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More Brokers As Acceptance Grows

Travel brokers have moved from the fringe to the forefront of the New Zealand trade distribution, as an increasing number of consultants opt for the flexibility and security being a broker offers.

"We estimate broker numbers will grow 10% per annum over the next 10 years. This represents big numbers," says NZ Travel Brokers director Guy Flynn. "Consequently, the travel broker space will be a significant sector of retail distribution, if not already."

In the past brokers weren't widely accepted or understood by the wider retail sector and the suppliers, but Flynn says that has now changed. "It had to, there's still work to be done, but we are heading in the right direction."

Flynn says sales are growing strongly across the board, which last week won the best broker group in the TAANZ NTIAs for the second year running. "It's great. This encourages people to become a broker, plus they get all of the benefits that come with being a broker like lifestyle, satisfaction, control and rewards."

... Relationships Key

Brokers are also getting noticed by major suppliers in this market, with Air New Zealand chief commercial officer Cam Wallace acknowledging the exponential growth of brokers lo-

cally. "Broking is the fastest growing area in the traditional travel agency sector, and they're also a very cost effective way of getting people into the industry, and getting mothers, and fathers, back into the workforce," he says. "Importantly it also provides opportunities for a continuation of service, where the consultant is the unique selling point...sometimes the relationship with the client is bigger than the brand."

... Broking Future

Flynn has welcomed the formation of the TAANZ Broker sub-committee. "It is an extremely positive step toward getting the progress we think is required in our sector. We need the support of TAANZ and its members." In addition he says the sector needs to focus on ability of brokers to promote themselves freely in line with TAANZ goals, while maintaining quality and security.

"We want a fair and even playing field amongst all members of the retail travel sector," says Flynn. "There are some specific challenges that need to be worked through, like where a broker can work from and security. We will get there."

The broking sector needs to work together to keep raising the bar moving forward, adds Flynn. "We need our brokers to be able to work effectively and profitably."



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JQ Regional Events

Qantas and Jetstar are hosting trade functions in each of JQ's new regional destinations later this month, and they're inviting agents along for drinks, nibbles and prizes to help celebrate the new flights. Functions will be held in Nelson on 10 Sep, Palmerston North on 17 Sep, New Plymouth on 22 Sep and Napier on 24 Sep, see industry diary for details. RSVP as soon as possible with agency name, location and numbers attending to flyqf@qantas.com.au

Win A Trip To PNG

Agents will be in to win an eight-night holiday in Papua New Guinea if they register and complete the SPTO's South Pacific Specialist Programme by 26 Oct.

The online training module teaches agents around the world how to sell South Pacific holidays.

The prize includes three nights at Nusa Island Retreat, three nights at Tawali Leisure and Dive Resort and two nights at Airway Hotel, daily continental breakfast, local transfers, an inland tour and return air tickets. See southpacificspecialist.org

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TAANZ On Brokers

NZ Travel Brokers founder Steve Lee was the recipient of the TAANZ NTIA lifetime achievement award last Fri—and TAANZ boss Andrew Olsen says the award, in part, acknowledges the growing influence of travel brokers. To that end TAANZ is looking to work more closely with Kiwi brokers.

TAANZ had a draft proposal of a change to rule 12 at the upcoming AGM but says that proposal has been suspended, with a moratorium of 12 months put in place to discuss the broker channel with TAANZ members involved in broker business.

"The future of the broker channel is important to TAANZ and the engagement of our members is the first step to determining what this might look like and what changes might be made to TAANZ rules to accommodate," says Olsen. "We have a solid agenda and terms of reference for the meeting and look forward to some robust discussion on these important matters."

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RoomsXML Maintenance

RoomsXML is upgrading its server infrastructure and its services will be unavailable from 0600-1500 on Sat 05 Sep. If agents require any urgent technical assistance relating to this outage they can contact techsupport@roomsxml.com

First All-787 Fleet

Scot became the first airline in the world to operate an all-Dreamliner fleet, when its seventh 787 entered scheduled service yesterday. Scot's last 777-200 retired in style with a pyjama party on its final flight on the Singapore-Taipei-Tokyo route. "Since deploying our first Dreamliner in Feb of this year, Scot has transitioned to an all-787 fleet in record time—just seven months. It is therefore appropriate that our latest Dreamliner sports the name 'Lickity-Split', says Scot boss Campbell Wilson.

