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Calls To Reduce The Aussie PMC

Tourism and travel lobbyists are calling for a freeze or reduction of Australia's Passenger Movement Charge (PMC), a fee which an Air New Zealand spokesman once called 'the single biggest risk on Tasman travel for the [then] new financial year'.

The Aussie Government currently applies an AUD55 PMC on passengers departing by plane or cruise ship. As the annual revenue generated from the PMC looks set to reach the AUD1 billion mark for the first time, Australia's Tourism and Transport Forum is calling for a freeze or reduction of the fee, which it says could start to impact travel to and from Australia.

"There is only one direction in which the holiday tax should be headed and that is down," says a TTF spokesman. Australian Federation Travel Association boss Jayson Westbury has also waded in to the fray, as data suggests the revenue generated by the PMC has increased to around four times the AUD247 million it costs to provide the border services. "The PMC is one of the worst over-collected taxation measures that the [Australian] Federal Government has in place..." says Westbury. "If the truth was told the PMC is in fact a travel tax and one of the highest in the world. Given the massive over-collection Australians should be able to expect the world's best experience on departing and arriving at international airports..."

While Westbury is joining the call to freeze the PMC at AUD55 he says 'quite frankly' the PMC should be reduced to a level that's consistent with the actual cost of passenger movement 'or change its name to the Travel Tax which is what it clearly has become'.

... Home Front

On the Kiwi front, Westbury is hoping that the New Zealand Government keeps 'the border levy if they must as a cost recovery levy and not turn it into a travel tax'.

TAANZ chief executive Andrew Olsen is keeping a close eye on the matter, and says if the PMC cost continues to increase, as it has done since its introduction in 2004, 'it will no doubt impact the discretionary holiday funds of the average Kiwi'. "Whilst TAANZ is not a fan of the New Zealand Border Clearance Levy we have managed to have some regulators built in to provide public and industry scrutiny on the cost of clearance," says Olsen, who is supporting the Aussie tourism and travel lobby group's calls to freeze or reduce the PMC level.

Air NZ has in the past expressed concern about the impact of the rising PMC on the price-sensitive Tasman market. "Relative to the average fare, the impact for the Tasman is disproportionate," NZ's Cam Wallace said when the PMC was increased to AUD50 back in 2012.

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Public Wi-Fi Warning

A journalist who had his Wi-Fi hacked while checking his emails on a flight has written a column urging fellow flyers—and anyone using public Wi-Fi systems—to be cautious.

The hacker accessed the journalist's emails during the flight, then approached him afterwards to warn him about how easy it was. The journalist has since written a piece for *USA Today* urging people to be wary when using public Wi-Fi—including looking out for fake Wi-Fi hotspots. Anyone trying to send sensitive information over public Wi-Fi should use a virtual private network (VPN) to protect their data, say experts.

Bachelors Behave Badly

In what sounds like the making of the next *Hangover* movie, a bachelor party heading from London to Slovakia were reportedly kicked off the aircraft in Germany after behaving badly on the flight. The Ryanair flight made the unscheduled landing to remove the six rowdy Brits, one of whom apparently decided to get naked during the flight. They'll face fines of up to EUR25,000 each, as well as civil claims from the airline.

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Air NZ Premium Promo

Air New Zealand is offering agents selling its premium cabin fares to Asia the chance to win premium economy flights to one of its Asian points. To be eligible for the draw, agents must sell a minimum of six return premium economy, business class or business premier fares ex New Zealand to Asia 29 Feb-14 Mar. Qualifying agents will be entered into a draw to win return flights for two in premium economy to either Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo or Singapore. For terms & conditions [CLICK HERE](#)

Sell Fiji With Confidence

Agents visiting the Mamanucas and Yasawas are urging their colleagues to sell Fiji with confidence, as the recovery from Cyclone Winston continues. There is still damage to a few resorts, but the agents say they are pleasantly surprised by the progress. See pg 5 for more.



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Langham For Sale

The Langham Auckland, New Zealand's second largest hotel, has been put up for sale in what's being billed as 'one of Auckland's strongest real estate opportunities in years'. CBRE Hotels has opened an international expressions of interest campaign for the property and is expecting 'fierce competition', saying the sale presents a rare opportunity. "Firstly, it is a superb, large five star hotel in a market that has very few of them. Secondly, it sits at the gateway into a booming tourist market. Thirdly, very few five star New Zealand hotels are offered to the market, and hotels of this size, quality and location come to the market only on a decade by decade basis, if ever. And, finally, it occupies an under-utilised site, so development potential also exists," says CBRE's Warren Hutt.

Jet Seat Select

Jet Airways has announced that Seat Select is now extended on flights operated by B777 aircraft, advises World Aviation. It applies on BOM/DEL-LHR-BOM/DEL and BOM/DEL-HKG-BOM/DEL for a fee of INR3500 per seat. Advance seat purchase through Seat Select can be done on the 9W website, at ticket counters or through the GDS.

