

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features eight pages of news, including a photo page from **Luxury Travel Collection**, plus full pages from:

- Collette
- Bunnik Tours

Young on Committee

SENIOR VP sales for Travel Corporation Tour Brands Oceania Andy Young has been elected to the CATO Committee, replacing James O'Donnell, who stepped down in late Jul.

Young was previously on the CATO Touring Academy steering committee in 2024, where he helped to develop the first nationally recognised touring accreditation program.

"My intention [is] to collaborate with fellow committee members in steering the touring sector and its member operators onwards to a prosperous era," Young said.

The committee recently met to discuss future goals (**TD** 12 Aug).

PMC rise to be blocked

THE controversial planned increase of the Passenger Movement Charge (PMC) revealed in the latest budget (**TD** 13 May 2026) looks set to be defeated, after the Greens joined the Coalition and One Nation in opposing the amendment bill.

Speaking in Parliament on Fri, Greens MP Elizabeth Watson-Brown said the party would not support the PMC rise from \$70 to \$80 per person from 01 Jan 2027 on cost-of-living grounds.

The Greens cannot support [the bill] in its current form," she said.

The position falls into line with the Coalition, which in Aug made clear it would oppose the move after citing a failure to provide compelling policy justification for the increase, as well as lambasting the Bill for having "poor" consultation.

Last week, the Coalition's tourism spokesman David Littleproud added the hike would result in 190,000 fewer



passengers in the medium-term.

The Federal Government has also been criticised in many quarters for not explicitly pledging to reinvest the extra revenue into much-needed border infrastructure and technology improvements.

With One Nation also expected to oppose the Bill, Labor will fall short in the Senate by a solid margin, taking cross-bench support out of the equation.

When it was announced in May, the PMC change provoked a stern reaction from many travel stakeholders, with the Tourism & Transport Forum labelling the move "an absolute shocker", expressing "outrage" at a rise made in the midst of an ongoing fuel crisis and surging operating costs for travel businesses. **AB**

APT + Quark share

APT Travel Group and Quark Expeditions have announced a 10-year partnership on a new 99-suite small ship set to debut in the 2029-30 season.

Travelmarvel will operate Mediterranean itineraries, while Quark will charter the vessel for Antarctic expeditions.

The ice-class ship will feature expedition-ready facilities and offer access to smaller ports.

The deal combines APT's cruising expertise with Quark's 30+ years of polar exploration. **ZH**

Collette adds up

COLLETTE has a new range of small group exploration tours now available for 2027/28.

See more info on **page nine**.

Save with Bunnik

TRAVELLERS can save up to \$2,000 per couple on Bunnik's 2027 and 2028 Asia tours.

See more information on the deals on the **back page**.

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The special offer is available until 31 Mar 2027. *ZH*

ATAC is stronger together

EXCLUSIVE

AUSTRALIAN Travel Agents Co-operative (ATAC) is proving the power of collective ownership, using its member-owned model to attract larger independent travel businesses and help deliver record returns.

Speaking at the co-operative's 40th anniversary conference, MD Michelle Emerton and chair Jack Taylor (**pictured**) said ATAC's lean structure was crucial.

"We don't have all of that big corporate structure and we are able to change and pivot and adapt where we need to," Emerton told *Travel Daily*.

ATAC has in recent years also introduced a membership fee and sliding-scale rewards model, with members earning more as they generate more business.

"You get paid more if you generate more," Taylor explained, adding there were now more rewards for their efforts.

These changes have helped drive a record \$724k rebate to members and more than \$17 million in additional TTV over the past year (*TD* 11 Sep 2026).

However, ATAC's core structure remains unchanged: one share, one vote and one voice.

Emerton said the structure gives members collective power in supplier negotiations, allowing them to act together and turn down opportunities that do not work for the group.

Taylor added that it meant members had a direct stake in

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VOCO Queenstown has opened, marking the formal debut of IHG Hotels & Resorts' premium brand.

The former Holiday Inn Express features 227 refurbished rooms, redesigned public spaces, and the new Mozzarella & Co. restaurant and bar area. *ZH*



shaping the organisation.