QF US Fares Extended

Qantas has extended the sales of its US tactical fares through to 12 Sep. Return economy fares are from \$1199 to Los Angeles; San Francisco from \$1299; Dallas from \$1499; and New York from \$1649.

CZ Adds Flights

China Southern has announced new flights to Rome and Dubai, as well as its already announced service to Christchurch. The Dubai flights are set to launch in Nov, and Rome on 16 Dec, the same day the CHC flights launch.



More FJ Uniforms At AKL, CHC

Visitors through Auckland and Christchurch Airports should expect to see more Fiji Airways uniforms, says FJ, after the carrier moved ground handlers to Aero-Care on 01 Sep. Aero-Care Flight Support is now handling operations related to ramp and customer services, aircraft cleaning and baggage claim. The team is pictured on Tue with FJ manager ground operations New Zealand Jeanette Carleton.

Industry Comment



Fiji Couples, Luxury

Tourism Fiji is hosting a couples and luxury roadshow in Oct, highlighting the romantic and high-end resorts and attractions available for clients.

Agents will learn about products they already know and sell, as well as information about new destinations and products to help them maximise selling opportunities, says Tourism Fiji. There's also prizes up for grabs, and everyone who attends will have the chance to win one of two luxury trips for two to Fiji.

Suppliers include Blue Lagoon Cruises, Fiji Airways, Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort, Koro Sun Rainforest Resort, Likuliku Lagoon Resort, Matamanoa Island, Namale Resort, Nanuku Resort, Pacific Island Air,

Paradise Taveuni, Qamea Resort, Royal Davui Island, Sheraton and Westin Resorts and Yasawa Island.

See t-mail sent yesterday or industry diary for roadshow details and RSVP with venue, consultant name, email address, agency and branch, and any dietary requirements, to maria@tourismfiji.com.fj

EK's 150th B777

Emirates has received its 150th 777 from Boeing, with the delivery of two 777-300ERs and one 777 freighter—also marking the first time in 15 years that Boeing has delivered three 777s at once to a single customer. EK is the world's largest operator of the 777, and the only airliner to operate all six of the 777 variants introduced by Boeing.

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Cruise Ex AKL To The Arctic Circle

Holidaymakers can escape winter and head to the Land of the Midnight Sun in 2017, when Princess Cruises' Sea Princess embarks on the first ever cruise ex Australia to the Arctic Circle.

The itinerary will take clients to four ports in the Nordic region and Arctic Circle as part of a 104-night global circumnavigation.

Announcing details this week, Princess Cruises said Sea Princess would visit 39 ports in 26 countries after setting sail from Sydney 20 May 2017. Cruising via the Middle East to Europe and the UK, Sea Princess will make calls to the Lofoten Islands, Tromso, Honningsvag and Akureyri in the Arctic Circle before visiting North and South America and the Pacific on her return to Australia.

Roundtrip departures are available ex Sydney, Fremantle and Auckland, with fares priced from AUD20,999 for the full world cruise.

... 2017 World Cruise

The cruise line has also launched the itinerary for its second 2017 world cruise, a 75-night Circle Pacific itinerary which for the first time will be offered on the Golden Princess. Sailing from Sydney 19 May 2017, the itinerary features China, Japan, Alaska, Vancouver, San Francisco, Hawaii, Tahiti and more. Roundtrip options are available from both Sydney and Brisbane with fares from \$14,299pp s/t.

... Longer Itineraries

Princess Cruises vice president Australia & New Zealand Stuart Allison says the cruise line prides itself on offering 'exciting longer itineraries to its guests'. "2017 will mark 10 years since our first world cruise ex Australia and we're thrilled to be able to take our guests to new destinations in the Arctic Circle on this itinerary. These voyages provide a wonderful new way to travel the globe in comfort..."



Cruise Close To Home With Cunard

New Zealanders will have a unique opportunity to enjoy a Cunard cruise close to home in 2017, when the Queen Victoria sails on a special 13-night voyage around New Zealand and along Australia's east coast. Departing Auckland 06 Mar 2017, the cruise will call at the Bay of Islands and overnight in Sydney before visiting Melbourne. After crossing the Tasman, Queen Victoria will cruise the waters of Fiordland National Park, then call at Dunedin, Akaroa and Wellington. Fares on the cruise start from \$3972pp d/o.

