



Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features eight pages of news, a product profile from **Tourism Solomons**, and our **Sustainability feature**, plus full pages from:

- Silversea
- Entire Travel Group

Ackerman after role

TRAVEL industry veteran Troy Ackerman has revealed that his role at Total Holiday Options has been dissolved.

He shared the news this week via LinkedIn.

"I'm unexpectedly back in the job market," he wrote,

Ackerman has spent the last 25 years working travel and tourism having begun his career with Globus family of brands where he spent six years as the GM of the New Zealand business.

More recently he has spent time at Wendy Wu Tours Australia and AAT Kings.

While the travel industry is a clear and natural fit, Ackerman said that he would also be open to roles in other industries: "I look forward to seeing what's next," he concluded. *ZH*

Jetstar seeks WSI-Bali

IN THE flurry of fanfare surrounding Jetstar taking the mantle of the first passenger flight from Western Sydney International (*TD* 26 Oct), CEO Stephanie Tully revealed the budget carrier now wants to link the new hub with Bali.

Speaking with *news.com.au* following the launch of WSI services, Tully said that Jetstar was keen to offer a WSI to Bali

service "as soon as possible".

The ambition appears to be tied to a recent tug of war between Qantas Group and Virgin Australia for extra Indonesia capacity (*TD* 21 Oct), with Tully revealing the carrier has told the IASC that WSI is in its Bali plans.

"Virgin Australia is also contesting and we have said if we can get an allocation, Western Sydney to Bali is where we would prioritise going," she said.

Tully said the application was for daily frequencies, but conceded Jetstar may not get the allotted seats to fly that many services.

"We will see what we can get," Tully said, adding its customers are very keen for WSI-Bali flights." *AB*

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The deal expires on 02 Nov - head to **page nine** for more.

Entire Canada famil

ENTIRE Travel Group recently hosted a famil in Canada alongside a number of local partners - more on **page 10**.

Dive in the Solomons

DIVE in the Solomon Islands with Allways Dive Expeditions with no wetsuit required - see more on **page 11**.

VA status credits offer

VIRGIN'S Velocity Frequent Flyer is giving eligible new credit card holders the chance to earn up to 100 Status Credits and up to 100,000 bonus Velocity Points across a range of new offers, giving them more ways to progress towards their next status tier and enjoy benefits like priority boarding.

The promotion applies across three credit cards: the American Express Velocity Platinum Card the Virgin Money Velocity High Flyer Credit Card, and the Virgin Money Velocity Flyer Credit Card.

New duty tax in JP

JAPAN will introduce a new tax-free shopping system for international tourists from 01 Nov, requiring visitors to pay the standard 10% consumption tax upfront before claiming a refund on departure.

The change aims to prevent the resale of goods within Japan.

Travellers may face longer airport processing times and must present purchases for inspection if required.

Refunds can be refused if a receipt cannot be presented. *ZH*

TK turns on SIN stop

TURKISH Airlines has shifted its Sydney to Istanbul flights via KL to Singapore from today.

Flagged in Aug (*TD* 05 Aug), the carrier will operate five weekly Sydney-Singapore-Istanbul flights using Airbus A350s, aligning with its Melbourne-Istanbul route, which already stops over in Singapore. *AB*

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Ansell promoted

CONTIKI has announced the appointment of James Ansell to head of digital products.

Ansell will lead the evolution of the brand's digital product ecosystem with the full-time position following a secondment from his role as head of digital experience at Publicis Worldwide.

"Over the past few months, James has played a pivotal role in leading our website transformation, bringing together our teams, agency partners and technology roadmap to drive the next evolution of our digital experience," The Travel Corporation's chief executive officer Toni Ambler said.

"An ambitious bar has been set for our digital experiences, and my focus now is simple," Ansell said of his appointment. *ZH*



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Farewell Carnival cruises

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has released details of bucket-list repositioning itineraries for *Carnival Adventure* and *Carnival Luminosa*, as the ships prepare to farewell the Australian market at the end of the 2027-28 season.