"These people own it, that is the power of a movement like ATAC," Taylor said. *ZH*

Hanson's student cap

ONE Nation has unveiled a plan to slash temporary visa places by 750,000 over three years, including a cap on student visas at a third of the current intake.

Visas for families of both international students and skilled migrants would be cut to zero.

If such a policy were to be adopted, it would negatively impact airline volumes and place tougher challenges on tourism businesses, which rely on student workers to staff operations.

These include hotels, tourist attractions and tour guides. *AB*

Sal Salis renewed

JOURNEY Beyond will undertake a major refurbishment of Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef to the tune of more than \$5 million.

When it reopens in Mar 2027, the retreat will feature 16 new eco-luxury Wilderness Tents with ensuite bathrooms, a fully upgraded central sundeck and lounge, and a new dining area with an open bar. *JM*

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UK hesitance impacts Jul

THERE was a 4.3% year-on-year decrease in international short-term arrivals into Australia in Jul, with the latest ABS figures showing 710,980 trips Down Under were made.

The roughly 32,000 fewer visits followed a disappointing Jun performance (566,910), and while May-Jul are historically leaner months for visitation, the number of trips for the latest period was a concerning 10% lower than pre-pandemic levels.

A major drop in UK travellers did the most damage, with just 34,110 trips made in Jul this year, well down on the 56,460 posted in 2025, and also behind 2019 volumes (39,300).

Travel between Australia and Europe was challenged in Jul due to the war in the Middle East, and while pax numbers dropped in both directions, inbound flows showed the biggest drop-off.

The UK slipped down the list to



fifth position in source market performance, behind NZ in top spot (134,260), China (117,440), the United States (46,450), and Japan (38,300).

In terms of where tourists visited in Jul, the Northern Territory and Tasmania saw sizable decreases, dropping by 17.6% and 19.2%, respectively.

While all states observed a decline in visitation, NSW was the most frequented with 247,410, followed by Victoria with 174,510 and Queensland (188,230). **AB**

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Hope for dementia

A **NEW** survey commissioned by dementia advocate Dr Debra Graves has bucked the perception that a diagnosis of the disease means travelling is off the table.

The study of 1,000 Australians found that more than eight in 10 would consider "some form of travel" with someone suffering from dementia.

Most respondents favoured shorter trips (42%), while 14.5% said they would consider domestic travel across Australia to major cities.

Sadly, receptivity dropped significantly for long-haul international travel, with only 5% of Aussies willing to take a dementia sufferer on long-haul flights to destinations such as Europe or North America.

Dr Graves said the findings provide an opportunity to change dementia's relationship with travel, stating that too often the conversation starts with what a patient's limitations are. **AB**

All aboard C360

CRUISE360 Australasia will open in Sydney this week, bringing hundreds of members together for its expanded two-day conference on 17-18 Sep.

Under the theme 'Future Ready. Client Ready. Cruise Ready.', the conference will help travel advisors navigate a growing international cruise sector and provide tips on how to identify new commercial opportunities.

"Global cruise passenger numbers are on track to reach a new record of around 38 million people this year," CLIA executive director Joel Katz said.

The program will cover artificial intelligence, river and expedition cruising, luxury sales and the changing role of cruise specialists.

International speakers include leaders from Windstar, Swan Hellenic, Azamara and more.

For the first time, the Hong Kong Tourism Board will serve as the major cruise conference's headline partner. **ZH**

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Africa aviation to take off

AFRICA'S aircraft fleet is set to more than double by 2045 to accommodate its growing passenger traffic, which is forecast to rise by nearly 6% annually in the next two decades.

According to Boeing's 2026 Commercial Market Outlook (CMO) for Africa report, 870 of the 1,200 new planes expected by 2045 will be single-aisle jets to cater for expanding domestic and regional networks.

Meanwhile, demand for widebody airplanes is expected to more than double, supporting fleet modernisation and long-haul network growth.

The expansion of Africa's air transport ecosystem will create demand for 75,000 new aviation professionals and a US\$140 billion market for maintenance, repair, overhaul and modifications, Boeing highlighted.

"Africa's aviation market is entering a period of sustained growth driven by improving



connectivity, expanding intraregional travel and deeper economic ties across the continent and with key global markets," Shahab Matin, Boeing MD of commercial marketing, said.