The Auckland to Wellington loop will be a feature of Queen Victoria's 120-night round world voyage, which will also see her spend five days cruising South America's Amazon River and making maiden visits to Manaus and Santarem in Brazil.

The ship's 59-night cruise from Southampton to Auckland via South America is priced from \$16,712 pp d/o.

With Wellington proclaimed as a port for embarkation and disembarkation on the world cruise for the first time, Queen Victoria will be accessible to more Kiwis that ever before. There's a 17-night cruise from Wellington to San Francisco from \$5199pp d/o; and 19 nights from Wellington to Los Angeles from \$5802pp d/o. Cunard's 2017 World Voyage program will be on sale from 11 Sep. See wlcl.co.nz for further information.



Crystal Yacht Cruises Unveils Culinary Concept

Crystal Yacht Cruises has unveiled the culinary concept for the 62-guest Crystal Espirit. With a strong focus on local ingredients of the Seychelles Islands and Mediterranean coast, it will showcase many of the favourite dishes served on Crystal Symphony and Crystal Serenity. The yacht, setting sail in Dec, will offer Michelin starred cuisine for its clients, from seafood to pastries, snacks, espresso and wine. "The outstanding food and wine experience has always been a highlight of the Crystal Experience and will continue to be an integral part of the onboard experience aboard Crystal Yacht Cruises," says Crystal president and chief executive officer Edie Rodriguez.

... Onboard Eateries

The onboard eateries include The Yacht Club (pictured) and its outdoor extension, the Patio Café restaurants which will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner options; the Sun-

set Bar & Grill will serve burgers, wraps and street food; and The Pantry will serve as the 24-hour go-to spot for light snacks, pastries, coffee and a self-service wine bar.

Travel Talent Wildcards

Royal Caribbean International has revealed the two wildcard acts who will take to the stage next Fri night (11 Sep) as part of its New Zealand Travel Has Talent trade competition and event. House of Travel Milford's Janice Posa and Harvey World Travel Wellington's Bruce Blacklock will join the previously announced finalists (*Travel Today*, 24 Aug) in showing off their talent to event attendees in a bid to win a European cruise for two, including return airfares. RCI's Mark Kinchley says the stage is set for the big night and the judges are eager to choose a winner.

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Tjungu Festival

Tjungu is a four-day festival held in the Uluru region next Apr which will celebrate the best of Australian Indigenous culture featuring film, art, sport, music, food and fashion. Tjungu, meaning meeting or coming together in local Anangu language, includes a line-up of traditional and contemporary musicians and bands and a dining experience under the stars with a contemporary bush food inspired menu. See ayersrockresort.com.au/events

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Expedia has named the top hotels in the world—including from New Zealand—as measured by more than two million reviews on the site.

To enter the 2015 Insiders' Select rankings, hotels must consistently deliver value, with 'competitive pricing, pristine amenities and superior customer service', and maintain a minimum guest review score of 4.7 out of 5.

The top 10 are Royal Palms Hotel, Bermuda; Calenga Apartments, Du-

brovnik; Pumilio Mountain & Ocean Hotel, Costa Rica; Woolleys Classic Suites, Denver; Dormy Inn Sapporo Annex, Japan; B+B Edinburgh; Hotel Panorama, Olbia, Italy; Santhiya Koh Phangan Resort & Spa, Thailand; Hotel Orion Motobu Resort & Spa, Motobu, Japan; Best Western Premier Weinebrugge, Bruges, Belgium.

New Zealand's top-ranked properties were Christchurch's Grange Boutique B&B and Motel and Airport Palms Motel, Auckland's Grange Lodge Motel and the Aoraki Court Motel in Otago. See expedia.com/insidersselect

AOT Gets Masters Games

The AOT Group has been appointed to provide accommodation and tourism booking services for the World Masters Games 2017, being held in New Zealand. As the exclusive official travel service provider, AOT will partner with the World Masters Games Organising Committee to bring thousands of athletes to Auckland for the world's largest multi-sport event.

