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Today's issue of *TD*

Travel Daily today features seven pages of the travel latest industry news, a cover wrap from **Globus**, plus a full page from **Aurora Expeditions.**



Tourism unites against PMC

AUSTRALIA'S tourism and transport industries have united in opposition to the Government's proposed $10 increase to the Passenger Movement Charge (PMC), warning it will undermine tourism competitiveness and add to travel costs (***TD*** 13 May 2026).

Eight industry bodies representing airlines, airports, tourism, accommodation, travel and cruise operators have urged Parliament to reject the hike from $70 to $80, which will be debated in the House of Representatives today.

Board of Airline Representatives of Australia executive director Stephen Pearse (**pictured**) said the increase comes at the wrong time: "Australians are already feeling the cost-of-living squeeze, the last thing they need is another Government-imposed charge making travel more expensive."

Tourism and Transport Forum CEO Margy Osmond said the impact would extend beyond individual travellers.

"International tourism, aviation and cruising support thousands of Australian businesses and jobs, including hotels, restaurants, retailers, tour operators, regional tourism operators and businesses



throughout the supply chain," Osmond said.

Leaders also said some airlines have already started suspending international routes where the economics no longer stack up. *ZH*

Aurora's big week

AURORA Expeditions' seven-day sale has started today, with up to 35% savings.

See more on the **back page**.

SQ takes off WSI

SINGAPORE Airlines (SIA) will launch its inaugural services from Western Sydney International Airport (WSI) tonight, with the carrier's first flights marking another milestone in the new airport's international operations.

Flight SQ262 is scheduled to depart WSI at 11.55pm, following the arrival of inbound service SQ261 from Singapore at 8.20pm this evening.

The milestone will be marked with celebrations at the airport this afternoon, including a press conference with CEO Simon Hickey, a traditional lion dance, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

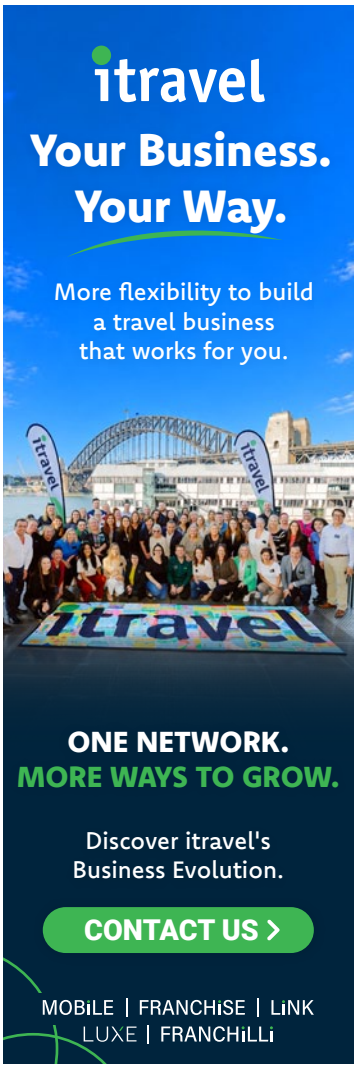
Passengers arriving on SQ261 will also receive a welcome from Sydney Zoo mascots Sid the koala and Zoe the giraffe.

Travel Daily will be on site today to cover the arrival before taking our seat on the inaugural departure later tonight. *ZH*

GFOB's big savings

BLACK Friday savings across Globus family of brands is now on, with up to 30% off available across select tours with Globus and Cosmos, as well as big savings with Avalon.

For more information, see more on the **front page**.





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Athens

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you from Athens, Greece aboard the *Viking Vela*.

WE'RE undertaking Viking's 'Greek Odyssey' itinerary this week, a true voyage into antiquity as we visit the cradle of civilisation in the Aegean Sea.

An overnight in Athens kicked off the trip, where the Acropolis was an absolute standout - including a visit to the New Acropolis Museum which is an amazing expression of ancient Greece and its many wonders.

