



Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features seven pages of news, including our **Corporate Update**, plus a special feature from **Collette**, and a full page from **Emirates**.

Atura opens in Oran

ATURA Oran Park has officially opened just days after the first passenger flights took off from Western Sydney International Airport, positioning the hotel to welcome travellers flying into and out of the region's new gateway.

The 184-room property, which has been developed by EVT Hotels & Resorts and the Perich family, is set to become a key accommodation, dining, meetings and events destination for one of Australia's fastest-growing regions.

Guests can enjoy a heated resort-style outdoor pool and terrace and dine at Italian-inspired restaurant Tavola. *JM*

The TTF in trouble?

THE Tourism and Transport Forum (TTF) is reportedly "hurtling towards insolvency", according to a report by the *AFR's Rear Window* column.

The article alleges the TTF is two months behind on its office rent and two years behind on filing its audited financial accounts.

Cash membership fees have dropped from \$2.06 million to \$1.74 million, and the *AFR* said the last filed figures for the 2023-24 period showed TTF's financial position had decreased from a \$9,200 surplus to a \$166k deficit.

The report suggested the Sydney Opera House, InterContinental, Hayman and Hamilton islands, Venues NSW were just some of the members to drop out over the last year.

A spokesperson for the TTF told the *AFR* that the industry body was currently undergoing its normal auditing process and remains solvent.

TD contacted TTF for comment.

Travel budgets resilient

COST pressures have not translated into a pullback in travel demand from Aussies, with new research from travel insurance provider Redion providing an optimistic picture for the industry.

The survey found that despite the clear inflationary pressures impinging on the local economy, the average holiday budgets for

Australians remained substantial, recording an average of \$5,100 on upcoming trips.

Just under half of respondents were spending more than \$4,200, while around 39% indicated they were not planning to travel for the remainder of this year - a similar finding in the 2025 poll.

While budgets remained healthy in the face of a tough spending economy, the Redion results survey did show the climate was taking a hefty psychological toll on travellers.

Results showed that a high 88% of Australians were feeling that inflation and high prices were impacting their overall enthusiasm for travel.

"Australians are telling us prices are a concern for them, but they are still choosing to spend on their holiday regardless," Redion CEO in ANZ Justin Sebire said. *AB*

QF int'l lands in ADL

QANTAS' direct seasonal Adelaide-Auckland service touched down this morning, a route that will operate until 26 Apr next year.

"Bringing int'l flying back to Adelaide last year was a big moment and we're really pleased to be back for a second season with an extra service in Dec and Jan," Int'l CEO Cam Wallace said.

NCLH saves more

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) identified an extra US\$100 million in annualised savings during its latest quarter, adding to US\$225 million in cost-cutting identified over the prior two quarters.

The numbers were revealed in an earnings call overnight with CEO John Chidsey and CFO Mark Kempa, with the executives relaying that the majority of the savings were achieved through a combination of reducing the use of airfares as a sales incentive and ongoing refinements made to its promotional offering (*TD* 03 Aug).

Since NCLH embarked on a major campaign of tightening the belt globally, it has identified US\$600 million in cuts to date.

Moving forward, NCLH will look to make more cost reductions by outsourcing selected shoreside support work and pursuing more offshore-related savings.

Chidsey also revealed a campaign for the Norwegian Cruise Line brand would kick off in the new year, with an increased marketing spend to focus on families and promoting its luxury ship-within-a-ship product, The Haven.

Chidsey added NCL's new positioning is focused on the notion of 'cruise without compromise', built on its strengths of freedom, choice and premium hospitality.

MEANWHILE, NCLH said that Meghan Montana will take over from Kempa as CFO from the start of 2027. *AB*

Railbookers famils

RAILBOOKERS has announced its largest-ever launch of familiarisation trips, giving agents the chance to experience some of the brand's top-selling destinations and routes.

Applications are now open for agents to join one of eight trips in 2027, encompassing destinations such as Switzerland, Rome, Venice, London, Paris, Prague, Vienna, Edinburgh, Budapest, the US, the Canadian Rockies, Tokyo and Madrid.