Carnival Adventure will sail a trio of itineraries as she embarks on a journey from Sydney to Seattle via Seoul.

The itineraries include a 19-day Sydney to Tokyo voyage departing 20 Mar 2028 and visiting Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong, Taipei and Japan; an eight-day Tokyo roundtrip departing 08 Apr with calls at Busan, South Korea and Mount Fuji; as well as a 15-day Tokyo to Seattle trans-Pacific voyage departing 16 Apr.

Meanwhile, *Carnival Luminosa* will set sail from Sydney on a 23-day repositioning cruise to Los Angeles on 15 Mar 2028, visiting both Hawaii and French Polynesia en route to its new home.

"With *Carnival Adventure* and *Carnival Luminosa* continuing to sail in Australia through to Mar 2028, guests and travel agents still have an extensive range of itineraries to choose from across our four ships over the next 17 months," Carnival Cruise Line

UTC wins ANZ rep

THE Unique Tourism Collection (UTC) has been appointed as the ANZ representative for Fivelements, the wellbeing brand of GOCO Hospitality.

Founded in Bali in 2007 on the banks of the Ayung River in Ubud, Fivelements has since added a property in Hong Kong and has plans for offerings in Switzerland and Montenegro in coming years.

"Our recent days in Sydney and Melbourne with The UTC were intense and incredibly encouraging, with a real appetite among travel advisors and media for wellness that goes deeper than a holiday," CEO and founder of GOCO Hospitality Ingo Schweder said. *ZH*

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IE axes Munda direct

SOLOMON Airlines will discontinue its direct Brisbane-Munda IE715 service on Fridays, replacing it with a revised flight rotation service via Honiara before flying to Munda.

The updated schedule, effective from 02 Dec, follows the carrier's transition to a single-aircraft international operation until 30 Nov, and again from 01 Feb 2027, due to the absence of its second Airbus A320 (*TD* 16 Sep 2026).

Passengers originally booked on IE715 from Brisbane to Munda have been transferred to Brisbane-Honiara (IE701) and IE4716 (Honiara-Munda), while those booked on IE715 from Brisbane to Honiara via Munda have been transferred to IE701.

The updated flight schedules can be found [HERE](#). *JM*



assistant VP Anton Loeb said.

Earlier this month, Carnival announced that it would pull its *Adventure* and *Luminosa* ships from Australian waters in Mar and Apr 2028 (*TD* 16 Oct 2026).

The cruise line cited a number of reasons for the decision, including "the importance of long-term certainty and globally competitive operating conditions to support itinerary planning".

Cruise Lines International Association warned the move would cut hundreds of millions of dollars from local economies.

When asked if there would be any special activities to mark the ships' final local sailings, a spokesperson for the line said a decision would be made closer to the final Aussie season. *ZH*

Collette drives WSI

COLLETTE has confirmed it will extend its complimentary private chauffeur service to include services from Western Sydney International Airport (WSI).

Collette launched the service earlier this year, which it said has quickly become a standout benefit (*TD* 11 Mar 2026).

"From the beginning, our goal with complimentary chauffeur service was to make the travel experience easier and more enjoyable from the moment guests leave home," Collette MD Karen Deveson said.

"Today's premium traveller expects the journey to begin well before they board their flight."

"By including chauffeur transfers as part of the Explorations experience, we are ensuring every detail has been considered before our guests even arrive at the airport," she added.

The service is applied on all Collette Explorations Tours. *ZH*

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Off-peak tops thrifty list

TRAVELLING outside peak periods and booking early to lock in cheaper fares have been listed as the top financial hacks that Aussies are using to maximise their travel spend.

A new study by travel insurance

provider Insure&Go discovered that, in the current inflationary environment, travellers are becoming increasingly savvy with how they are budgeting for travel this year.

Avoiding high demand periods led the way with more than half of respondents stating they have stretched their budgets by using the tactic.