Our famil group includes top Viking sellers (**see page 3**) who are being hosted in style to experience the many venues and experiences aboard the ship - such as Manfredi's, The Restaurant, Mamsen's, the Chef's Table and more.

Tasmania wants more value

TOURISM Tasmania is attempting to shift its emphasis from visitor numbers to visitor value, using marketing to redistribute travellers across the state throughout the year, chief executive officer Sarah Kingston Clark told ***TD***.

The destination management organisation is prioritising the economic and community benefits of tourism rather than simply growing visitor numbers.

Higher-value visitation is being measured through metrics such as spend per visitor, spend per night, length of stay, regional dispersal, community benefits and seasonality, Clark explained.

"Under Tasmania's 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy, we're focused on growing the economic and community benefits of tourism, rather than simply growing visitor numbers," Clark said.

"We want to encourage people to stay longer, explore more of the island and visit at different times of the year, while protecting the natural and cultural assets that make Tasmania so special."

Clark added the DMO's Sustainable Visitation Framework identified areas experiencing pressure, as well as those with capacity for growth.

This thinking is embedded in Tasmania's new 'Not Really For Tourists' campaign, launched this month, which encourages travellers to ditch crowds and rigid itineraries for the destination's slower, off-the-beaten path experiences.

"We're deliberately targeting higher-value travellers whose interests align with what we're trying to achieve," Clark said.

"People who value authentic experiences, enjoy exploring different regions and want to connect with the places and communities they visit." *MS*

HAL Asia 2028/29

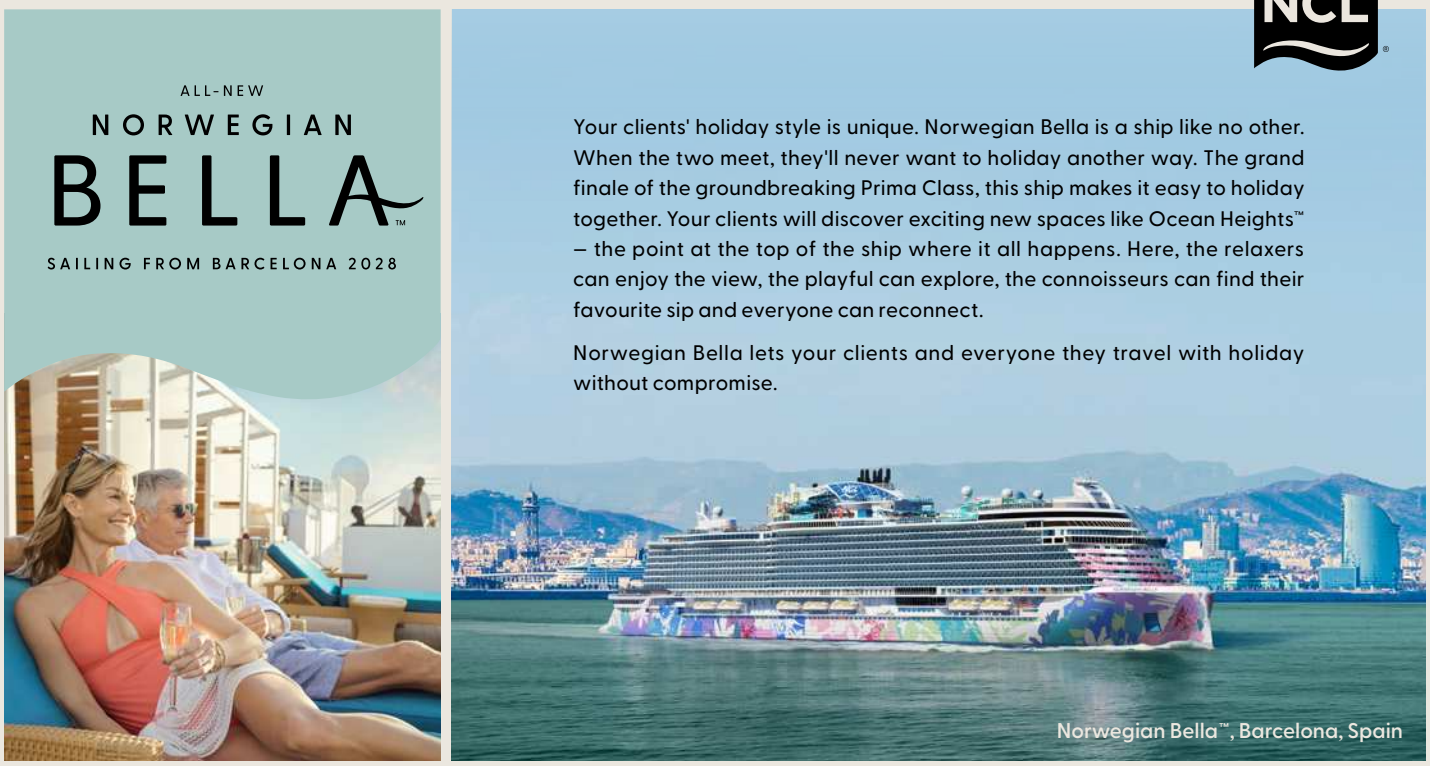
HOLLAND America Line (HAL) has unveiled its 2028/29 Asia season, featuring *Eurodam*'s debut in the region.