Those selected will need to secure their spot with a US\$499 (A\$708) participation fee, which includes all rail and single-occupancy hotel accommodations along with sightseeing activities and select meals.

Agents are responsible for organising their own airfares, which are not included.

Learn more about the advisor famil trips **HERE**. *JM*

Tee off with Emirates

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See more info on **page eight**.

Travel nice to WSI

COLLETTE has introduced its complimentary chauffeur service to travellers in and out of WSI.

See more on the **back page**.

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Skynest delayed again

AIR New Zealand's highly anticipated Skynest sleep product has been delayed yet again, with the carrier unable to commit to a firm reschedule date.

To be offered on board its new Boeing 787 Dreamliners, Skynest was due to roll out on flights from next month after bookings opened up in May (TD 15 Apr).

Air NZ chief customer and digital officer Jeremy O'Brien said the decision was made to ensure its new Boeing aircraft's entry into service was not delayed while waiting for final regulatory approvals for Skynest.

"We have got a fantastic new 787 Dreamliner ready to welcome customers and with summer being our busiest time of year, we want it in the air doing what it was built to do," O'Brien said.

"Rather than hold back a brand-new aircraft while the final approvals are completed, we have decided to get it flying and



bring Skynest on board after the summer peak.

"We will confirm the new launch date for the Skynest once the timeline is clear," he added.

It is understood Air New Zealand is still waiting on approvals from both local and international certifying authorities.

Skynest was originally intended to debut on long-haul New York and Chicago routes in Sep 2024, but global delays on Dreamliners stymied launch plans.

When it belatedly debuts on ultra long-haul service between Auckland and New York, Skynest will feature six lie-flat beds for premium economy and economy passengers to purchase. AB



CT Partners get a Gig

CT PARTNERS has announced the addition of Gig Travel as a member, bringing its total membership to 36.

Founded by Shaun Matheson, the Melbourne-based company specialises in travel packages for live events and entertainment and production-focused tourism.

Matheson said the partnership was "an exciting next step" for the company, allowing it to combine its specialist knowledge with CT Partners' supplier relationships and network of independent travel gents and travel businesses.

For CT Partners, CEO Matt Masson said that entertainment-related travel "continues to flourish in Australia", welcoming not only the expertise that Gig Travel possesses, but also its "spirit of entrepreneurialism".

He added that he admires how Gig "recognises the value of our unique and fully transparent model", being a non-for-profit. JB

Starlux on the ground

CVFR Travel Group's Airline Rep Services has appointed Simon Amos (pictured) as the sales account manager - NZ for Starlux Airlines, as the Taiwanese carrier prepares to enter the market in Q1 2027 (TD 21 Sep 2026).

Amos brings nearly 30 years of industry experience and previously led Sabre New Zealand's sales team.

He specialises in business development, account management and customer relationship management.

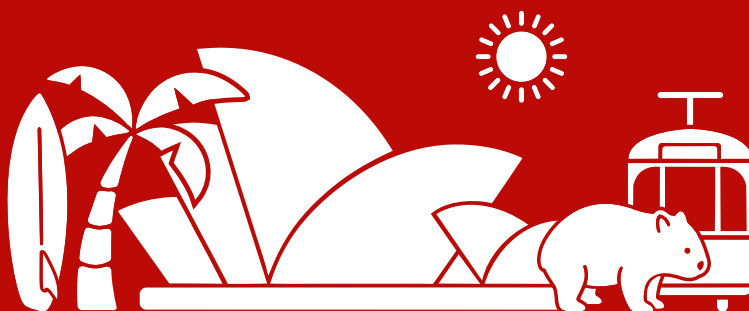
Starlux is set to operate services from Taiwan to Sydney and Auckland, competing with China Airlines (TD 01 Jun 2026). JB



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Window Seat

LUXURY Escapes chief Adam Schwab was slightly rankled this week by recent comments made by Brisbane Organising Committee for the Olympics and Paralympics president Andrew Liveris.