Leaning into points or rewards programs was another popular choice to shave off travel bills (36%), as was waiting for airline sales (35%) and booking places based on airfare price (34%).

Off-peak travel not only topped the list of most popular thrifty tactics, it was also the one Australians said made the "biggest single difference" (25%).

It ranked well ahead of booking early (17%) and staying with friends or family overseas (13%), with younger people the most likely to use the hack. **AB**

QR Canada c'share

QATAR Airways has launched a codeshare agreement with WestJet, which will see the QR code added to the Canadian airline's flights.

The partnership will provide Qatar passengers with greater options and seamless connectivity to new markets across Canada, such as Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Ottawa and more.

MEANWHILE, Etihad has made history with the take-off of its service to Calgary, believed to be the first-ever non-stop flight between YYC and the Gulf. **MS**

Holiday Express Perth

IHG Hotels & Resorts and SKS Group have signed an agreement that will see the arrival of a new 103-key hotel located in the heart of Perth's CBD.

Holiday Inn Express Perth City Centre will transform the former Singapore Airlines House into a contemporary property, featuring the brand's latest Generation 5 design and signature Express Cafe & Bar. **ZH**

KL has more Luft

LUFTHANSA has touched down on its new nonstop service between Frankfurt and Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur, initially operating five flights weekly on Boeing 787-9 aircraft.

The airline said the new route, announced earlier this year (**TD** 05 Mar 2026) reflected the growing business and investment activity in Malaysia and the ability to offer more access to its cultural heritage and attractions. **ZH**

Vale Wendy Stanton

THE travel industry is remembering Wendy Stanton after she passed away on 22 Oct surrounded by her loved ones and family.

Stanton started her career with Canadian Airlines before shifting to roles at Royal Brunei Airlines and Across Asia.

Her most recent work in the industry saw her placed as Travelexport's head of Pacific account management.

Her funeral will take place on 31 Oct at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Auckland with members of the public invited to plant a tree in Stanton's memory **HERE**. **ZH**



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Climb with Hillary

NATIONAL Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions will feature mountaineer and philanthropist Peter Hillary on select Alaska voyages in May 2027 and an Antarctica expedition in Dec.

The son of Sir Edmund Hillary, Peter is a well established climber himself with five successful summits of Mount Everest. ZH

Kenya Ebola update

THE US State Department has raised Kenya's travel advisory from Level 2 to Level 3, citing health risks associated with an outbreak of the Ebola virus.

Local operator Gamewatcher Safaris said there was no evidence of wider community transmission, with all nine cases so far linked to the original cluster, and all 135 identified contacts have been traced.

Smarttraveller continues to advise Aussies exercise a high degree of caution in Kenya. AB

Explora double delight

EXPLORA Journeys has marked two key milestones in the construction of its fleet at Fincantieri's Sestri Ponente shipyard in Genoa, celebrating the float-out of *Explora V* and coin ceremony of *Explora VI*.

The progress comes off the back of the delivery of *Explora III* in Jul this year with *Explora IV* set to enter service mid next year.

"*Explora VI* marks an important milestone in our journey and represents how far we have come in bringing a new category of ultra-elegant ocean travel to life," Explora Journeys president Anna Nash said.

"I am immensely proud of what we have built together, and excited by what lies ahead as we continue to shape the future of ocean travel and create even more meaningful experiences for our guests."

The ceremonies brought together representatives of



national and local institutions, maritime authorities and maritime industry. ZH

New Kelsian CEO

GRAEME Legh has today been appointed as MD of Kelsian, in addition to his ongoing role as group CEO.

Legh has also joined the board. "We are delighted to welcome Graeme to the Kelsian Board," chairman Fiona Hele said.

Legh has served as CEO since 01 Apr 2025 having previously served as CEO of the USA business from Sep 2023. ZH

Serko upgrades

SERKO Limited has advised its trading performance in 1H27 has been stronger than anticipated off the back of an acceleration in completed room nights.