The cruise line has added five new ports across Japan, Taiwan, Brunei and the Philippines, as well as providing more time ashore with overnight stays and late-night departures.

New for the season is a 27-day 'Coffee, Tea & Spice Route Legendary Voyage', aboard *Eurodam*, departing roundtrip from Singapore on 03 Jan.

The itinerary will visit 13 ports across seven countries, tracing the region's coffee, tea and spice traditions from Java and Manila to Taiwan and Hong Kong, with overnight calls in Bali, Hong Kong and Phu My.

On board, HAL will bring the journey to life through regionally inspired tea and coffee experiences, while travellers can also experience Japan's cherry blossom season. *JM*



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Window Seat

THE nationwide ground stop of flights in the US earlier this month was no doubt a great inconvenience to many, but none more so than the woman who was about to miss her big day.

Mikayla Mains from Ohio was set to take off from Cleveland to Las Vegas for her wedding on Fri 13 Nov when she heard the news that all the planes were staying put.

According to Mains, her flight was supposed to depart at 4pm local time, then delayed to 5pm, and delayed again several more times.

After spending over six hours waiting, Mains and her fiancé settled on getting a flight at 6am the next morning, before their initial flight was finally ready for take off at 9.30pm.

It wasn't a happy ending just yet, as one key component of the wedding remained unaccounted for - the parents.

Both Mains' parents and grandparents had their flights cancelled out right.

In a last-ditch effort, they were searching for flights departing other cities such as Pittsburgh and Detriot, but couldn't find anything suitable, forcing them to miss the wedding all together.

Thanks a lot FAA.

It's a Greek week for Viking



A GROUP of Australian agents are currently cruising the Aegean Sea on *Viking Vela*, which departed Athens on Fri.

The voyage will see them experience the 'Greek Odyssey' itinerary, taking in some of the iconic Greek islands as well as mainland ports steeped in antiquity and stunning beauty.

Engine room, galley and bridge tours are on the agenda, as well as plenty of shore excursions and opportunities to enjoy the onboard cuisine and spa facilities.

Having entered service just two years ago, *Vela* is one of Viking's latest generation vessels, and has been designed with the flexibility to retrofit hydrogen power for propulsion in the future once the technology becomes available. *BP*

Pictured at the ship's Aquavit Terrace during a casual welcome catch-up are from left: Heather Del Vecchio, Spencer Travel; Julia Ellis, Complex Travel Group; Viking Australia/NZ sales chief Keira Smith; Flight Centre' global head of product cruise & tour, Tammy Marquet; Viking MD Michelle Black; Jeff Leckey from House of Travel; and Susie Flick, Travel Associates Coffs Harbour.

Aussies love Japan

JAPAN has been named the favourite holiday destination for Aussies for the second year running, according to the *2026 Holiday Barometer* from Redion.

