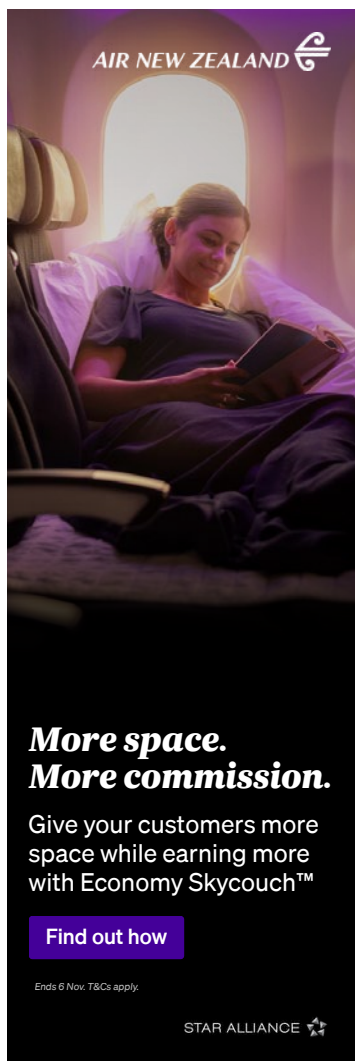




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## QF calls on Expedia tech

**QANTAS** Loyalty has announced a strategic tech partnership with Expedia Group that will transform digital bookings across Qantas Hotels and Holidays as well as Jetstar Holidays.

The collaboration will deliver a faster, smarter and more intuitive experience while unlocking growth opportunities for hotel suppliers.

New benefits include better Qantas App integration and machine-learning powered recommendations.

"Partnering with Expedia Group gives us access to world-class travel technology that will transform how our customers



search, book, and manage their trips," Qantas Loyalty executive manager, business to consumer, Jayne Davey said.

"Qantas Hotels and Holidays continues to play a key role within the Qantas Group ecosystem, allowing millions of customers to connect their flights, stays and travel experiences into one seamless journey," she continued.

Expedia Group B2B senior vice president Sales Carolina Cabero said the relationship reflects the power of building together for the future.

"By connecting supply, pricing, payments, loyalty and smarter digital experiences through one integrated platform, we're giving Qantas the flexibility to innovate faster, deliver more personalised journeys and continue evolving Hotels and Holidays for the future," Cabero explained. ZH

## Sign with the Club

**TRAVEL Daily's** sister brand Signature Media has launched the Signature Travel Club.

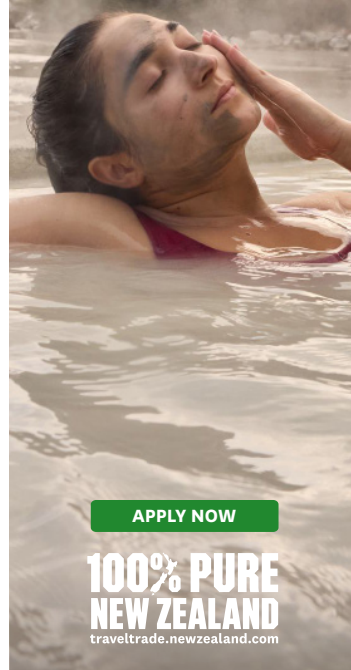
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## Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today features seven pages, including our **Luxury page**, plus a full page from **Signature Travel Club**.

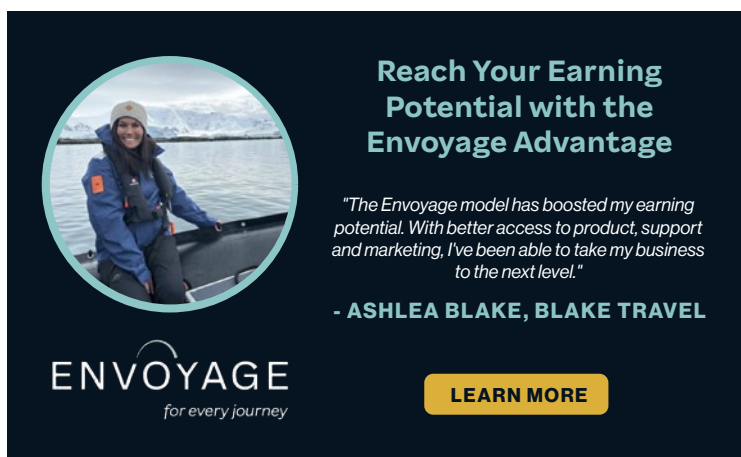
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## Alaska's premium drive

**ALASKA** Air Group has unveiled a major premium product overhaul across Alaska Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines (HA), introducing new flagship experiences, lounges and cabins.