"Meeting this demand will require a broader commitment to fleet modernisation, expanded capacity, digital solutions and workforce development."

Ethiopian Airlines has already started to embrace this growth, having revealed earlier this year plans to expand into Australia in 2028 (TD 13 Feb 2026). JM

Panama insures you

PANAMA is offering eligible international visitors free travel insurance for their first 10 days, including approximately A\$20,900 in medical expenses, A\$13,900 for medical transport and A\$69,500 for repatriation.

The policy also covers dental, medications and lost-document assistance, with coverage provided automatically with no payment or paperwork.

Travellers must be 86 or under and arrive through a participating Panamanian airport, such as Tocumen International. ZH

Astrea floats out

VIKING has marked a major milestone for its second hydrogen-powered cruise ship, *Viking Astrea*, which has been floated out at Fincantieri's Ancona shipyard in Italy.

Scheduled for delivery in May 2027, the 998-guest ship will debut in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe.

Astera's propulsion system enables zero-emission sailing. ZH



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Pedal through Taiwan



WORLD Expeditions has launched a new seven-day guided cycling tour across Taiwan, combining six days of cycling mixed with cultural and gastronomic experiences with a one-night stay in Taipei.

Highlights of the itinerary include a 30km circuit around Sun Moon Lake, which was recognised as this year's 2026 Tour de France Cycle City designation, one of 25 destinations outside of France to receive the honour.

Daily rides range between 30-66km, with trips through the Nantou valley, the country's former capital Tainan, and down to the Pacific coast towards Baisha Beach, Nanwan Beach and the Southern Peninsula.

World Expeditions' new tour coincides with Taiwan's annual Cycling Festival, currently underway from Sep to Dec.

The 'Taiwan Cycle: Mountains, Culture & Coast' tour will kick off 16 Nov with added departures between Mar and Nov 2027. JB

Sale of the Swiss

SWISS Travel, a subsidiary of Entire Travel Group, has launched its new Beauty in Every Season campaign, offering savings of up to \$2,000 per couple across a range of packages to Switzerland.

Highlighting the campaign are the 15-day 'Switzerland in Depth' and 'The Ultimate Swiss Winter Adventure' itineraries, designed for those wanting to experience the country in the off-season.

Travellers on these itineraries can also enjoy the Swiss Travel Pass, providing unlimited travel across the country's rail, bus and boat networks, in addition to free entry to over 500 museums and discounts on several mountain railways and cable cars.

Other notable features in the campaign include the 11-day 'Grand Tour of Switzerland Explore Journey', taking guests through Zurich, St Gallen, St Moritz, Lugano, Zermatt, Montreux and Lucerne.

The campaign ends 09 Oct. JB

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JdV by Hyatt in UK

HYATT has announced the UK debut of its JdV by Hyatt brand at the 130-room Oxford Witney Hotel in Oxfordshire.

Set to open at the end of 2026, the hotel will be operated by InnPractice and draw on Witney's wool-making heritage and arts & crafts traditions.

It will feature a restaurant, bar and flexible meeting and event facilities for up to 90 guests. *ZH*

G Adv's new tours

G ADVENTURES and National Geographic Expeditions have unveiled 30 new itineraries that explore regions like the Galapagos, Thailand, and the Amazon.

The journeys focus on bringing out the personal stories of each destination, giving guests opportunities to build human connections through experiences such as dining with a local family and participating in workshops with artisans.

Most of the new itineraries have departures in 2027 running through to 2028, while some, such as the updated 'Egypt Family Journey', offer departures in 2026.

Additionally, the updated Family Journeys now also include a Junior Explorers Night, designed to give kids a chance to interact with their peers away from their parents.

Under the guidance of an expedition leader, kids will participate in guided activities designed to keep them engaged.

To learn more about the new itineraries, click [HERE](#). *JM*

TNQ on the up and up



TOURISM investment in Tropical North Queensland (TNQ) has topped \$295 million, with record international visitor spending signalling continued confidence in the region.

The results, which were unveiled in the *2025-26 Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) Annual Report*, followed four years of additional destination marketing spend.