US Parks Boost

The Obama Administration has proposed a new public-private Centennial Challenge Fund to address critical funding priorities for US National Parks, says the US Travel Association. "Our national parks reflect America's heritage and include some of the most breath-taking locations in the world. Furthermore, national parks provide a vital economic anchor for communities in every corner of the country," says USTA boss Roger Dow. "We got an unpleasant glimpse of what life would be like without our national parks two years ago, when they were closed by the federal government shutdown and the economy lost USD152 million per day in spending by visitors. National parks are treasures that must be supported and sustained for all time, and the Centennial Challenge Fund would be an innovative pathway for achieving just that."

Miami Dining Deals

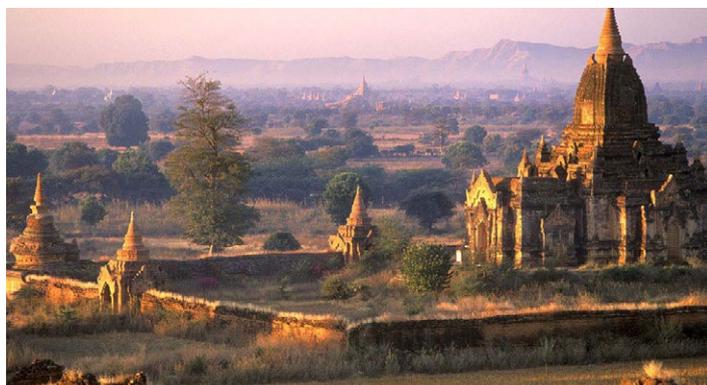
The Miami Spice Restaurant Program is back for the 14th year, allowing clients to make the most of exclusive dining discounts. Running through to 30 Sep, nearly 200 local restaurants are offering three-course meals priced from USD23 for lunch and USD 39 for dinner. Prices do not include tax and gratuity. The event is run by the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau. See ilovemiamispice.com for further information.

Hong Kong Food Delights

Clients wanting to sample street food in Hong Kong can take part in Exotic Holidays' Street Food Walking Tour, available most evenings. The fully guided tour meanders through streets and alleys of Hong Kong, with many stops along the way for clients to taste wares from both hawkers and family run restaurants. It is priced from \$145pp. E-mail info@exoticholidays.co.nz

Marketing Competition

Emerging tourism destinations have an opportunity to boost their digital marketing campaigns thanks to a venture between the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and TripAdvisor. The PATA CEO Challenge will see regional, state and province tourism organisations; and secondary and tertiary cities compete for a USD500,000 prize which will see them work with dedicated teams from TripAdvisor to create digital marketing campaigns. Entrants are asked to 'demonstrate the uniqueness and authenticity of their heritage, customs, culture and natural beauty to local and international travellers'. Deadline for submissions is 01 Oct. The awards will be presented at the PATA Aligned Advocacy Dinner in London on 02 Nov. For further information see pata.org/pataceochallenge



Adventure World Passage Through Burma

Clients wanting to visit Burma can make the most of Adventure World's 10-day journey. Highlights include transport from trains, horse carts, bikes, boats to trishaws, whilst learning about local cultures and beliefs. It is priced from \$4365pp, including nine nights' accommodation, many meals, sightseeing with an English speaking local guide, a horse cart ride in Bagan, transportation by private vehicle and more.

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Wine, Chocolate And Outdoor Cinema



Day two of the Virgin Australia and Air New Zealand Western Australia famil sounds a little like a recipe for romance—chocolate tasting, wine tours, an evening walk on the beach and movies under the stars.

The Swan Valley is just 25 minutes from Perth and is home to world-class vineyards, food, art and scenery. A great way for clients to experience the region is by the 32km Swan Valley Food and Wine Trail, which takes in more than 150 wineries, breweries, restaurants, cafes, distilleries, shops, accommodation outlets and roadside stalls.

After exploring the valley the group

hopped on a 2.5 hour flight to Broome, the pearling capital of Australia which serves as a gateway to the Kimberley Coast. Top attractions include the ocean sunsets of Cable Beach and the Staircase to the Moon phenomenon.

Following a walk on the beach, they took in the Mud and Saltwater Short Film Festival, part of the Shinju Matsuri Festival of the Pearl.