The global study of 26,000 respondents across 26 countries found that outbound travel from Australia to Japan has more than doubled over the past four years, going from 4% in 2022 to 9% in 2026, ahead of the US, UK, France and Indonesia. *JB*

Go beyond with QF

QANTAS has launched its More to Australia sale, offering discounted airfares to unique destinations such as Kangaroo Island, Exmouth and Burnie.

This sale ends 30 Nov. *JB*





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Action plan falls short on cruise needs

EXCLUSIVE

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has criticised the Federal Government's THRIVE 2030 strategy, suggesting it fails to address the fundamental challenges driving cruise ships away from Australia.

CLIA executive director in Australasia Joel Katz told ***Travel Daily*** the strategy's focus on border processing, visa facilitation and tourism operator capability was important, but does little to tackle the regulatory uncertainty and high operating costs affecting deployment decisions.

Katz said the latest Action Plan "falls well short" of addressing the industry's fundamental challenges, warning that without a change in direction, Australia risks losing even further ground to competing destinations.

"Other countries are actively courting cruise lines and working to secure long-term



commitments, while Australia continues to face uncertainty and growing competitive pressures," Katz said.

The industry has raised concerns over the Federal Government's rolling short-term exemptions allowing cruise ships to operate in Australian waters under the *Coastal Trading Act*, alongside rising port fees and other operating costs.

However, Federal Tourism Minister Don Farrell told ***Travel Daily*** on Fri the government remained focused on delivering wins for the cruise sector through the THRIVE 2030 strategy.

Meanwhile, Katz added the sector was yet to see a federal tourism policy response that adequately reflected the commercial realities of global cruise deployment.

He warned that once vessels were redeployed to other markets, recovering that capacity could take years, as itineraries and commercial arrangements were planned well in advance.

The comments follow a new report by CLIA and the Australian Cruise Association, which found the economic contribution of cruise to the Australian economy fell 21% in two years, from $8.43 billion in 2023-24 to $6.68 billion in 2025-26 (***TD*** 19 Nov 2026).

Reporting also showed the local cruise sector supported 20,021 full-time jobs and $2.15 billion in wages in 2025-26, while passengers are also spending more ashore, averaging $459 per person, per day. *AB*

Belgian shut down

BELGIUM will see a 14-hour shutdown of its airspace today (23 Nov), after air traffic control provider Skeyes warned it could not safely manage regular operations during a national strike in protest of government austerity measures.

Emergency and other safety-critical flights will be exempt from the shutdown.

Brussels Airport said it had expected 59,500 passengers across 429 flights on Monday, but said the majority of arriving and departing services "will have to be cancelled".

Charleroi Airport warned of a "complete shutdown".

Australian travellers connecting through the country are likely to be impacted.

Emirates flights EK183 (Dubai-Brussels), also operated as Qantas QF8183, and EK184 (Brussels-Dubai), sold as QF8184, are both scheduled to fly during the shutdown. *ZH*



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Park Hyatt to Qld

PARK Hyatt is set to make its debut in Queensland, with the announcement of a new branded property in Brisbane, slated for a 2031 opening.

Set to be located on the top two floors of the mixed-use development 309 North Quay, the hotel will have 201 guest rooms and suites, offering views of the Brisbane River and skyline.

There will also be 50 serviced apartments for residences.

Situated next to the William Jolly Bridge, the property will have easy access to Brisbane's business district, in addition to Suncorp Stadium, the City Botanic Gardens, the Gallery of Modern Art, as well as the Queensland Cultural Centre.

Park Hyatt Brisbane will become the fifth hotel in the Pacific under the Park Hyatt brand, joining Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Auckland and comes in time for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. *JB*

TTNQ calling on travellers to reset

EXCLUSIVE

TOURISM Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) is pushing towards marketing the region as a place where travellers can go to relax, complementing its array of adventure-focused experiences.

Speaking with ***TD***, TTNQ CEO Mark Olsen (**pictured**) explained that the destination management company will lean into the region's abundance of nature and nature-based experiences to promote rejuvenation and restoration.