TTNQ CEO Mark Olsen and new chair John O'Sullivan (**pictured**) acknowledged the funding from all three levels of government as key to the destination's success.

More than a quarter of the organisation's funding in 2025-26 came from Cairns Regional Council, and a further 14% from the Qld Government via Tourism and Events Queensland.

"The additional \$18 million in federal funding secured by TTNQ since the pandemic to drive international tourism recovery had helped to turn the global spotlight on Tropical North Queensland as the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef," O'Sullivan said. *JM*

"The return on investment in both advertising value and TTNQ generated visitor spend reached \$34 of visitor expenditure for every dollar invested by our partners across industry and government," he added.

"This is one of our best results considering the tiny budget we have in comparison to our competitors who outspend us by at least four times."

The region also saw the biggest investment in infrastructure since the build of the three Crystalbrook hotels between 2018 and 2020.

"The Hilton Palm Cove Cairns Resort & Spa is in the final stages before opening, and work is underway on the \$60 million Skyhaven accommodation at Cairns Airport and the \$85 million Skyrail Rainforest Cableway upgrade," Olsen said.

The TTNQ Board also recently approved the TNQ 2045 Destination Management Plan, which positions TNQ as a key region in achieving the state's targets in 2045 and beyond. *JM*



Window Seat

AIR Force One appears to have a mind of its own, malfunctioning at a US airport last week.

Donald Trump's presidential jet, a recent gift from the Qatari Government, nearly sent an emergency signal of its own after an inflatable evacuation slide randomly deployed moments before he was due to board.

Never one to shy away from a waiting pack of media and camera crews, depending on who they work for, Trump appeared unfazed when asked whether he was confident the Qatari-gifted jet was safe.

"Yeah, I am," he said, adding that he would not be aboard the plane otherwise.

The incident unfolded on the tarmac at Joint Base Andrews, ahead of Trump's flight to Dallas for his Republican midterm convention.

According to Trump, the slide had been deployed as crews tested the aircraft's emergency equipment with no injuries reported.



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The coolest spots for '27

INTREPID Travel has unveiled its annual Not Hot List, highlighting 10 lesser-known destinations where travellers can make a positive impact.

Locations were chosen based on three criteria: having fewer visitors than comparable places; demonstrating tourism readiness, including capacity to support more tourists; and a strong reason to visit in 2027, from major events to new initiatives and improved connectivity.

Kenya's Samburu National Reserve topped the list (**pictured**), followed by Mestia, Georgia; Jordan's Northern Highlands; Whitehorse in Yukon, Canada; Alonnisos, Greece; Dili in Timor-Leste; Sri Lanka's Pekoe Trail; Liepaja in Latvia; Chile's Carretera Austral; as well as Dalsland, Sweden.

At the same time, the operator has also launched five new trips to several of the featured regions, including the 10-day 'Kenya Safari



Adventure' and the 16-day 'Wild Canada & Alaska' itinerary.

"If we want tourism to continue to be a force for good, we need to constantly rethink how and where we travel," Erica Kritikides, GM experiences, said.

"The Not Hot List is not just about surfacing lesser-known places, it aims to shift the conversation and help travellers to discover new destinations where their visit can make a meaningful contribution to local communities & economies." *JM.*

A Ritzy summer '28

THE Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection has unveiled its European summer itineraries for its 2028 summer season, featuring 52 voyages on *Evrima* & *Ilma* across the Mediterranean and Northern Europe.

Two new ports of call, Gijon in Spain and Portovenere in Italy, have been added to the lineup, alongside deep exploration of the Greek Isles and the Adriatic.

Sailing from late Apr through to Oct 2028, cruises range from four to nine nights, including round-trip departures from Rome, Athens, Venice, and Reykjavik.

Guests will visit Norway's UNESCO-listed fjords, the medieval capitals of the Baltics, Iceland's volcanic terrain, with optional excursions including a scenic helicopter flight over Mallorca and harvesting oysters at a farm in Mali Ston Bay.