An ASX update released today said the group expects to make a modest upward revision to its current FY27 income guidance range of \$128m-\$134m to \$132m-\$140m at its 1H27 results on 16 Nov.

It also expects to report positive cashflow for the six months to 30 Sep 26 and FY27. ZH

VA TikTok menus

VIRGIN Australia is tapping into viral TikTok posts as the carrier unveils new business class and buy-on-board economy menus.

Headlined by the addition of hot chips and aioli, the menu also sees the return of the cheeseburger toastie, with more than 50,000 sold since launching in May this year. ZH



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Airbnb scraps chores

AIRBNB has announced it will ban hosts from requiring guests to complete check-out chores such as stripping beds, washing dishes and taking out rubbish.

The changes, which apply to bookings made on or after 20 Nov, were made in response to complaints by travellers about being charged cleaning fees while also being expected to complete chores before leaving a property.

Hosts will no longer be allowed to ask guests to perform tasks that take "significant time and effort or would normally be done by a cleaner", but can still require simpler chores to be completed, such as putting dirty dishes in the sink and gathering used towels.

Hosts are still permitted to set their own cleaning fees.

The ban has sparked backlash among some Airbnb hosts, who warned that the policy could increase costs for guests, as well as prompt smaller hosts to leave the platform. *JM*

A new Mt Vernon for 250th

EXCLUSIVE

MOUNT Vernon is celebrating America's 250th anniversary as it nears completion of a US\$40 million (A\$57 million) mansion restoration, immersive history experiences and a new education centre on site.

The historic estate, home to George Washington for more than 40 years, has completed the fourth phase of its mansion revitalisation project, which began in 2023 to strengthen the building's foundations, repair its structure and preserve its historic interiors for years to come.

Welcoming a group of media and travel professionals as part of Virginia Tourism Corporation's Global Travel Forum last week, Jeremy Ray (**pictured**), Mount Vernon director of interpretation, highlighted major works that involved a two-year project centred on strengthening the original foundations of the two-



storey house.

He also lauded the ongoing work of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association (MVLA) who have owned, funded and restored the property since 1960.

"[MVLA] is in the United States the oldest national women's run preservation group in the country... they do a lot of great work to keep the [story of George Washington] alive," he said.

Mount Vernon estate is located in Fairfax County and welcomes around a million visitors a year.

It also features an adjoining restaurant with Washington's own distillery also nearby. *ZH*

Tandy wins accolade

APT Travel Group's director and family principal Lou Tandy (**pictured**) has been recognised as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2027 Consumer Category winner for Australia.

Announced at a recent gala event in Melbourne, the award honours visionary business leaders and comes in the same year that APT marks its centenary.

"This recognition reflects Lou's leadership and her commitment to ensuring the APT Travel Group continues to evolve while remaining true to the values that have guided the business for almost 100 years," the company's CEO, David Cox, said. *JM*



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That's a wrap on Tok Tok

VANUATU Tourism Office has concluded its inaugural Tok Tok Vanuatu on Tour roadshow, which was held on 13 and 14 Oct in Brisbane and Sydney.

The events saw 19 Vanuatu tourism operators connect with more than 120 travel advisors and 49 VIP trade, industry and media guests.

The roadshow followed a 38% YoY growth in Australian



visitor arrivals to the 83-island archipelago in the first seven months of 2026.

"Meeting our partners face-to-face allowed us to introduce local operators and give advisors greater confidence to recommend experiences across our islands," Vanuatu Tourism Office CEO Adela Issachar Aru said.

"Tok Tok Vanuatu on Tour gave us the opportunity to reconnect with our Australian partners who hold the key to sharing our stories and inspiring travellers."