"Tropical North Queensland is naturally suited to reset travel because visitors can move between two World Heritage areas, the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics rainforest, and genuinely slow down," Olsen said.

"Properties such as Silky Oaks Lodge and Daintree Ecolodge embody this through immersive rainforest stays, wellness experiences and a connection to



their natural surroundings.

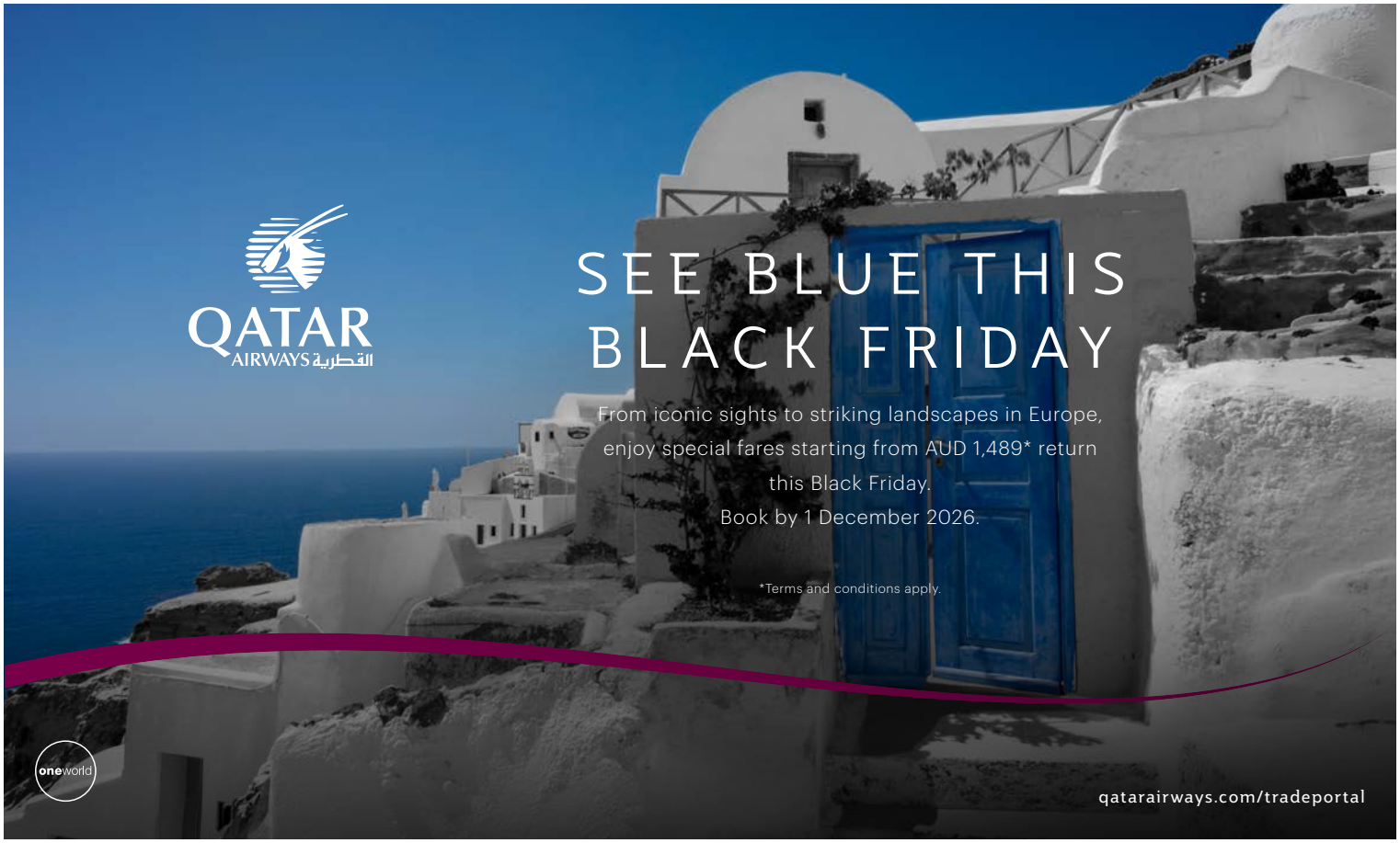
"More broadly, visitors can switch off through guided rainforest walks, secluded island and coastal stays, reef experiences, wellness retreats and First Nations cultural experiences," he added.