Reservations are now open - find out more **HERE**. *JM*



FAMIL IN FOCUS: FLIGHT CENTRE FAMIL DISCOVERS THE BEST OF O'AHU AND KAUA'I

A **GROUP** of nine Flight Centre travel agents recently experienced the spirit of Hawai'i first-hand on an immersive famil hosted in partnership with Hawaiian Airlines, Hawaii Tourism Oceania, Flight Centre and Outrigger Resorts. For five agents, it was their first time visiting the Hawaiian Islands, making the itinerary a memorable introduction to the destination's natural beauty, warm hospitality and diverse experiences.



The journey began on O'ahu, where the group enjoyed a Holokai Catamaran sail from Waikiki Beach, taking in ocean views and the iconic coastline before heading inland for a UTV Raptor Tour through the famous Kualoa Ranch.

The adventure showcased O'ahu's mix of beachside energy, cinematic landscapes and outdoor discovery.

The famil then continued to Kaua'i, where the agents admired

the island's dramatic scenery from above on a Blue Hawaiian Helicopter tour over the Nāpali Coast and its renowned mountain ranges. On the ground, the group embraced Kaua'i's adventurous side with a tubing experience at Kaua'i Backcountry Adventures, followed by a scenic drive to Hanapēpē Valley Lookout.

To round out the program, the group boarded a Nāpali Coast sunset cruise, a fitting

finale that highlighted Hawai'i's spectacular coastlines and sense of place. The famil was hosted by Celeste Arthur of Hawaiian Airlines, Ben Simpson from Flight Centre and Maria Alaveras from Outrigger Resorts, who helped bring the destination to life for the agents and equip them with fresh insights to share with Australian travellers.



TOP: Agents enjoying a Holokai catamaran sail on Waikiki, O'ahu

MIDDLE: Agents having fun on UTVs at Kualoa Ranch

BOTTOM: Agents enjoying a tubing adventure at Kaua'i Backcountry Adventure, Kauai

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Through the Lens

FUJIFILM Australia has launched Lens of Australia, a new creator-led platform in partnership with Destination NSW, the South Australian Tourism Commission, and Tourism Events Northern Territory.

The initiative aims to demonstrate product capability through real-world travel experiences, immersing photographers in Australia's most iconic destinations.

Content from each Lens of Australia expedition will roll out across creator, Fujifilm social platforms and partner channels, inspiring Australians to explore locations across the country.

Fujifilm will then invite its 100,000-strong community to vote for the creator expeditions they most want to experience themselves, with the winning journeys to be made into bookable consumer experiences. *JM*

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LUXURY Travel Collection rolled out the red carpet for its brightest stars this week, taking over the spectacular Makepeace Island for the inaugural Pinnacle of Luxury Awards.

Against the backdrop of one of Australia's most exclusive private islands, LTC members, advisors and partners came together for a night dedicated to celebrating the people setting the pace in luxury travel across Australia and New Zealand.

Close to 30 Pinnacles were presented across advisor, business, product and partner categories before the celebrations kicked into high gear.

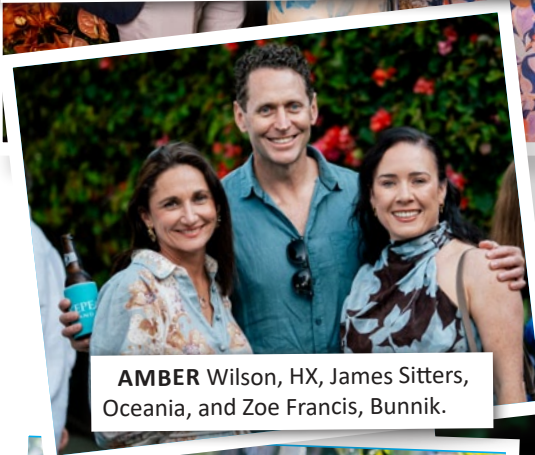
Ross Quigly of Luxury Cruise Escapes was the night's standout performer, completing an impressive hat-trick with the LTC Advisor Product Award, Galeries de Luxe Advisor of the Year and the top honour of all, Pinnacle of Cruise.

Luxury Cruise Escapes, Flat Beds Tour + Cruise and Bicton Travel each made repeat trips to the winners' stage, while Viking claimed the LTC Partner Excellence Award.

Cruise led the night, with top sellers joining the inaugural Pinnacle of Cruise Collection 2026.