The Olympics chief appeared to throw shade at the Maldives when speaking at the Property Council of Australia's annual conference.

Liveris told delegates that the three million annual visitors to the Maldives should be travelling to Brisbane instead, *The Australian* reported.

"I mean it is lovely but it is far from everywhere - we should be getting that trade here instead," he said.

Schwab's business has gone all-in on the Maldives, with plans to operate year-round charter flights from Melbourne, with Sydney tipped to launch soon.

In response to Liveris, Schwab told *The Australian* that the Maldives offered the ultimate resort experience, in contrast to Brisbane, which he said was more known for Bluey's World at Hamilton.



It's now TIME to expand

THE Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) has launched on the Gold Coast, with travel industry professionals coming together on Wed night to mark the milestone.

The evening, which took place at Mercure Gold Coast Resort, involving a panel discussion featuring industry leaders Mike Dwyer, Michael Middleton, Elsa McLean, Gillian Dawes and moderator James Sitters.

A key message emerged throughout the discussion:



success in travel is built on collaboration, curiosity and a willingness to keep learning.

"We were delighted to bring TIME to the Gold Coast for the first time and to see such strong support from the local industry," TIME Chair Penny Spencer said.

MEANWHILE, in Sydney, TIME recently hosted its final graduation and new program induction event of 2026 at lyf Bondi Junction.

The occasion attracted more than 70 travel, tourism, hospitality, cruise and aviation professionals, and was emceed by TIME graduate Meg Dolan, GM commercial and strategy at Gullivers Corporate. *JM*

Crystalbrook rejigs

CRYSTALBROOK Collection Hotels and Resorts has made seven senior leadership appointments across its sales and marketing teams.

Virginia Hamilton has been promoted to the role of director, global sales, serving the past two years as account director, strategic partnerships.

Sharon Caldwell has been promoted to area director of sales as well, overseeing the Queensland portfolio and Crystalbrook Byron, while Emily Pearl was promoted to director of sales at Crystalbrook Vincent.

Within the Crystalbrook Sam team, Cameron McKenzie has been named director of sales and Karyn Harte has been appointed director of marketing.

Joining Crystalbrook Aurora are director of sales Anita Biziak and marketing chief Kate Mason. *JB*

Avis lifts LHR-CDG

AVIS First, the online-based car rental service from Avis, is now available at London Heathrow (LHR) and Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) airports.

Customers can make bookings through the Avis mobile app, with vehicles organised ahead of arrival and delivered directly by a concierge member.

Avis First is currently available in Rome, Zurich, Munich, Barcelona and Porto, in addition to several airports across North America. *JB*

Navigating Singapore

ROYAL Caribbean's *Navigator of the Seas* has made her debut in Asia, arriving in Singapore for a year-long season.

Through to Oct 2027, she will embark on a series of two- to five-night getaways across Southeast Asia, highlighted by calls to Penang, Phuket, Da Nang and Tokyo.

Quantum of the Seas will take her place following the season. *JB*

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Customising Contiki trips

CONTIKI is moving towards DIY group travel, in one of the most significant announcements as part of the brand's 'Go Wander' transformation, which debuted yesterday (**TD** 29 Oct).

The Contiki Build A Trip program, set to launch soon, will allow travellers to drag and drop trip legs from hundreds of options, choose their time in city hubs, add extras, select hotel or hostel accommodation, and

choose who they travel with, managing director and chief customer officer Toni Ambler revealed at Wed's launch.

An artificial intelligence tool will also assist with generating an initial itinerary.

"We know how important freedom and choice are to this travel generation, so we are giving customers the best of both worlds," Ambler said.

"Unlimited choice and flexibility to make their trip their own, all backed and powered by Contiki's vast network and know-how in all of our key destinations."

Contiki trip leaders will also be encouraged to create and sell their own trips, under another new program, Wander With Me.