Despite many assumptions, Olsen insisted that reset travel is not tailored towards specific demographics, or limited to simply relaxing, or a "one-size-fits-all experience".

"For some travellers, it might mean a wellness retreat or a secluded luxury stay, while for others it could be snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, walking through the rainforest, spending time on country with a Traditional Owner or enjoying an unhurried family holiday," he said.

"We are also seeing interest across generations - younger travellers are looking for meaningful experiences that help them be more present, while couples, families and older travellers may be seeking quality time together, nature immersion or a break from increasingly busy and connected lifestyles."

Through TTNQ's various marketing channels, it will showcase the concept of reset travel through its array of nature and cultural offers, highlighting "experiences that cannot be replicated through a screen". *JB*



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Infinity showcases Fiji

INFINITY Holidays has partnered with Tourism Fiji to introduce a range of holiday packages, tailor-made for the Aussie market.

The new campaign highlights offerings across Fiji's 333 islands, ranging from staples such as Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort and Malamala Beach Club, as well as hidden gems including Mantaray Island Resort and the Yasawa Island Explorer.

Infinity Holidays is also showcasing multi-generational experiences, highlighted by properties such as Outrigger and Vomo Island Fiji.

Head of Infinity Holidays Jo Rendall expressed her excitement to be working alongside Tourism Fiji, shedding light on all that the Pacific Island nation has to offer.

"From discovering lesser-known islands and authentic cultural experiences to exceptional family resorts and luxury escapes, this



campaign gives our travel advisor partners new ways to inspire their clients, create tailored itineraries and drive bookings across the destination," Rendall said.

The campaign will run for the next two weeks, with the agent who sells the most Fiji products during this period to earn a spot at the Matai Showcase 2027.

Held at Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji from 05-12 Mar 2027, the showcase will provide the latest product updates, as well as host workshops and seminars designed to help travel advisors better sell Fiji. *JB*

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Aussies seek leisure

RESEARCH from YouGov has revealed that 69% of surveyed Australians have seriously considered a leisure trip in the past year, with 54% going ahead and booking one.

In *The travel decision journey 2027* report covering Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Singapore, Aussies were the second-highest market for going ahead with holiday bookings, behind Singapore (59%).

The report also found that out of the 69% of Aussies who've considered booking a trip, 24% were still in the planning process, 16% had postponed it and 6% decided not to go ahead with it.

It was also found that cost was the biggest factor in the trip-planning process. *JB*

Garuda opens up

GARUDA Indonesia is offering more ticket options in 2027, with different combinations of benefits such as baggage allowance, seat selection and flexibility to change travel plans.

Those in domestic economy class can choose between Standard, Smart and Flex, while international economy class has an additional saver option.

Those flying business class will have the choice between Business and Business Flex.

The new options are designed to make comparing ticket options easier, giving guests a better understanding of what their booking entails before buying. *JB*

Oceania's new BDM

OCEANIA Cruises has appointed Andrea Massaro as business development manager for NSW and the ACT, effective 08 Dec.