The 10-day festival celebrates the waking of Sammy the Dragon, and is held every year around Aug or Sep's full moon and spring tides, to coincide with the Staircase on the Moon. See shinjumatsuri.com.au



At the Margaret River Chocolate Company: **1** Allison Fairless, Feilding Flight Centre; Christina Ripley, United Travel New Lynn; and Anne-Marie Ryan, Harvey World Travel Browns Bay. **2** From left is Louise Mizen, World Travellers Queenstown; Allison Fairless, Feilding Flight Centre; Anne-Marie Ryan, HWT Browns Bay; and (front) John Stewart, Air New Zealand.

Pictured at the Mandoon Estate is: **3** Tim Gonzales, Flight Centre Mosgiel and John Stewart, Air New Zealand, sample the beers. **4** Elizabeth Sherry, HWT Mt Maunganui; Debbie Bradford, NZ Travel Brokers; Natalie Jowett, Travel 2 U Christchurch; Louise Mizen, World Travellers Queenstown; Anne-Marie Ryan, HWT Browns Bay; Allison Fairless, Feilding Flight Centre; and Christina Ripley, United Travel New Lynn.

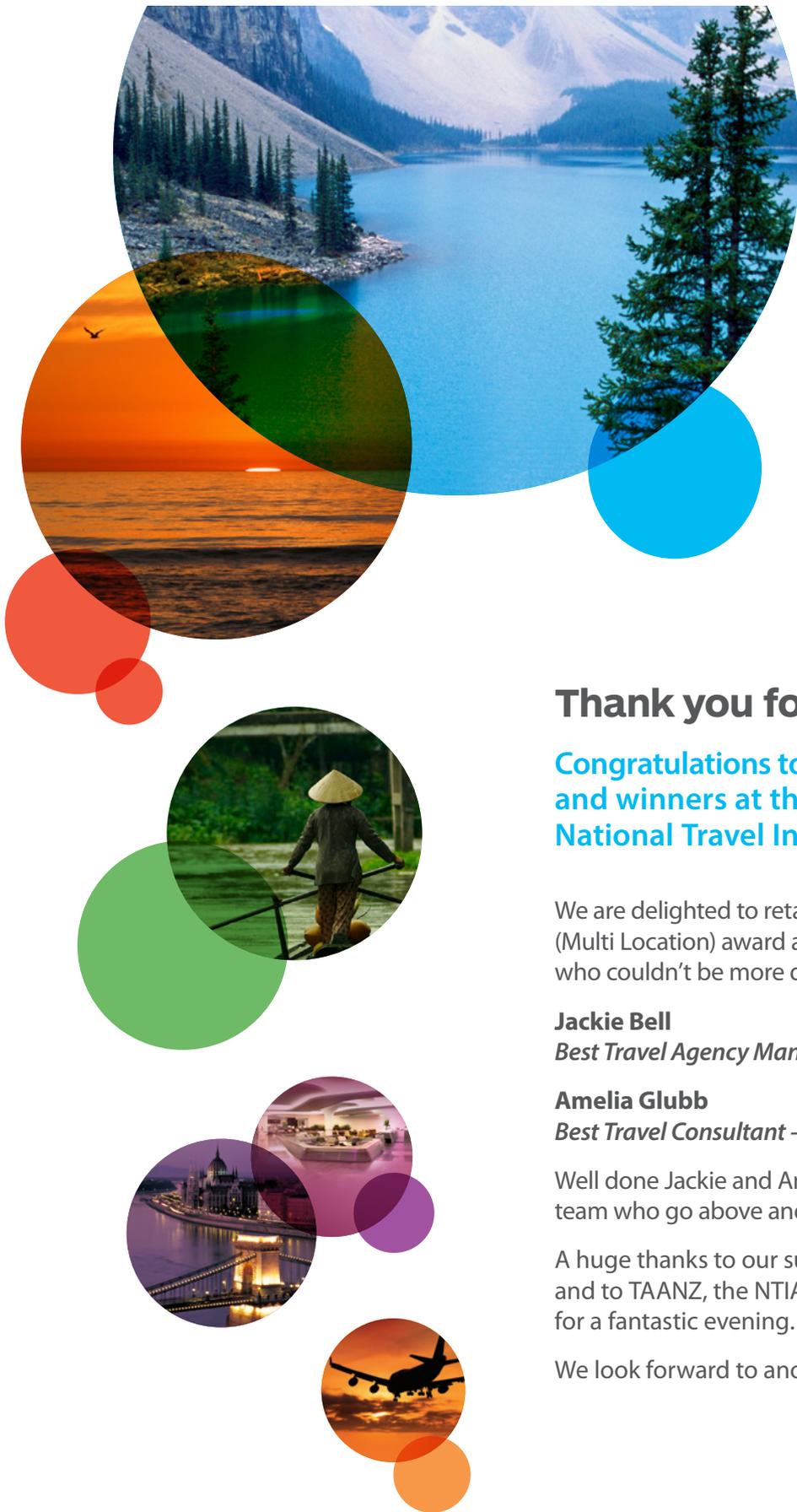
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We look forward to another great event in 2016!