Ambler framed this development as a way to recognise the expertise of its trip leaders, and offer travellers itineraries built around their individual interests. *MS*

Haki joins the fleet

VIKING has delivered its newest longship, the 190-guest *Viking Haki*, which will sail on the Main, Rhine and Danube rivers in '27.

Featuring 95 staterooms, *Haki* is defined by several Scandinavian-inspired design features, a square bow allowing for three full decks, the indoor/outdoor Aquavit Terrace and an asymmetric corridor layout.

Viking's expansion plans will deliver 17 more ships by 2028. *JB*

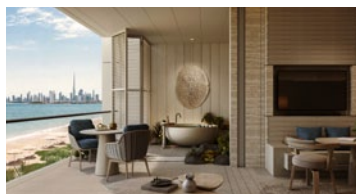
Capella to Dubai

CAPELLA Hotel Group has announced the 115-key Capella Dubai is set to open 2030 on the Dubai Peninsula.

The luxury property will boast an array of suites and private pools, highlighted by the 600m² Capella Suite, designed as a residential-style retreat.

Five venues are set to make up the property's social offering, including a lobby lounge and The Living Room bar, as well as a rooftop space featuring a signature restaurant and destination bar overlooking the city skyline.

Wellness offerings will range from the Auriga Spa and the Mind Body Studio to an outdoor fitness area. *JB*



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Qantas home loan boom



QANTAS' Money Home Loan product has surpassed \$3 billion in total settlements since its launch more than three years ago (**TD** 20 Feb 2023), with the carrier now unveiling Atlas, a new range of loans funded by ColCap Financial.

The offering will sit alongside existing loans funded by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, giving members a wider choice of competitive rates and features, including an easy refinancing pathway that allows eligible borrowers to apply in minutes.

Atlas is available for members refinancing an existing home loan, with products for new property purchases to follow in the coming months.

"Bringing ColCap Financial on board means we can say yes to more members and support further growth," Qantas loyalty and customer CEO Andrew Glance said.

Qantas Money Home Loans provide 100,000 Qantas Points

upon settlement and an additional 100,000 points every year for the life of the loan.

Frequent Flyer members who have taken up a home loan have collectively earned more than 1.2 billion Qantas Points since 2023, while the amount of new loans issued rose by 30% YoY. *JM*

Brissy loves Uganda

THE High Commission of the Republic of Uganda hosted a tourism roadshow in Brisbane last week, highlighting the East African nation's diverse experience and potential to thrive in the Australian market.

Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on 22 Oct, the event brought together several Aussie travel professionals and Ugandan tourism representatives for a series of networking opportunities, destination presentations and several cultural performances. *JB*



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Holidays drive happiness

NEARLY three-quarters of Aussie travellers said having a holiday to look forward to helps them cope with the demands of daily life, new research from Booking.com has revealed.

The *Travel Happiness Index*, which explored the emotional, financial and social drivers of travel by analysing insights from 10,000 travellers across APAC, found that planning a trip was a mood-booster for 80% of Aussies, with 58% finding the planning process itself enjoyable.



Additionally, over half (57%) said they would extend their trips to create more time to rest, recharge and fully enjoy their destination, while nine in 10 (89%) would rather adapt their travel plans than cancel when disruptions occur.

An overwhelming 97% of respondents associated travel with positive emotions, including happiness, relaxation, excitement, inspiration and adventurousness.

The *Travel Happiness Index* found that the simple moments counted the most, with 30% of Aussies saying an appreciation of natural scenery contributed to trip satisfaction, followed by spending quality time with travel companions (28%) and enjoying good food or drinks (19%).

Additionally, nearly three-quarters (70%) said they prioritise trying local food and incorporating meaningful experiences into their trips, and 65% said they would choose dates or destinations based on travel deals. *JM*

Capture a sailing

SWAN Hellenic has introduced its Antarctic photography program offering nine curated departures from US\$1,000pp.

With a maximum of 10 guests per voyage, the program allows guests to capture the landscape and wildlife of Antarctica, combining professional guidance, dedicated photographic opportunities, daily image feedback and editing workshops.