MEANWHILE, the Vanuatu Ministry of Health has declared an influenza A outbreak in Port Vila and Efate, while other respiratory viruses may also be circulating, Smarttraveller has warned. *JM*

eSim new ultra plan

GLOBAL travel eSIM provider Holafly has launched the Ultra Plan, a new tier of its eSIM subscription Holafly Plans that offers unlimited mobile data in more than 160 destinations, as well as support for travel disruptions and wellbeing services including 24/7 doctor chat.

Available to Aussies for €84.90 (A\$136) per month, the subscription is designed for frequent & long-stay visitors. *JM*

Air NZ targets HBA

AIR New Zealand's seasonal HBA-AKL service has resumed, with a new growth plan targeting more flights, increased capacity and an extended operating season by 2028/29.

The service will offer 28% more capacity during the peak travel period than last year, including a fourth weekly flight.

NZ residents accounted for 65% of passengers during the 25-26 season, followed by the US (12%).

The route's growth is supported by Tasmania's Aviation Attraction Fund, while Hobart Airport has recently opened a new international screening and border processing facility.

"This is not just about the service returning for another summer...we have a three-year plan to grow the route, building on the demand we have already seen and giving Tasmanians and visitors greater confidence in the connection," Hobart Airport COO Matt Cocker said. *ZH*



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ATIA UPDATE

from Christian Hunter, chairman



THE ATIA Board held its fourth meeting of the year on the Thu before Beyond Borders and NTIA, overseeing a program of work focused on protecting members'

commercial interests.

Through Project A30, we are ensuring ATIA continues to evolve alongside its members and delivers practical value.

As I discussed at Beyond Borders, some of our greatest advocacy achievements are the changes that never reach your business.

Preventing members from being banned from selling travel insurance and securing the removal of retrospective taxation on existing Fiji bookings have protected them from significant additional costs and regulatory burdens. Not every advocacy effort delivers the outcome we seek, as the RBA's surcharge reforms demonstrate.

Although we challenged the evidence and worked with other industry bodies to represent members' concerns, the changes proceeded. We continue to advocate for fairer outcomes while providing practical guidance to help members manage the impact on their businesses.

Bringing our industry together

under one stronger voice is another major priority.

The integration of CATO alongside ITAA and ATMC ensures that each part of our membership retains its identity and expertise while benefiting from stronger collective representation.

Our responses to the conflict in the Middle East and flooding in Nepal demonstrated the value of coordinated industry intelligence, consistent communication and direct engagement with government when disruption occurs. Making accreditation easier and more efficient is driving significant improvements to our systems and processes.

Automation of existing workflows will simplify applications and renewals, improve access to information and support our commitment to a 72-hour renewal response by 2027, without compromising the standards that underpin consumer confidence.

Additionally, new industry dashboards will provide greater visibility into airline sales, emerging destination trends, passenger movements and aviation capacity.

Together with improved member communications and education, including the CATO Touring Academy, these investments will help members identify opportunities, respond to market changes and plan with greater confidence. Ultimately, our success is measured not only by what we create, but by what we prevent.

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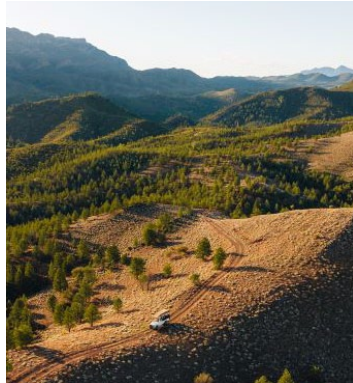
INTREPID GETS BEHIND LOCAL EFFORTS

INTREPID Travel has announced Arkaba Environmental Projects as the newest Australian partner of its not-for-profit branch, The Intrepid Foundation.

Arkaba Environmental Projects works to restore biodiversity in the Flinders Ranges, with a focus on reintroducing native flora and fauna to the Arkaba Conservancy, a 24,280-hectare private wildlife sanctuary, as well as educating local schoolchildren about caring for the bush to help create safe habitats for native wildlife.