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Rugby Fest Popular

England's Festival of Rugby 2015, around the Rugby world Cup, is on target to reach its aim of one million participants, with rugby-themed activities and celebrations happening up and down the country until 31 Oct.

England Rugby 2015 managing director Steve Brown says this is one of rugby's biggest years, and the festival enables everyone to join in and feel a part of the celebrations, whether it's through a bake sale, choir performance or rugby match. Since kicking off on 10 Jun, more than 300 events

have already taken place. Upcoming events include Chichester RFC's City Wall Pass, where the club is attempting to hold the longest pass around the city walls; a Posts in the Park Day at Stony Stratford; the Spirit of Rugby Exhibition at Bishop's Stortford and more. See festivalofrugby2015.com to see the full line up.

Hamilton Lodge Wins

Hamilton's Astra Motor Lodge has won the 2015 AA Supreme Host of the Year award at the Motel Association of New Zealand conference held in Dunedin last night. Located near Waikato Hospital, the team frequently run shuttles to and from the hospital to pick up family members who need a room; take new doctors on tours around the city; and also invites long stay guests, who have family in hospital, to a roast dinner during winter and a barbecue in summer.

Mercure WLG Special

The Mercure Wellington Abel Tasman, the latest hotel to join AccorHotels in New Zealand, has special rates from \$99 for a Superior Room for stays every Sun and Mon this Sep. To book, quote 'September \$99' and email resmgr@primehotels.co.nz



Restaurant Honour

Hospitality association Relais & Chateaux has announced Sydney restaurant Guillaume is its newest member. Chef and owner Guillaume Brahimi (pictured) says he is proud to have achieved this honour within a year of opening the doors.

Sth Australia Festival

Tarnanthi, the inaugural Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, will be held 08-18 Oct, advises Tourism Australia. The festival will hold several exhibitions across South Australia, including *Yhonnie Scarce: Thunder Raining Poison* at the Art Gallery of South Australia. For further details see tarnanthi.com.au

Industry Diary

SEPTEMBER

Insight Vacations Launch Breakfast with CEO John Boulding

Christchurch: Mon 07, Function Room, Ilex Botanic Gardens, Hagley Park, AM (TBA).

Samoa Roadshow

Dunedin: Mon 07, Heartland Hotels Lounge, Forsythe Bar Stadium, 0730-0900.

Christchurch: Mon 07, Pavilion, Hagley Oval, 1730-2000,

Wellington: Tue 08, 1730-2000, venue tbc. **Hamilton:** Wed 09, Brooklyn 1, Claudelands, 1730-2000. **Auckland:** Thu 10, Maritime Room, Viaduct Harbour, 1730-2000.

Scenic Ever Wondered Sessions

Hamilton: Mon 07, Novotel Hamilton (Whitara Room), 7 Alma St. Europe River Cruising 1300, Canada, Alaska and North America 1430.

Bethlehem: Tue 08, Mills Reef Winery, 143 Moffat Road. Europe River Cruising 1000, Canada, Alaska and North America 1130.

Auckland: Wed 09, Waipuna Hotel (Promenade Room) 58 Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington. Europe River Cruising 1000, Canada, Alaska and North America 1130.