Leading the inaugural voyage will be British-Canadian photographer Simon Ager, who has had images published in *National Geographic* and *BBC Wildlife on One*.

Continuing the program will be certified National Geographic photo instructor and polar guide Lauren Buchholz.

The first program will kick off 04 Dec, with nine-day voyages running through to Mar 2027. *JB*

Anangu grads make history



THREE Anangu trainees have become the first graduates of the Certificate III in Tourism delivered by the National Indigenous Training Academy (NITA).

The students (**pictured**) were among more than 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees from across the country who graduated from the academy at Ayers Rock Resort, Uluru last Fri.

The new Certificate III in Tourism combines practical tourism and guiding skills with Anangu knowledge and ways of learning, and for the first time ever, significant components were taught in Pitjantjatjara by senior Anangu educators, in the classroom and on Country.

Students learnt about Tjukurpa (the Anangu philosophy that links the environment and their ancestors), plants, cultural sites, land management and land rights, and protocols around how culture can be shared with visitors.

"Seeing senior Anangu educators teaching this qualification in language and on

Country, and now celebrating the first graduates, demonstrates the power of Indigenous-led education and training," Roland Ah Chee, GM First Nations Engagement and Partnership at Journey Beyond - operator of Ayers Rock Resort - said.

During graduation week, NITA also welcomed 24 new trainees, including 11 Anangu - four of whom are starting the Tourism Certificate III qualification. *JM*

A journey into 2028

AZAMARA Journey is set to undergo renovations from Nov 2028, with the ship slated for a fortnight-long dry dock.

In addition to refreshed staterooms, suites and public spaces, the renovation will see the Discoveries Restaurant updated, as well as tweaks for the Cabaret Lounge, Chef's Table experience and the Sanctum Spa.

The refurbishment is part of the cruise line's Azamara Forward fleetwide initiative. *JB*

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PPG to invest \$20 million

PLAZA Premium Group (PPG) will be investing \$20 million into the Australian market, highlighted by a brand-new lounge at Sydney Airport's T2 Domestic Terminal.

The company will also add a new lounge at Cairns Airport and complete a renovation of amenities at Brisbane Airport.

Announced at PPG's 10th birthday in Australia last night, the new 113-seat lounge in T2 is set to provide travellers with a number of workspaces and dining options, ranging from a barista coffee station, full-service bar and an upgraded food station.

Lounge access will not be restricted by ticket class, alliance membership or premium credit



card status, with both walk-ins and online bookings available.

PPG's general manager for Oceania Cyrus Wong explained that T2's heavy passenger traffic made the development an obvious choice, in addition to strengthening its presence at Sydney Airport more broadly.

"If you are flying out of Sydney's domestic terminal without airline status, options prior to boarding have traditionally been limited," Wong explained.

"A decade after entering Australia, we are proud to launch our biggest domestic project yet.

"Whether it is a business traveller needing a quiet hour to work, a family heading on holiday, or a solo traveller wanting a comfortable space to relax, we are making a premium airport experience a normal, easy part of domestic travel," he added.

The T2 lounge is set to open early Dec, with the Cairns and Brisbane developments tipped to come early 2027, with further details on the lounges to be announced soon.

Wong added that by the end of 2027, every Aussie PPG outlet will be renovated or refreshed. *JB*

Tassie corporate play

TASMANIA has set its sights on luxury corporate incentive travellers in an effort to lift its off-peak tourism spending.

Business Events Tasmania (BET) is positioning the state as a premium alternative to destinations such as Hamilton Island, Bali and Fiji by highlighting its experience-led itineraries featuring high-end accommodation, fine dining and adventure activities.

"We are positioning Tasmania as a luxury incentive destination - where luxury is defined not by scale or tropical weather, but by immersion, access and genuine connection to place," BET chief executive Marnie Craig said. *JM*



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Solomons gets real



TOURISM Solomons has unveiled a global brand refresh highlighting the destination's authenticity, adventure, culture and conservation.