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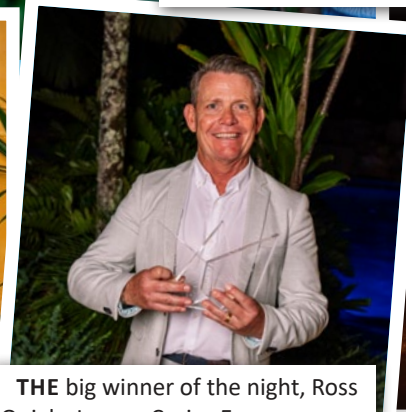
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Explore Worldwide: Small Group Adventures
Explore Worldwide has released its brochure for small group tours across 2026 and 2027, featuring journeys across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. The brochure features a range of new trips embarking this year, including the nine-day 'Highlights of Japan - Kyushu Island' itinerary, taking guests across the country's third-largest island, including the cities of Fukuoka and Nagasaki. Travellers can also make the most of the 16-day 'Ancient Algeria and the Sahara Desert' adventure, featuring the Roman ruins of Djemila and Timagad and an expedition across the vast Sahara Desert. The full brochure can be read [HERE](#).



Journey Beyond: Outback Spirit 2027
A new brochure for operator Outback Spirit features a range of adventures across Central Australia, Arnhem Land, rural Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. Its all-inclusive departures include attractions, dining, and experiences such as helicopter rides and gorge cruises. Experiences vary from season to season, for example in the spring and summer, guests can enjoy the Queensland hinterland and Kangaroo Island. Meanwhile, in autumn and winter months, those travelling to the Red Centre can enjoy Kakadu and the Kimberley. To read the full brochure, click [HERE](#).



Murray Darling Scenic Flights: 2027 season
This concise brochure showcases the four-night 'Lake Eyre, Channel Country & Flinders Ranges' private aerial safari, departing once a month from either Swan Hill or Mildura, starting mid-Mar 2027. Travellers commence the trip in Broken Hill, before visiting the desert channels of south-west Queensland, the lowest natural point in Australia at Lake Eyre, and finish at the Rawnley Park Station in the Flinders Ranges. Departures start from \$8,950 and include all accommodation, evening meals, and private rooms for a minimum of two and maximum of three guests. See it [HERE](#).

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Discovering sensitivity



DISCOVERY Parks - Goolwa in SA has introduced a new sensory regulation room, part of a 12-month research project shaping the future of inclusive tourism practices.

Designed for neurodivergent travellers and those with ADHD, the room assists with reducing stress, lowering cognitive load and supporting nervous system regulation, ensuring those in need can get back to enjoying their holiday.

The space is backed by research from Autism Spectrum Australia, which revealed that sensory overload and anxiety make travel more stressful for families with neurodivergent members, some avoiding holidays altogether.

Discovery Parks interim COO Michaela Webster said that the new initiative builds on the Reily Room project at BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort.

"We have created this space with experts who understand sensory regulation, and now we want to understand what happens when you put those principles into a real holiday

environment," Webster said.

"This new approach is centred on nervous system regulation, helping people recover from sensory overwhelm in as little as 10 minutes, without the need for clinical support."

The sensory room is part of a broader \$20m redevelopment at the park (**TD** 12 Jul 2021). *JB*

Nights on Emerald

EMERALD Cruises is offering passengers two complimentary hotel nights, including breakfast, on selected Mediterranean yacht cruises departing across Jul and Aug 2027.

Guests will have one stay pre-cruise and one stay post-cruise.

Notable itineraries where travellers can access the promotion include the eight-day 'Hidden Gems of the Croatian Riviera' sailings, the 15-day 'Discover the Best of the Croatian Coast' itinerary and the eight-day 'Athens to Istanbul Adventure.'

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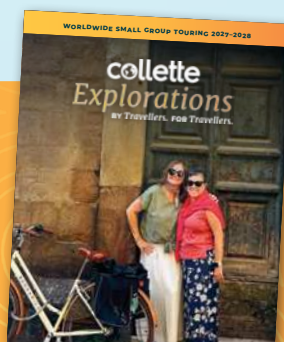
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