HA will roll out its Leihoku experience across its 24 Airbus A330s - which operate the SYD-HNL route - with 22 enhanced lie-flat suites, dedicated check-in in Honolulu and Seattle, and island-inspired dining offerings.

Meanwhile, Alaska will introduce its new Aurora experience (**pictured**) across its 787 fleet, with 34 lie-flat Aurora Suites on every widebody aircraft, while select 737-10 MAX aircraft will also feature 12 suites.

The updated 787-9 will be made up of around 46% premium seating, with Aurora passengers receiving dedicated check-in,



concierge services and access to a new 200-seat lounge in Seattle.

Both airlines will also introduce Premium Reserve, a new premium economy cabin offering 38-inch seat pitch, enhanced recline and leg/calf rests.

The investment follows news of HA's US\$600 million (A\$858m) passenger experience investment (**TD** 06 Jan 2026). ZH

### Prestige delayed

**REGENT** Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has postponed the debut of its new ship, *Seven Seas Prestige*, with its maiden sailing now slated for 28 Dec 2026 from Miami, Florida.

A RSSC spokesperson said the decision was made to ensure the ship is introduced at the high level of standard that guests expect from the luxury line.

"We recognise the disappointment this news may bring and want to assure our guests that this decision was made only after careful consideration and collaboration with our partners at Fincantieri," the spokesperson said.

Guests on the original sailing will be offered 100% refunds. ZH

### Win a polar cruise

**CRUISE** Traveller has launched an agent incentive offering the chance to win an Atlas Ocean Voyages expedition for two in a verandah suite.

Agents will receive five entries in the prize draw for every eligible Atlas booking made through Cruise Traveller by 30 Nov 2026, with additional bookings earning further entries.

The winning advisor will be able to choose a polar, epicurean or cultural expedition of up to 14 nights, departing by 30 Sep 2027, subject to availability. ZH

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## Delta's wild success



**DESERT & Delta Safaris** held an event in Sydney last Thu to express its appreciation for industry partners for driving demand for safaris in Botswana.

Hosted by sales and marketing manager Stephen Frenkel at the Tilbury Hotel in Woolloomooloo, the event shed light on Desert & Delta Safaris' recent launches, including the reopening of Xugana Island Lodge on the Okavango Delta last year and Sediba Sa Rona in the Khwai Concession in Mar.

Attendees also heard about future openings, such as Chobe Savanna Lodge next month and Mapula Lodge in Mar 2027.

Frenkel said that the Australian market is valuable as most clients book three to four lodges in a single trip, often part of the company's Botswana circuit.

"For agents, our Desert & Delta circuit takes the complexity out of selling Botswana," Frenkel said.

"Clients get the full diversity of safari activities that Botswana

offers, from mokoro and motorboat safaris to classic game drives and walking safaris, and agents get a single booking with consistent service and values at every lodge."

Frenkel also emphasised that Desert & Delta Safaris is the only safari company listed on the Botswana Stock Exchange, meaning all its revenue remains within the country.

"Australian travellers increasingly want to know where their money goes," Frenkel said.

"With us, it stays in Botswana, supporting local jobs, conservation and communities - that's a powerful message for agents to share," he added.

"These openings give agents fresh product to entice their guests with and even more reasons for clients to spend longer in Botswana." JB

**Pictured:** Andy Kirkman, Bench Africa; Stephen Frenkel; Rachael Collins, Adventure World; and Anna Burgdorf, Adventure World.