The new partnership will enable travellers to support the organisation's conservation efforts on Intrepid's South Australian itineraries, including the Flinders Ranges Walk and during visits to Stay Intrepid property Arkaba Homestead.

"The partnership reflects Intrepid's broader commitment to



creating positive change through travel, connecting its trips and accommodation experiences with local organisations working to protect the places and communities travellers visit," Biheng Zhang, The Intrepid Foundation GM, said.

Charles Carlow, founder and director of Arkaba Environmental Projects, added: "Our work comes from a symbiotic

relationship between tourism and conservation in regenerating a landscape, a relationship that provides the resourcing and hope that all species, ourselves included, need to survive in the long term."

MEANWHILE, Intrepid Travel New Zealand has won the Sustainability Spotlight accolade at the recent 2026 Best Places to Work Awards, recognising its commitment to integrating sustainability and positive impact into its workplace culture.

"Intrepid has always believed that business can be a force for good," Intrepid Travel managing director ANZ Brett Mitchell said.

"Our New Zealand team is a great example of what that looks like in practice, bringing our values to life while delivering strong results for our people, travellers and communities." *JM*

Space for science

SWAN Hellenic has unveiled its 2027 Explore Space at Sea Series, created in partnership with the SETI Institute, which has spent over 40 years searching for extraterrestrial intelligence.

Six SETI Institute scientists will each accompany one of six cultural expedition cruises, sharing specialist insights into astronomy, astrophysics, astrobiology and planetary science with guests, as well as discussing the latest discoveries and the search for life beyond Earth.

The first sailing in the series, 'Cruising the Pacific Islands: New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands', will depart Auckland on 21 Mar with Carl Sagan Center planetary scientist Ross Beyer on board.

Unite for nature

NEW Zealand tourism operator RealNZ has announced the signing of a three-year partnership with the Department of Conservation to strengthen joint efforts to protect the country's natural heritage.

The tie-up, which will support priority conservation projects, builds on decades of hands-on environmental work by RealNZ. *JM*

Aurora saves on fuel thanks to AI

AURORA Expeditions has expanded its partnership with ocean technology company CounterCurrent on the back of an Antarctic trial of AI-powered ocean forecasting technology aboard *Douglas Mawson*.

Conducted between Dec 2025 and Mar 2026, the trial saw CounterCurrent work closely with Aurora's bridge team to test the technology in challenging maritime

conditions, resulting in fuel savings of more than 2-5% over 24 hours.

Preliminary modelling has indicated potential savings of up to 5-15% in suitable conditions, depending on vessel type, speed and route.

Aurora has now integrated upgraded CounterCurrent Mark 3 Triton sensors across its three ships, marking the next phase of the collaboration. *JM*

Corp to drive SAF

THE corporate travel sector could support between 1-1.9 million tonnes of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) production by 2030, up from 323,000 tonnes in 2024, according to a new study by the International Air Transport Association, Airbus and Accenture.

The report pointed out that corporate buyers "have a unique opportunity to help build the SAF market, contribute to the cost of air transport's energy transition, and benefit from recognised scope 3 emissions reductions". *JM*

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

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THE Australian dollar has weakened against its US counterpart this week, but is still holding above US\$0.70.

Economists are waiting with bated breath for the Sep-quarter consumer price index inflation figures, which will be released tomorrow, following recent warnings from RBA deputy governor Andrew Hauser that the inflation outlook is "materially worse" than previously projected.

If inflation beats market forecasts, the probability of a Nov interest rate hike will increase, which in turn will help drive the Australian dollar up relative to other currencies.

Meanwhile, the US Federal Reserve is expected to leave interest rates unchanged at its Oct meeting.

Both the AUD and USD remain vulnerable to Chinese economic developments and geopolitical tensions.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.701
UK	£0.526
NZ	\$1.234
Euro	€0.628
Japan	¥110.5
Thailand	฿23.69
China	¥4.679
South Africa	11.68
Canada	\$0.983
Crude oil	US\$103.27
Jet fuel	\$196.70/bbl
Bitcoin	฿0.0000088

Envoyage jumps on Tour



ENVOYAGE Australia has supported Tour de Cure's fight against cancer, joining business leaders and community advocates at a recent fundraising luncheon at Hyatt Regency Sydney.