She comes with over 10 years of travel industry experience, with roles at The Travel Corporation and Air New Zealand. *JB*

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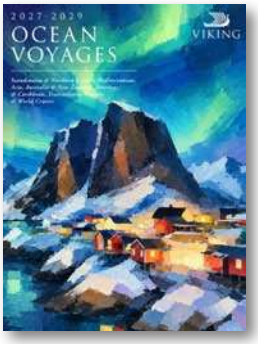
Sun Island Tours: Italy and Malta 2027

Sun Island Tours has officially unveiled its full lineup of 2027 brochures with the release of its Italy and Malta edition. Travellers can select between a range of touring options, including guaranteed coach tours, cruise & stay packages, rail packages, partially guided packages, island hopping packages and more. For this region, guests can opt for tours which cover both countries, such as the 19-day 'Malta, Sicily & Puglia' itinerary, which covers the best of southern Italy and the entire Island of Malta. For those who want an exclusively Italian adventure, itineraries cover regions including Rome, the Dolomites, Florence, the Amalfi Coast and Milan.



Grand Pacific Tours: New Zealand 2027/28

The new brochure from Grand Pacific Tours showcases its lineup of coach holidays across 2027 and 2028. The upcoming season will offer over 250 guaranteed departures across 11 itineraries, ranging from nine to 19 days. Grand Pacific Tours offers two different kinds of coach travel: Ultimate Small Group Tours, delivered on business class coaches limited to 20 guests, and Signature Mid-Size Group Tours, offering premium economy comfort on a 32-seat coach. All itineraries are fully inclusive of airfares, taxes, airport transfers within New Zealand, coach travel, four- and five-star accommodation, attractions and sightseeing.



Viking: 2027-2029 Ocean Voyages

Viking's brochure covers journeys spanning the globe, with destinations such as Northern Europe, The Americas, Asia, Australia & New Zealand and the Mediterranean. Each booking with Viking comes with a private verandah, meals, beverages, 24-hour room service, onboard enrichment experiences, gratuities and hotel stays for overnight ports of call. Available stateroom options include the 25m² Verandah, the 25m² Deluxe Verandah and the 31m² Penthouse Verandah, in addition to the Penthouse Suites and Owners Suite.

Trip.com all about collab

TOURISM Australia, along with representatives from all eight of Australia's state and territory tourism organisations, gathered in Sydney last Fri for Trip.com Group's Global Partner Summit.

Trip.com Group recorded double-digit year-on-year growth in the first half of 2026, the company revealed during the event, with Chinese mainland remaining Australia's largest source market by flight bookings.

Year-on-year growth was particularly strong in Indonesia, Japan and Malaysia, where flight bookings rose by more than 40%, while Singapore and South Korea also ranked among Australia's top 15 source markets.

The summit highlighted Trip.com Group's collaborative approach to destination marketing, built around Tourism Australia's One Voice framework.

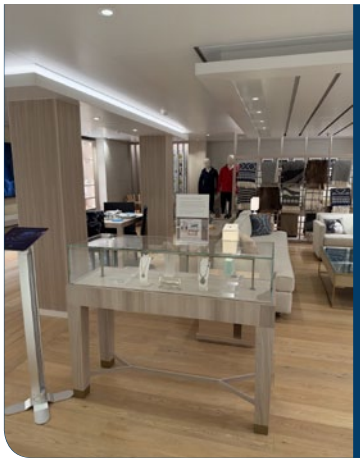
Through Trip.com Group's platforms, Tourism Australia and its state and territory partners are able to reach travellers throughout their travel-planning journey, from initial destination discovery to booking flights, accommodation, attractions and experiences.



Tourism Australia MD Robin Mack said the organisation's long-standing partnership with Trip.com Group "has helped to strengthen Australia's appeal as a world-class destination by encouraging travellers to explore the breadth and depth of experiences on offer through Trip.com Group's global network".

"We look forward to working more closely with Tourism Australia and local tourism partners to bring these destinations and experiences to a wider audience," Trip.com Group VP Edison Chen added. *JM*

Pictured: Mack and Chen at Trip.com's Global Partner Summit.



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On Board: Viking Vela

Viking Experience

Serving as the ship's onboard shop, this retail outlet offers a wide variety of Viking-themed merchandise, allowing guests to take home some of their favourite onboard items.

Cosy rugs, Norwegian-style crockery, jewellery, clothing, and even a chess set are on offer, along with gorgeous soft furnishings such as rugs and even a cushion featuring famed Norwegian songstress Sissel.

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