NZ/VX Fare Change

Air New Zealand has advised of changes to its long-term USA fares and add-ons, including the addition of VX to LAX HNL, SFO HNL and SFO DEN routing. See airnzagent.co.nz

JAWS Roadshow Kicks Off In Dunedin



The annual JAWS roadshow kicked off in Dunedin last night, with a strong turn-out from some 14 suppliers and 48 agents.

The roadshow continues travelling around the country this week, including a function in Christchurch tonight. For details and to register, [CLICK HERE](#)

Lucky agents who took home prizes from the Dunedin show last night include: **1** Janine Mallon from the

Travel Brokers receives her prize, a retro Virgin Atlantic cabin bag filled with Virgin goodies, from Virgin Atlantic's Alan Wilcock. **2** The Travel Brokers' Nicola Fair with China Airlines' Sid Sharma. **3** Sandra Stewart, Air France KLM presents to Bronwyn McLaren from Travelsmart Dunedin. **4** Kath Mason of LATAM Airlines presenting her prize to Janna Meek, Flight Centre Dunedin City. **5** Mohan Chandra of Fiji Airways with Hannah Freeman, Flight Centre Dunedin City.

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Changi Transit Extended

Air New Zealand and the Changi Airport Group (CAG) have advised that the Changi Transit Programme has been extended through to 31 Mar. Eligible passengers transiting through Singapore may receive up to SGD40 in Changi Dollar Vouchers, says the carrier.

Win A WeHo Trip

West Hollywood has been unveiled as the next destination in Excite Holidays' Live Like a Local campaign, meaning agents earn 1000 bonus reward points for every night they book there—and can win a trip themselves. For the next two weeks, agents who book accommodation in WeHo with Excite will receive an entry into the draw for the trip, including accommodation, activities and airport transfers. For selling tips and destination flyers, see exciteholidays.com/campaigns/usa

HNL-DUD Connection

Effective for travel 08 Jun–24 Sep Air New Zealand says it has been given a minimum connection time exemption to now allow a Honolulu-Dunedin inbound through connect. Passengers travelling via Auckland on a through ticket returning ex HNL to DUD will now arrive on NZ9 at 1635 with a valid connection onto NZ463 AKL-DUD at 1800. The exemption is only applicable for customers booked on through fares on the same ticket, adds the carrier.

RJ Amman-Guangzhou

Royal Jordanian will launch flights between Amman and Guangzhou, China 21 Mar.

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Aussie Cruise Value Continues To Grow

The value of cruising in Australia is continuing to surge, with a new report showing that swelling passenger numbers and an increase in homeported ships helped to drive the industry's economic contribution to a record AUD3.6 billion in 2014-15.

Commissioned by Cruise Lines International Association Australasia, the report reveals that the economic value of cruising has risen 11.6% since 2013; and that the number of calls by homeported ships increased by 8.3% in the 2014-15 financial year, compared to the previous year, helping to boost cruise line expenditure by 11%. Also fuelling growth was a 10.3% rise in passenger capacity on homeported ships and an 8.8% increase in capacity on visiting ships, reflecting the increasing size of cruise ships in Australian waters. And it seems Kiwis are getting in

on the increased offerings and opportunities. House of Travel general manager cruise Linda Halliday says plenty of Kiwis are buying cruises that depart from Australian ports. "Whether the cruise is to the South Pacific, to other Australian destinations or to Singapore or Hong Kong, it's proving to be very attractive to Kiwi travellers," she says.

... Top Destinations

In terms of popular Australian cruise destinations, the report says New South Wales had the highest number of cruise visit days (296) accounting for 35% of cruise visit days nationally; followed by Queensland with 253. Meanwhile, Victorian ports experienced an increase of 13 cruise visit days from 77 in 2013 to 90 in 2014; and the ports of Western Australia generated 101. South Australia had 31 cruise visit days; the Northern Territory had 29; and Tasmanian ports, featuring solely as transit ports, had 49 cruise visit days.



River Cruising For Girls

Scenic has launched a girl's guide to river cruising, in a bid to let women travellers, either those travelling solo or in a group, know all there is to know about river cruising. The guide includes information on what to expect onboard; the different shore excursions along the way; how a Scenic river cruise can cater to different interests; tips on where and when to go; and what's included in the fare. Agents can order their copies of *Unforgettable Wonders - A Girl's Guide to River Cruising* from BrochureNet, or to download a copy, [CLICK HERE](#)



Silversea Remote Diving

Silversea Expeditions has unveiled its collection of Scuba Diving Expedition Voyages for 2016 and 2017, offering clients the chance to explore remote diving sites in the western Pacific and Indian oceans. The 120-guest all-suite Silver Discoverer (pictured) is the latest addition to the line's expedition fleet and will feature 20 voyages, offering diving opportunities for experienced divers in the Maldives, the Great Barrier Reef, the Palau archipelago, and the Andaman Islands. Highlights include the 15-day Myanmar & Andaman Islands cruise from Phuket to the Maldives, departing 17 Dec; and the Indonesia & Palau Archipelago 14-day cruise from Darwin to Koro, departing 26 Mar 2017. For further details, [CLICK HERE](#)

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Antarctic Single Savings

Hurtigruten has announced a reduction in the single supplement on selected Antarctica cruises aboard MS Midnatsol during her 2016/17 cruising season ex Punta Arenas, advises local rep Discover the World. The Midnatsol carries 500 passengers and caters for singles, couples and families, adds DTW, and has an extensive onboard programme, including lectures, kayaking, ice landings and more. For details of itineraries, departure dates and pricing, [CLICK HERE](#)

In addition to the traditional Norway Coastal programme, Hurtigruten will have four ice-certified ships cruising Arctic and Antarctic waters in 2017 along with an extensive South American cruising season and some repositioning voyages. For further details call 0800 623 6294.