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## NTIA MC revealed

**GETAWAY'S** David Whitehill has been named as the MC of the 2026 National Travel Industry Awards (NTIA) at Melbourne's Palladium at Crown on 10 Oct. "With a record year of votes and finalists from every corner of the industry, David will have plenty to work with," ATIA CEO Dean Long said ahead of the event, which has seen record nominations and more than 21,000 votes cast. *ZH*

## CLIA's webinar push

**CLIA** is set to launch its biggest-ever program of webinars for travel advisor members as part of its 2026 Cruise Month campaign. Webinars will be offered throughout Oct, each aligned with Cruise Month's four weekly themes - ocean, river, expedition and luxury. CLIA MD Australasia Joel Katz said the program is "designed to give travel agents the insight they need to inspire [clients]". *ZH*

## Helping agents take wing

**THREE** Little Birds Business Consulting has relaunched and is now offering an expanded range of services to support travel professionals, agency owners and independent contractors. Founded by former Signature Travel Network managing director Lisa Harrison (**pictured**), the consultancy can help businesses improve their profitability, identify growth opportunities, and help plan for the future, with the help of its succession planning marketplace framework. The structure was designed to help business owners and independent contractors consider what is next for their business, whether they plan to sell or maximise their value. Meanwhile, Harrison will offer business mentoring and strategic support and is able to take on one-off projects. She can also help professionals start their own travel business.



According to Harrison, there is no one-size-fits-all solution for businesses, so the support and strategies she provides are tailored to her clients' needs. During her extensive career, Harrison was also general manager at Magellan and has held roles at Helloworld and Harvey World Travel. To find out more, contact Harrison on 0402 265 003 or email [lisa@threelittlebirdsbcb.com.au](mailto:lisa@threelittlebirdsbcb.com.au) to arrange a complimentary consulting call. *JHM*

## Carnival Q3 results

**CARNIVAL** Corporation has posted a record third-quarter income of US\$1.9 billion (A\$2.7b) as revenue and net yields offset a US\$131m (AU\$187m) hit off the back of high fuel prices and currency fluctuations. Adjusted EBITDA came in at US\$3 billion (A\$4.3b), 3.8% ahead of Jun guidance, while constant-currency net yields rose 2.4% year on year. The results come as Carnival Corporation CEO Josh Weinstein heralds strong advance sales for the full year of 2027. "Our booking trends continued to strengthen throughout the quarter, with volumes meaningfully ahead of last year and far outpacing capacity growth," Weinstein said. "Customer deposits, another key leading indicator, also reached a third-quarter record of US\$7.6 billion, surpassing the prior-year record by US\$0.5 billion," he added. *ZH*



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## FCTG wins the top title

**FLIGHT** Centre has been named Australia's leading travel agency at the World Travel Awards Asia, Oceania & Indian Ocean Gala Ceremony 2026, held in the Maldives on Sun.

The awards were designed to celebrate organisations that consistently deliver top quality services, with winners voted by travel professionals, industry leaders and customers globally.

Additionally, Corporate Travel Management took out the award for Australia's leading travel management company, Webjet won Australia's leading online travel agency, and Inspiring Vacations was crowned Australia's leading tour operator.

Pan Pacific Melbourne was named Australia's leading hotel, while several other Australian properties were also recognised, including COMO The Treasury, Hilton Sydney, JW Marriott Gold Coast Resort & Spa, W Brisbane



and The Ritz-Carlton Melbourne.

Additionally, Qualia Great Barrier Reef was named Australia's leading resort, with Gaia Retreat and Spa declared the top retreat and Saffire Freycinet named as the best lodge.

Meanwhile, the World Travel Awards recognised the leading airlines in Asia, with Korean Air named Asia's leading airline for 2026, along with Singapore Airlines having the best first and business classes as well as the best inflight entertainment.

Vietnam Airlines earned best customer experience in Asia and the best premium economy class.

Royal Brunei Airlines walked away as Asia's leading cabin crew 2026, marking the fifth time the carrier has received the title since 2020. *JB*

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## Uganda in Brisbane

**THE** Uganda Tourism Roadshow will be coming to the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre on Thu 22 Oct.

Hosted by the Uganda High Commission, the evening invites delegates to explore experiences that the East African nation has to offer.

Attendees will hear from representatives from Uganda's various destinations, accommodation and experiences, while also enjoying a range of cultural performances and the chance to win several prizes.