The new identity, 'Hapi Isles - Real, Rare, Raw', references a nickname bestowed upon the destination in the 1960s and includes a new logo and suite of marketing materials replacing the 'Solomons Is.' branding that was introduced in 2018.

"For the first time, we have been able to distil the very essence of our Hapi Isles into a brand promise that captures exactly what today's experience-seeking traveller is searching for, a place that remains genuinely real, remarkably rare

and wonderfully raw," Tourism Solomons chief executive officer Andrew Nihopara said.

"The Hapi Isles - Real, Rare, Raw platform moves the destination beyond pre-existing perceptions, showcasing experiences that remain increasingly difficult to find anywhere else in the world."

These experiences include diving on WWII wrecks and coral reefs, eco-trekking through ancient rainforests and engaging with a centuries-old living culture.

Tourism Solomons said the initiative would be rolled out in the coming months. *JM*

JW to debut in Fiji

MARRIOTT International has signed an agreement to debut its JW Marriott brand in Fiji.

A contract with Dubbo Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of Fiji National Provident Fund, will see The Westin Fiji Golf Resort & Spa transformed into the JW Marriott Fiji Resort & Spa, the first of the brand's hotels in the country.

Located on Denarau Island, the property is slated to feature 282 keys and is expected to open in Q1 2027, with reservations anticipated to open next month.

Tui voyage nixed

A **TUI** Cruises-operated Canary Islands voyage aboard *Mein Schiff* 3 has been cancelled, after the vessel collided with two container ships amidst departing Germany (TD 28 Oct).

There were 2,428 passengers and 922 crew members aboard the 20-day sailing.

Mein Schiff 3's return-to-service date is not yet confirmed. *JB*

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World of Hyatt has launched its global Q4 offer, with up to 25% savings on more than 1,280 properties around the world, including up to 15% in APAC. The sale will be available until 08 Dec, with exclusive early access for World of Hyatt members between today and 02 Nov. The stay period runs from 31 Oct through to 30 Apr 2027. See more [HERE](#).

Discovery Escapes' Black Friday sale is launching on 01 Nov and running until 06 Dec. Travellers can save up to 25% on all tours and departure dates using the code 'BLACK2026'. Trips include the 10-day 'Europe Express' journey from London to Rome, the 12-day 'Australia and New Zealand Highlights' and the 10-day 'Thailand Islands Hopping' tour. Make the most of the sale [HERE](#).

Ponant Explorations' reduced deposit offer is available until 31 Jan 2027, allowing travellers to secure their next cruise with a deposit of 10%, down from 25%. The incentive is available on more than 350 sailings from late 2026 through to 2029, and is also valid on bookings with Paul Gauguin Cruises. See more on the offer [HERE](#).

Until 01 Nov, **Vietjet** is offering one-way international fares from \$199, marking the launch of new services between Ho Chi Minh City and Chiang Mai. The sale is valid on travel between 01 Nov and 31 Oct 2027, with flights between Ho Chi Minh and Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth. Bookings can be made [HERE](#).

AAT Kings has unveiled deals on a range of last-minute New Zealand itineraries, including the 17-day 'New Zealand Uncovered' tour departing 17 Nov from \$10,115pp, the seven-day 'Iconic North' trip departing 17 Nov from \$3,540pp and the 10-day 'New Zealand's Northern Gems' journey departing 07 Dec from \$6,845pp - more [HERE](#).

Norwegian Cruise Line's 'Balcony Flash Sale' is on until 05 Nov, with up to \$550 off balcony staterooms and higher categories, and up to 50% off fares on select 2027 sailings. Travellers can make the most of this offer on Europe itineraries aboard *Norwegian Aura*, alongside departures from Sydney or Auckland to Fiji and Tahiti. Check out more [HERE](#).