The event brought together representatives from multiple industries to raise awareness and support efforts to improve the lives of many Australians affected by the disease.

Envoyage Australia head of operations Lisa Zahra (pictured right) said the luncheon embodied collective action.

"Cancer impacts so many people, whether personally or through someone they love.

"What stood out throughout the afternoon was the shared commitment to creating hope through action," Zahra said.

"It was an afternoon about purpose and connection, bringing together people from different industries and backgrounds who all share a desire to make a meaningful difference.

"The sense of community in the room was incredibly powerful, and we are grateful to have

experienced such an inspiring event, while supporting the important work of Tour de Cure."

She said Envoyage was proud to support affected Australians and also thanked its Miranda location for hosting the event. *ZH*

NYC icon exit date

NEW York City is set to ban horse-drawn carriages by 01 Jun 2028, after the City Council approved the bill last week.

The ban will bring an end to the 150-year-old tourist tradition, which has attracted controversy in recent years, particularly after the death of 18-year-old Indian tourist Romanch Mahajan in Jun.

Under the bill, the horses will be prohibited from being sold to slaughterhouses, while carriage drivers will be able to join a workforce transition program.

"Horse-drawn carriages have long been part of New York City's history, but in an increasingly busy Central Park, this tradition has become a growing public safety liability," City Council speaker Julie Menin said. *JM*

Window Seat

THE future of air travel just got a whole lot more exciting, with new concept images for a supersonic 'Eagle' plane now publicly released.

The QuPlane will be able to reach twice the speed of sound, potentially slashing travel times by 70%, according to its preliminary designs.

Cruising up to nearly 18km altitude, the futuristic aircraft boasts an advanced flying wing model to glide through the air at astonishing speeds, while using artificial intelligence to navigate the skies.

The concept can seat up to 200 passengers, with those in first-class able to enjoy floor-to-ceiling private rooms, each with a bed, while an AI hospitality system will work 24/7 to ensure optimal temperature, humidity and lighting throughout the cabin.

Perhaps the most impressive part is that the four-engine aircraft is smaller than the average passenger jet, yet is purportedly able to travel farther than an Airbus A350-900 and a Boeing B787-9 - all while travelling a lot faster.