Please RSVP for the event before 02 Oct **HERE**. *JB*

## Qantas credit time

**THERE** is less than one week remaining to register and receive a share of the settlement resulting from a \$105 million Qantas class action (**TD** 13 Mar).

Impacted customers must register by 4pm AEST 02 Oct. *AB*

## Viking delivers more

**VIKING** has delivered *Viking Sekhmet*, its newest Egyptian river ship, with a ceremony taking place at the Massara Shipyard in Egypt's capital, Cairo.

The 82-guest vessel will have her inaugural sailing in 2027 with the 12-day 'Pharaohs & Pyramids' itinerary, as well as the 12-day 'Eclipse on the Nile' cruise. *JB*

## Air India taps CVFR

**CVFR** Consolidation Services has launched new distribution capability (NDC) for Air India on the TravelTech-Konnect platform, providing more options for Australian agents selling India.

Agents will now be able to search and book NDC offers for the carrier, in addition to reviewing fare and baggage rules, as well as select ancillary services with TravelTech-Konnect.

The booking flow will display seat selection, meals, excess baggage and special assistance. *JB*

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## Adventuring north

**ADVENTURE** World has introduced its new 'Rockies, Rail & Coastal Alaska Expedition' for 2027, combining a rail journey with Rocky Mountaineer and an expedition with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions.

Beginning in Banff National Park, guests will travel by train to Vancouver, before embarking on a coastal expedition aboard *Greg Mortimer*, sailing through British Columbia and Southeast Alaska.

Those who book the itinerary before 31 Oct will have access to three exclusive offers: a complimentary extra night in Vancouver, a two-category cabin upgrade aboard *Greg Mortimer* and savings of up to \$800 per couple on select Rocky Mountaineer departures. *JB*

## SWISS links the stars

**SWISS** International Air Lines (SWISS) will implement Starlink wi-fi technology, first rolling out on its Airbus A320neo.

The service will be free for Miles & More members and Travel ID users across all seat classes.

With Starlink, passengers can send messages, share photos and use select online services.

It will launch aboard the Airbus A320neo aircraft on 28 Sep, operating on the LX1852 service from Zurich to Thessaloniki.

SWISS has plans to equip Starlink to its entire fleet by 2029.

The technology is also being progressively rolled out across the wider Lufthansa Group. *JB*

## Late Jenny Piper honoured



**TRAVEL Daily** luminary and former managing director Jenny Piper was honoured at yesterday's Signature Luxury Cruise Awards, where the first-ever prize in her name was handed out.

The inaugural Jenny Piper Memorial Industry Icon, named after the late managing director of **TD's** parent company Business Publishing Group, was presented yesterday to Phil Hoffmann Travel founder Phil Hoffmann.

Piper's husband and **TD** editor-at-large Bruce took the stage to present the award (**pictured**), which was dedicated in her honour after her passing earlier this year following a battle with cancer (**TD** 09 Jun).

Hoffmann said: "Last week, I sat at Cruise360, and to see 900-plus people at the conference, and think that the first one 25-26 years ago, there [were] probably 20 in the audience."

"It just shows how far the cruise

industry has come, and a lot of that is due to the energy and passion that people like Jenny Piper shared."

The Signature Luxury Cruise Awards are an annual accolade program hosted by *Signature Luxury Travel & Style* magazine, a sister title to **Travel Daily**.

Other winners included Explora, Silversea, and RSSC - see more in today's **Cruise Weekly**. *MS*

## The Princess of AI

**PRINCESS** Cruises has launched a native app in ChatGPT, allowing guests to book their cruise with the assistance of AI.

Using the tag @princesscruises on the platform, customers will be able to explore and compare the cruise line's catalogue of destinations across 17 ships, as well as check the availability and pricing of its voyages.

ChatGPT users will need to add the Princess App plugin. *JB*



## Window Seat

**AUSSIE** favourite *Bluey* has teamed up with Citymapper to make getting around town easier for younger travellers.

The 'For Kids' feature on the Citymapper app offers child-friendly routes, characterised by shorter walking times, step-free access and pram-friendly rail stations.

