality Summit on 21-23 Apr 2027.

Held in partnership between Routes and Low Season Traveller, the event will bring together senior decision-makers from across the travel ecosystem to examine how destinations can build stronger year-round demand and create more resilient economies.

A key topic will be how airlines, airports, ports, cruise operators, and businesses can work together to stimulate off-peak demand. *JM*

Intrepid grants

INTREPID Travel's non-profit arm, The Intrepid Foundation, has awarded 13 not-for-profit recipients a combined $643,596 as part of its annual Impact Grants program, with each receiving between $30,000-$50,000 for specific projects.

The achievement was made possible by more than 7,000 travellers who made donations this year. *JM*

Ecotourism celebrates 35th birthday

ECOTOURISM Australia is this month celebrating 35 years of advancing sustainable tourism in Australia and internationally.

Since launching in Nov 1991 as the Ecotourism Association of the Indo Pacific Region, the not-for-profit has grown into a globally recognised peak body that has certified around 2,500 tours, attractions and accommodation providers.

"The pioneers who established Ecotourism Australia and its certification program were ahead of their time," CEO Elissa Keenan said.

"As scrutiny of environmental claims intensifies worldwide and regulation continues to evolve, the role of independent, third-party certification has never been more critical."

The body will now focus on making sustainability central to how travel businesses operate.



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MONEY

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

AU$1 = US$0.692

THE Australian dollar sunk to its lowest level since Mar following the RBA's interest rate hike, with the currency finishing last week down 2.3% against the USD.

The raise was one of several factors - including the weakening of key commodities - weighing on the AUD, according to CommSec equity market commentator James Gruber.

"The main one was a shift in interest rate expectations following the RBA's rate hike last Tuesday," he explained to *news.com.au*.

"The split decision to hike in Nov has led some investors to think interest rates may have peaked," Gruber added.

"Interest rate differentials can have a significant influence on currencies because higher rates in one country can make its assets more attractive to investors relative to those in another."

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	$0.692
UK	£0.515
NZ	$1.229
Euro	€0.617
Japan	¥109.3
Thailand	ß23.14
China	¥4.619
South Africa	11.35
Canada	$0.977
Crude oil	US$86.38
Jet fuel	$178.95/bbl
Bitcoin	₿0.0000093

The marvellous kiwi

TRAVELMARVEL has unveiled its 2027/28 New Zealand collection, offering a lineup of new and returning itineraries.

Back by popular demand is the 17-day 'New Zealand Getaway', now including extra nights in both Wellington and Christchurch.

Pricing for the itinerary starts from $8,395pp, with savings of $2,000 per couple on offer.

Also making a return is the 'New Zealand Rail Adventure', which has been enhanced to included sightseeing opportunities aboard the Christchurch Tram and Auckland Zoo.

Other highlights include Rotorua's Te Puia, sailing across Lake Wakatipu on a vintage steamship and enjoying a gourmet barbecue dinner at Walter Peak High Country Farm.

The itinerary starts from $8,195 per person. *JB*

Amadeus growth

AMADEUS has reported an 5.5% increase in its profit this year, as it releases its results for the nine months ending Sep.

The travel tech company also reported solid growth in its operating income, now up 2.1% to €1.45 billion (A$2.35 billion).

Other strong results for the year to date included passengers boarded (+1.3%), hospitality and other solutions (+9.2%), air distribution revenue (+2.1%) and revenue per booking (+5%). *JB*



ATIA UPDATE

from Dean Long, CEO



AS WE have seen over the last several months, governments around the world are finding new, and some might say counterproductive, ways to raise taxes beyond their own borders.

Once a year our travel associations gather to ensure we have a coordinated approach to these issues and to collaborate on creating more value for our members.

Many in the industry will not know the World Travel Agents Association Alliance (WTAAA) and it is something we are working on improving. It was established as the primary vehicle to engage with IATA on Passenger Agency Programme. Over the last 10 years it has evolved into helping coordinate national responses to global issues, such as the Maldives Tourism Goods and Services Tax, new EU tax legislation and the rising influence of AI.

The Maldives had planned to bring inbound tourism products, and agency or booking services supplied by offshore intermediaries, into its destination-based GST from 1 Oct 2026.

The government is now not proceeding with the GST application, which shows the value of one coordinated voice.

A client being abroad, or an intermediary having no local office, does not settle the tax position.

In Europe, the new ViDA legislation is worth watching for how it treats agency models, although it is not a general destination tax.

On airline matters, associations across the world report the same problems with NDC, content access, servicing and refunds.

To many of you reading this you will see that these issues are not just Australian specific so they do require a global response.

What we know is that every issue starts as a local decision but grows with international significance.

Being coordinated matters, both in setting the agenda and in having a defensive strategy so our industry is always well represented.

Aman's new spot

AMAN has revealed details for Amanturu, its fourth property in the Caribbean and its first in Puerto Rico.

Located on the southwest coast of Cabo Rojo, the property takes inspiration from the historic forts and coastal landscapes of the US territory, offering a range of three- to eight-bedroom branded residences, with amenities such as Aman Spa and Wellness Centre, a beach club, racquet sports court and a variety of culinary venues.

Aman is yet to provide an opening date for the property. *JB*

Conflict hangover

BOEING predicts passenger traffic in the Middle East will grow 4.3% annually over the next 20 years, with the number of planes in the region set to double.

In Boeing's *2026 Commercial Market Outlook*, airlines across the Middle East are expected to take delivery of almost 3,000 new aircraft over the next two decades, with about 85% of the region's fleet in 2045 to be modern and fuel efficient.

The aerospace manufacturer predicts the region will require 236,000 new aviation professionals to meet demand. *JB*

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