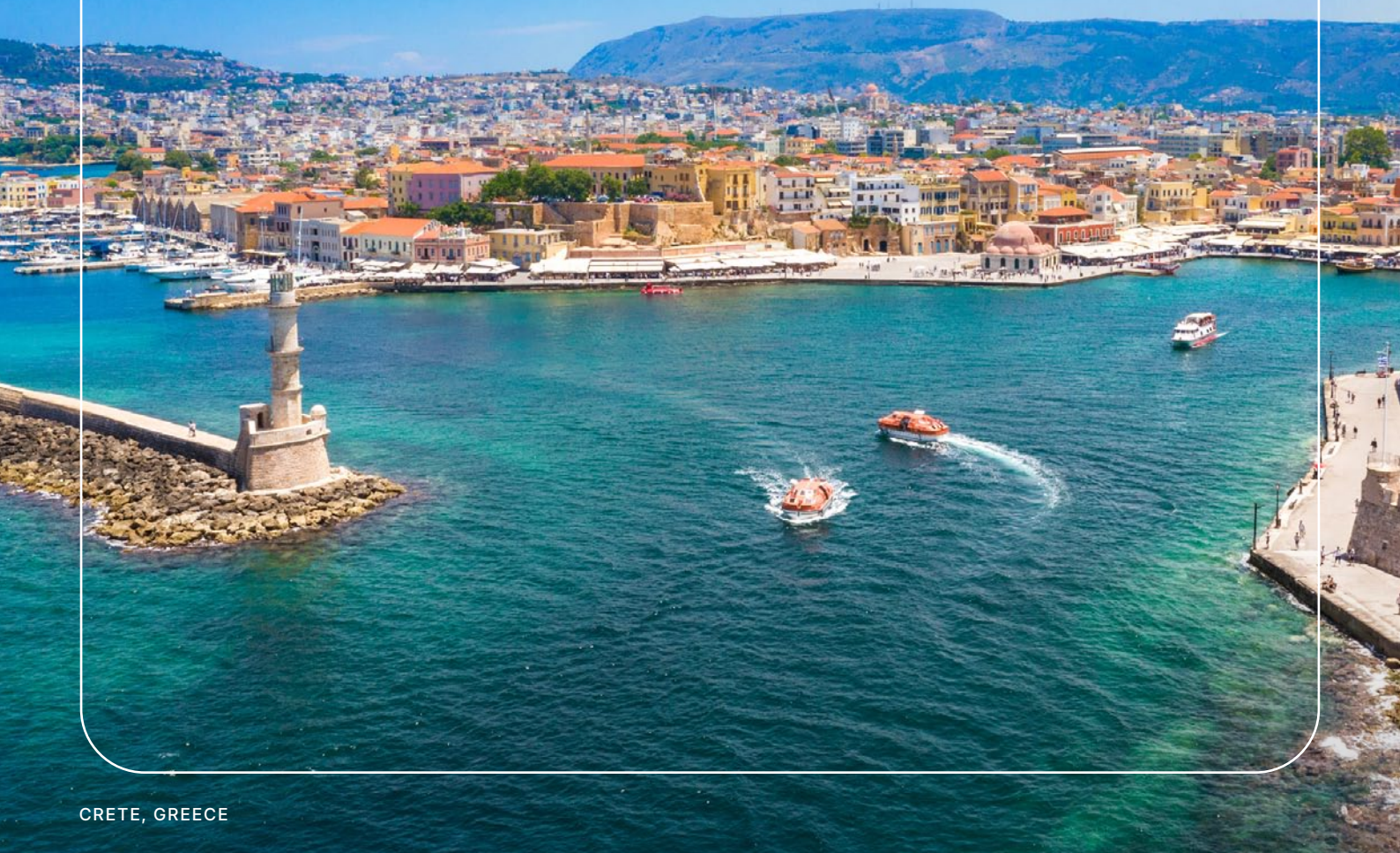
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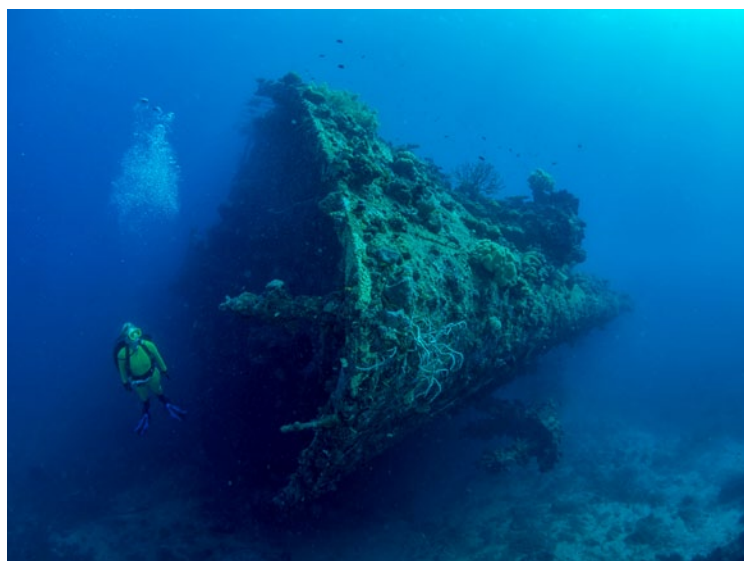
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