This feature is available in cities worldwide, including Washington DC, Sao Paulo, Bristol, and *Bluey's* hometown of Brisbane.

Kids are able to personalise their trips with *Bluey* navigation icons, while video clips from the television series have also been integrated into the journey.

They can also entertain themselves with games and activities along the way.

Within these locations, travellers will also come across a series of activations and murals inspired by show, engaging fans worldwide.

The launch of the 'For Kids' feature on Citymapper, as well as the activations, are part of the 'Play The Bluey Way' global campaign, which encourages families to embrace fun and connection in everyday life.

The campaign also includes digital experiences and creator collaborations.



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## Four Seasons expansion

**FOUR** Seasons has expanded its curated itinerary offering with three new multi-destination journeys spanning Thailand, Japan and Hawaii.

The new programs connect multiple Four Seasons properties in a single itinerary, with accommodation, experiences and trip planning coordinated by dedicated Four Seasons teams.

"Today's luxury traveller is looking for experiences that feel both meaningful and seamless," Four Seasons executive VP and CCO Marc Speichert said.

The nine-day 'Japan: The Art of Old & New' itinerary links Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, with experiences including access to Tokyo's Toyosu Fish Market, a sushi-making session and locally guided cultural experiences.



Meanwhile in Thailand, 'Stories & Stillness' is an 11-day journey covering Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Koh Samui, including textile traditions, a bespoke cocktail experience as well as a private wellness ritual.

Finally, the seven-day 'Lanai: Two Worlds, One Island' trip combines stays at Four Seasons Resort Lanai and Sensei Lanai, focusing on the island's culture, landscapes and wellness offering.

The additions build on existing Four Seasons itineraries in Bali, Spain and Mexico, all of which connect guests to destinations, people, traditions and stories. *ZH*

## Picks for the flix

**THE** winners have been selected for Travel Puglia's competition celebrating its sponsorship of the St Ali Italian Film Festival across Australia (**TD** 29 Sep 2026).

Independent travel specialist Maha Noore from Savenio and Anita Fanfulla from Helloworld Travel Tunstall Square have walked away with two double passes to the film festival.

The pair successfully identified the two co-founders of Travel Puglia as Monique Fabris and Andrea Farina.

Travel Puglia will be in touch with the winners soon. *AB*

## Korea Marriott debut

**SERIES** by Marriott has made its debut in South Korea with the opening of Anook Signature Seoul Guro, Series by Marriott.

Offering convenient access to Gimpo and Incheon international airports, the 104-key property features an onsite restaurant, sauna and fitness centre, as well as meeting facilities, a rooftop lounge and an outdoor terrace.

The opening follows the brand's launches in India and Japan. *JM*

## Maya hits the Mekong



**AMAWATERWAYS** has provided a first-look into its newest Mekong River vessel, *AmaMaya*, set to debut Jan 2027 (**TD** 17 Aug 2026).

Accommodating 120 guests across 60 staterooms, *AmaMaya's* interiors sport subtle accents and details inspired by Indochina.

Onboard, guests have the choice between two dining venues - the Mekong Restaurant, offering cuisine with both international and local influences; and The Chef's Table, a specialty restaurant with a multi-course tasting menu.

Both menus will highlight the flavours and ingredients of Southeast Asia, with options for dietary requirements.

*AmaMaya* will also include a fitness room, sun deck pool and three massage rooms.

Each sailing will have a dedicated wellness host leading the fitness and mindfulness

activities throughout.

*AmaMaya* will operate sailings on the Mekong River across Vietnam and Cambodia.

She will focus on the seven-night 'Charms of the Mekong' and 'Riches of the Mekong' itineraries, highlighted by tours of traditional villages, visits to local schools and silk-making and rattan workshops.

In addition, guests can explore Phnom Penh by tuk-tuk and visit the former royal capital of Oudong for a traditional Buddhist blessing ceremony.

Whilst in Vietnam, experiences on offer include a traditional trishaw ride in Tan Chau, visiting the workshops of local craftspeople, as well as venturing into the Tra Su Forest on the Mekong Delta.

Guests can also extend their stay with a three-night trip to Bangkok or a four-night holiday in Central Vietnam. *JB*

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## RSG's new venture

**LUXURY** tourism developer Red Sea Global has launched the Yachting Network, bringing the business' marine services under a single management company.