Auckland North: Thu 10, Spencer on Byron Hotel, Takapuna (Normandie Room) Level 1, Byron Ave. Europe River Cruising 1000, Canada, Alaska and North America 1130.

TAANZ AGM

Auckland: Wed 09, Heritage Hotel, from 1500.

An Evening in WA, with ATEC and Tourism Western Australia

Auckland: Thu 10, the CICC building, 100 Beaumont Street, 1700-2030

Qantas and Jetstar Regional Trade Events

Nelson: Thu 10, Vic Brew Bar, 281 Trafalgar Street, 1630-1800.

Palmerston North: Thu 17, Twenty Two Kitchen and Bar, 1630-1800.

New Plymouth: Tue 22, The Good Home, 21 Ariki Street, 1630-1800.

Napier: Thu 24, Emporium Bar & Eatery, cnr Tennyson Street and Marine Parade, 1630-1800.

Royal Caribbean – New Zealand's Travel Has Talent Grand Final

Auckland: Fri 11, the Pullman hotel.

Globus/Cosmos Europe 2016 Launch

Hamilton: Tue 15, Juke Box Diner, 1800. **Christchurch:** Tue 15, Christchurch Casino, 0715.

Auckland Nth Shore: Wed 16, Spencer on Byron, Takapuna, 1800.

Tauranga: Wed 16, Macau Functions, 1800.

Dunedin: Wed 16, Wains Hotel, 0715.

Napier: Thu 17, The Crown Hotel, 1800. **Invercargill:** Thu 17, Kelvin Hotel, 0715. **Auckland East:** Thu 17, Celsius Restaurant, 1800.

Lower Hutt: Tue 22, The Dowse Art Museum, 1800. **Palmerston North:** Wed 23, Lone Star, 1800. **Nelson:** Wed

23, Grand Mercure Monaco, 1800.

Wanganui: Thu 24, Element Cafe, 0715. **New Plymouth:** Thu 24, The Waterfront Hotel, 1800. **Whangarei:** Thu 24, Dickens Inn, 0715.

Kerikeri: Thu 24, Fishbone Cafe, 1745. **Blenheim:** Thu 24, Watermouth Cafe, 1800. **Pukekohe:** Tue 29, Kaos Cafe, 1800. **Henderson:** Tue 29, The Falls Restaurant, 1800.

The Travel Corporation 2016 Launch

Hamilton: Mon 21, PM.

Tauranga: Tue 22, AM. **Auckland:** Tue 22, PM. **Christchurch:** Wed 23, PM. **Dunedin:** Thu 24, PM. **Nelson:** Mon 28, AM. **Wellington:** Mon 28, PM. **Hawkes Bay:** Tue 29, PM. **Palmerston North:** Wed 30, PM. Venues tba.

Destination NSW Sydney Agent Quiz night

Auckland: Wed 30, The Albion, 119 Hobson Street, 5.30pm-7pm.

OCTOBER

Globus/Cosmos Europe 2016 Launch

Timaru: Thu 01, Mocca Cafe, 0715.

Destination NSW Sydney Agent Quiz night

Christchurch: Thu 01, Carlton Bar, 1 Papanui Road, Merrivale, 5.30pm-7pm.

The Travel Corporation 2016 Launch

New Plymouth: Thu 01, PM

Venues tba.

Adventure World, Rocky Mountaineer and Holland America Line North America Breakfast

Invercargill: Mon 05, Kelvin Hotel, 0730-0830. **Queenstown:** Tue 06, The Exchange Cafe, 0730-0830.

Bula Marau Fiji Roadshow – Luxury & Couples

Nelson: Mon 12, Grand Mercure Monaco Resort, 0730-0930.

Christchurch: Mon 12, Peppers Clearwater, 1730-2130. **Wellington:** Tue 13, Amora Hotel, 1730-2030.

Auckland: Wed 14, Pullman Hotel, 1730-2045. **Hamilton:** Thu 15, Novotel Tainui, 1730-2030.

Small Group Journeys Breakfast – Update on Trek America, Grand American Adventures and Exodus with Adventure World

Wellington: Tue 13. Venue & time tbc.

Save the Date - Innovative Travel Launch

Wellington: Mon 19. **Auckland:** Tue 20, **Christchurch:** Wed 21. Times, venues tba.