Solomon Airlines' seven-day sale is now on until 02 Nov, with fares between now and Sep 2027 discounted by up to 25%. The sale is valid for fares to Honiara, Nadi, Port Vila and Santo, departing from Brisbane, Auckland, Honiara, Vanuatu and Nadi. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Parkroyal's day delegate package is available on events booked before 31 Dec and held between 01 Jan and 31 Dec 2027. From \$80pp, attendees will receive arrival refreshments, morning and afternoon tea, a hot buffet lunch, as well as meeting essentials including wi-fi, a data projector and a standard PowerPoint clicker. The package is valid at both Parkroyal Darling Harbour and Parkroyal Parramatta. To find out more, click [HERE](#).



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AI to reshape distribution

ARTIFICIAL intelligence (AI) will reshape tourism distribution as significantly as the internet, forcing businesses to rethink their value and adapt to changing consumer behaviour, Viator founder Rod Cuthbert (**pictured**) has warned.

Speaking at the Australian Tourism Export Council's (ATEC) Meeting Place 2026 in Hobart, he compared AI's emergence with the internet's transformation of travel research, sales and bookings 30 years ago.

He said AI would challenge traditional roles and relationships, particularly for businesses operating between tourism suppliers and consumers.

"If you're operating between the tourism supplier and the end customer, you need to be able to justify your position in that distribution channel," he said.

Cuthbert said AI offered opportunities to improve efficiency and strengthen industry partnerships by making tourism businesses' expertise, products and commercial relationships more easily accessible to distribution partners.

He added that adapting required leadership and cultural change, more than simply



investing in technology.

"This is a fundamental fork in the road for our industry, and businesses that fail to recognise the significance of this shift risk being left behind.

"If business leaders aren't prepared to embrace this change, I question whether some of those businesses will still be here in five years' time," he said. *ZH*

Thompson in Rome

HYATT Hotels has announced the debut of the Thompson Hotel brand in Italy with the opening of the 69-key Thompson Rome.

Set within the iconic Via delle Botteghe Oscure, the property is within walking distance of Piazza Venezia and the Roman Forum, Pantheon and the Colosseum.

Original elements of the 1940s building such as a marble staircase and an inlaid floor have been carefully restored, complemented by bespoke furnishing and layered materials to give the property a contemporary expression.

Out of the 69 keys, 19 are suites, with options ranging from Junior Suites, Suites with patios or terraces, and the 104m² Thompson Suite, accompanied by an 80m² private terrace.

Its signature restaurant LYVE, offers a seafood-focused, Italian-inspired menu, led by executive chef Fabio Fioravanti. *JB*

A Courtyard in Dili

MARRIOTT International has announced Courtyard by Marriott Dili, marking the company's debut in East Timor.

Set to be located in the existing Plaza Dili Central, construction of the 100-room hotel will begin in 2027, earmarked for completion in 2029. *JB*

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TD TRAVEL DAILY

PRODUCT PROFILE

Collette Explorations Adds WSI to Complimentary Chauffeur Service

SINCE 2008, Collette has been setting the standard in premium small group travel through Collette Explorations. Designed for travellers seeking deeper cultural connections and more immersive experiences, these thoughtfully paced journeys go beyond the guidebook while delivering the service, expertise and reliability that have defined Collette for more than a century.

At Collette, innovation starts by listening to travellers. When expectations shifted towards more personalised, seamless experiences, we responded by enhancing not just the journey itself, but the touchpoints surrounding it. Earlier this year, Collette introduced complimentary private chauffeur service on all Collette Explorations tours, providing guests with return transfers between home and the airport. The inclusion immediately

became a standout benefit, reinforcing the premium nature of the Explorations experience and ensuring every journey begins with the same level of care and consideration found throughout the tour.

Now, Collette is extending that benefit even further with the addition of Sydney's Western Sydney International Airport (WSI) to the chauffeur service program. The expansion provides greater accessibility for travellers across Greater Sydney and reflects Collette's ongoing commitment to delivering a seamless travel experience from beginning to end.

For travel advisors, the addition of WSI represents more than added convenience for clients. It is another compelling point of difference for the premium travel experience and a reflection of how Collette continues to evolve alongside traveller expectations.

While many travel experiences begin at the airport, Collette Explorations begins at the front door.

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