The new organisation aims to offer yacht owners, charter guests, captains and crew with a seamless way to explore the Red Sea

"The launch of Yachting Network marks an important milestone in establishing the Red Sea as a destination for the international yachting community," group CEO John Pagano said.

"It allows us to offer yacht owners and charter guests a connected experience across the coast, and for captains and crew, it means greater simplicity on the ground, with berthing and marine services coordinated through a single network."

The Yachting Network will bring together 278 berths across AMAALA Marina & Shura Island Marina in Saudi Arabia.

Further marinas & anchorages are slated to join in 2027. *JHM*

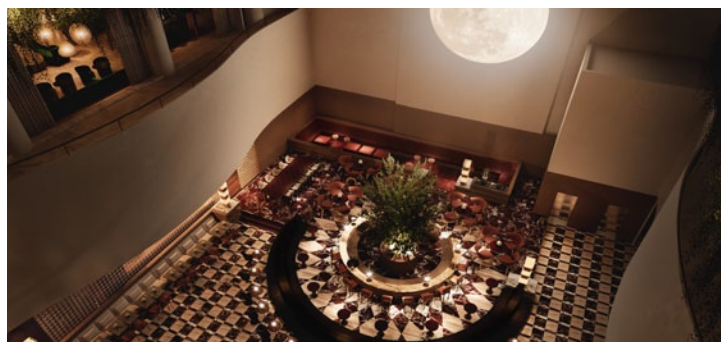


# INTERCON'S BIG TRANSFORMATION

**INTERCONTINENTAL** Brisbane is set to embark on a multi-million dollar transformation in Oct, paying homage to iconic Australian mid-century architect, Harry Seidler.

Slated to conclude in late 2027, the sweeping renovation will involve completely reimagining the property's guest experiences, interiors, public spaces and hospitality offerings, while increasing its room count from 319 to 324.

"Located at Brisbane's most coveted luxury address, with unrivalled access to the city's leading luxury retail, dining and cultural precincts, the reimagined hotel will be ideally positioned to welcome guests for the 2027 Rugby World Cup and as Brisbane looks ahead to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games," general



manager Shaun Parsons said.

"This is an opportunity to shape an exceptional new destination that will captivate modern luxury travellers and strengthen Brisbane's place on the global luxury landscape."

The property's interiors will be progressively refurbished including guest rooms, suites and meeting and event areas, all of which will be reimagined as

versatile and elevated spaces.

Club InterContinental will relocate to level six and offer guests a new exclusive experience with a light-filled space overlooking Queen Street Mall & the Edward Street luxury precinct.

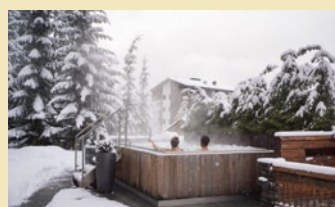
Meanwhile, a new Argentinian grill restaurant and intimate Italian pasta and wine bar will join the property, while guests will enjoy a new pool deck area. *JHM*

## Virgin launches new ultra-luxury Alpine escape

**VIRGIN** Limited Edition has launched an exclusive partnership between its property The Lodge in Verbier and alpine retreat Cabane Tortin to create an ultra-luxury experience for exclusive private groups.

Guests will be able to take advantage of the Verbier ski season, with extended time on the slopes either side of the lift operating hours.

Other highlights will include a fully hosted mountain



experience, with pre-arrival perks and the same ski instructor and mountain guide for the duration of the trip.

Porters, hosts and private dining as well as fully inclusive food and drinks will also be on offer to guests. *JHM*

## MSC breaks ground

**A GROUND** breaking ceremony for MSC Group's new private island destination Sandy Cay in The Bahamas took place on Mon ahead of its scheduled opening in 2028.