South Pacific Association of National Tourism Offices

Tauranga: Tue 20, Club Mount Maunganui, 1730. **Rotorua:** Wed 21, Novotel Rotorua Lakeside 1730.

Sunshine Coast Roadshow

Auckland: Tue 27, Pullman Hotel, 1730-1930. **Hamilton:** Wed 28, Novotel Tainui, 1730-1930.

Christchurch: Thu 29, The George, 1730-1930.

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Top Designers At HNL Fashion Week



Details have been announced this week for the Honolulu Fashion Week, presented by Hawaiian Airlines and on at the Hawaii Convention Center 20-22 Nov.

The mission of the event is to share with the world that 'Hawaii fashion goes beyond the Hawaiian-print dress and shirt', and will feature work by four international celebrity designers as well as locals. There will be industry guests, a fashion marketplace featuring merchandise from various designers, and a model search.

Entry is free and open to the public,

with seating for fashion shows available on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who wish to guarantee a seat can do so from USD25 each. See honolulu.fashionweek.com

Marilyn For A Day

The Marilyn Monroe Spa at the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort is offering clients the chance to try a little Hollywood glamour in its new Glamour Room salon. The Kamahao Spa has a My Day with Marilyn package including a signature massage, classic facial, makeup application, hair blowout, signature manicure and pedicure. See maui.hyatt.com

Aloha Heavenly Spa

The Heavenly Spa at The Westin Maui Resort is now offering facial treatments incorporating New HydraFacial technology. Vortex-fusion is said to be the only non-surgical procedure that combines cleansing, exfoliation, extraction, hydration and antioxidant protection. It is said to reduce sun damage, fine lines, wrinkles and hyper pigmentation. Hualani products designed for the Heavenly Spas in Hawai'i are used in signature treatments. See westinmaui.com

Creepy New Tours

For clients looking for a little adventure in their next Hawaiian break—Oahu Ghost Tours has just launched a new option—the Myths and Legends of Waikiki.

The company says the area is full of haunted hot spots 'and unexplained and creepy events, some that will make your skin crawl'.

"Waikiki is more than just fun and tourists," says the company. "It also has a very dark side. Our guides take you on an almost two hour walking tour of these sites to share the creepy stories associated with them."

The two-hour walking tour (which includes a walk along the famed Waikiki Beach) leaves from the Hilton Hawaiian Village on a Mon night and is USD31, adults. Groups are limited to 14 people. See oahughosttours.com

Mauna Kea Pro-Am

The 50th anniversary of the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel comes to a close with the 42nd Annual Mauna Kea Pro-Am 02-07 Dec. Welcoming club professionals and amateurs alike, golfers can enjoy six days and five nights of championship golf. Entry fees begin at USD3620, including taxes, five nights' accommodation, daily breakfast, practice and tournament rounds, special dinner events, hospitality room, amenity tournament gifts and prizes. Airfare is also included for each team's golf professional, who will compete for a prize-purse of USD10,000, based on a full field of 25 teams. Additionally, Pro-Am participants can take advantage of the following special offers; USD50 parking and internet for the duration of a player's stay, USD50 golf guest fee for spouse, and USD50 late check-out until 2000. See maunakeabeachhotel.com/mkproam



HNL Entry Kiosks

Honolulu Airport is reportedly planning to install machines to cut down on wait times for international visitors arriving at the airport. Passengers currently wait 20-30 minutes on average at immigration, and the machines would cut the wait time by 10 minutes, say reports. Passengers scan their passports and fingerprints at the machines.



Waikiki's New Rooftop Club

Waikiki now boasts a new hip night spot, following the opening of Sky Waikiki last weekend.

The roof top deck, located just under the revolving restaurant on Kalakaua Ave, is an open-air night club and lounge.

Visitors can dine or sip cocktails with the circular deck linking the lounge to the club, offering views over Waikiki from Diamond head right down the strip. It's home to three bars, there's a giant video wall, a firepit, DJ booth and there's nothing else quite like it in Waikiki.

As well as a full dinner menu and bar—signature cocktails to recommend include the Iolani Cooler.

However, warn clients this is not the place to watch the sunset, due to the buildings in the way. Details, see skywaikiki.com

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