Designed as an intimate and elevated luxury experience, the island is being developed exclusively for MSC Cruises and Explora Journeys guests and will complement MSC Ocean Cay Marine Reserve. *JHM*

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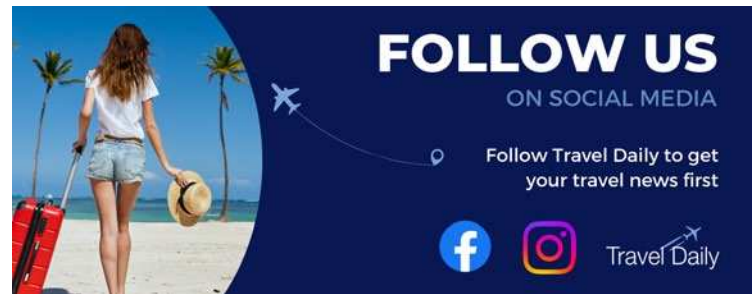
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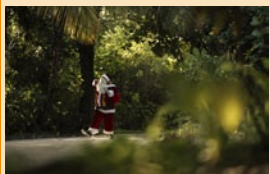
**Elements of Byron** has unveiled a new lineup of food and wellness offerings for the spring season. Highlighting the culinary options is its sixth dining venue, Foreshore Italian, combining Italian cooking methods with produce from the Northern Rivers, serving large sharing plates. Additionally, the property has launched Metamorphosis Rituals at its Osprey Spa, aimed at improving the skin and physical tensions associated with hormonal changes.



**The Leea** in Darwin has announced the opening of Lido, its newly-renovated poolside dining concept. The Sicilian-inspired menu features dishes such as burrata filled with creamy stracciatella, crispy calamari fritti and arancini bolognese. The venue will consist of three areas: The Garden, Poolside Deck and Indoor Cafe.



Siem Reap's **Amansara** has reopened following a three-month enhancement. The former royal dining room has been turned into Bar, a new dining destination designed for pre-dinner aperitifs and evening cocktails, with a menu inspired by Cambodia's Kingdom of Wonder. Five guest suites now have private swimming pools, with the reopening also introducing a junior pool suite and a two-bedroom family pool suite.



**Noku Maldives, Vignette Collection** will introduce a range of festive offerings to celebrate Christmas and New Year. From 20 Dec to 07 Jan, the Noonu Atoll property will host several experiences and activations including a tree lighting ceremony on 20 Dec, a Christmas Day festival and gala dinner at Palms Restaurant, and a party on New Year's Eve. Each event will be accompanied by food, games and DJs.



**The Norrona Lodge at Andorja**, Norrona's first Arctic lodge, is set to open in Jun 2027. Set on the remote island of Andorja in northern Norway, the property hosts up to 30 guests across 15 cabins, in addition to a lounge and bar, restaurant, two saunas and a Norrona shop. Each stay is fully inclusive with expeditions, dining, recovery and transport to the airport via boat.

## Chimu rewards agents



**CHIMU** Adventures recently took eight Australian travel advisors on a fam to Greenland as a prize for selling the most sea and land adventures during the Great Chimu Incentive.

Hosted by national relationships manager Patrick Brophy, the agents embarked on the 'Disco Bay and Beyond' itinerary aboard *Ocean Albatross*, visiting villages such as Sisimiut and Ilulissat, getting up close with Greenlandic sled dogs, visiting the icefjords and catching the Northern Lights on several evenings.

"The Great Chimu Incentive, which runs from January to March each year, is an opportunity for us to reward those who support Chimu," Brophy said.

"Taking our partners to Greenland for the first time was epic and enabled them to see first-hand why the *Ocean Albatross* is the perfect vessel for Polar expeditions whilst meeting every client's comfort needs."

The eight advisors on the fam included: Alex Stragalinis, Jamberoo Cruise & Travel; Molly Pitkin, Chirn Park Travel; Lynne Blair, Suncity Travel; Natalie Chambers, Toowoomba Cruise & Travel; Cesar Valdes, SnowSea Cruises; Kristy Cornish, Flat Beds; Dianne Cox, MTA; & Tracey Nunn, Travel Associates Norwood. *JB*

## Chaos at Catania

**FLIGHTS** in and out of Catania Airport (CTA) were suspended over the weekend and on Mon, as the region was plagued by volcanic ash from Mount Etna.

According to data from FlightAware, there were 51 departure cancellations and 35 arrival cancellations on Mon alone, with operations halted until 10.00pm local time.

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