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GO Holidays has Vietnam land deals on sale until 14 Mar, with four-night Saigon city stays priced from \$179pp t/s, and four-night beach breaks from \$355pp t/s. There's also Insider Journeys small group journeys, priced from \$1599pp t/s for the seven-day Taste of Vietnam; and the four-day Explore Vietnam—Sapa by Train, from \$525pp t/s.

Free Beer And Books

The Swiss Travel System is now offering books to travellers on the Bernina Express and free beer on the Quöllfrisch Express, says Switzerland Tourism. A new library of books, in different languages and offering information on the Bernina Line, hiking tips and trails, are now available to borrow for free in First Class on the Bernina Express. Also, every Sun in Sep passengers travelling on Appenzell Railways will be offered a free beer each. The Quöllfrisch Express service will run between Gossau and Wassenrauen in eastern Switzerland. Swiss Travel Passes are available through Rail Plus and GO Holidays.

The End For Thai Tiger Temple?

Thailand's controversial Tiger Temple, where tourists can pose for photos with the big cats, is reportedly under threat after wildlife authorities refused to extend its expired zoo license.

The 'temple' has received widespread criticism for its treatment of the animals, as well as alleged links to wildlife trafficking, and officials are also concerned about its impact on Thailand's tourism.

Ten of the temple's tigers have been confiscated by authorities and sent to wildlife parks—a move which has been welcomed by World Animal Protection.

"We hope that this action will send out a clear message that the cruel exploitation of tigers in the name of entertainment must end," says a WAP spokesperson.

"Our own research has uncovered that at least 621 tigers are currently

exploited for tourist entertainment in 10 venues across Thailand. We will continue our efforts to educate tourists to avoid these atrocious attraction because a once in a lifetime experience for tourists leads to a lifetime of misery for tigers."

The temple has reportedly denied the trafficking claims and is attempting to hold on to its tigers.

Myanmar Risk Warning

The Government is advising against all tourist and other non-essential travel near the Myanmar border with China, due to military activity, ethnic militias, armed drug smugglers and the presence of landmines. There's no other changes to risk levels, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade continuing to advise against travel in the vicinity of the border with Laos and Thailand; and in Kachin, Rakhine and northern Shan states. It advises caution elsewhere in Myanmar. See safetravel.govt.nz/myanmar



New Lounge Opens In Invercargill

Air New Zealand has opened its new lounge at Invercargill Airport at the north end of the new terminal, offering expansive views of the runway and 35% more seating than its previous space, says NZ. Further lounge developments are planned for a number of domestic and international ports over the next few years as part of NZ's four-year \$100 million lounge redevelopment project.

Le Meridien Update

Refurbishments have just started at the Le Meridien Bora Bora and the resort says it's on schedule to reopen with a fresh new look from 01 Apr.

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Agents: Resorts Looking Great; Fiji Needs Kiwis

Ibis Styles Brisbane

The Ibis Styles Brisbane Elizabeth Street has officially opened today, in the centre of the city adjoining the Myer Centre and Queen Street Mall. The hotel is set to be a flagship Ibis for the region, says general manager Mat Finch. "Its striking, vibrant and playful design really sets a new benchmark for premium economy hotels and our team are excited to begin delivering unique and memorable experiences for each and every guest."

The 368-room new-build hotel features lively colours and 'upbeat furnishings', says Finch. It has a special opening rate of AUD135pn including breakfast and Wi-Fi, for bookings to 31 Mar and travel to 31 May.



Kiwi agents visiting Fiji as part of Tourism Fiji famils to the Mamanuca Islands and a Blue Lagoon Cruise are upbeat and pleasantly surprised by the way Fiji's resorts have bounced back post Cyclone Winston.

It's a delicate balance to acknowl-

edge the losses suffered by the Fijian people and their communities, but also highlight how the island nation's tourism plant has worked swiftly to ensure its hotels and resorts are ready to welcome guests.

Some resorts are still out of action, but it's business as usual for the majority of Fiji's tourism operators.

Agents on the two famils say the resorts and hotels which they have visited 'are looking great' and that they will be happily booking clients to Fiji for their holidays.

"I had a lot of people who said to me why go to Fiji now and my answer was why not? This is the time when Fiji needs us most," says Hemal Jani from House of Travel Mt Eden, who is on the Blue Lagoon Cruise famil. "The Fijians have done a great job in cleaning up and I will be definitely telling my clients to visit here and take advantage of the low season rates..."

At the same time Samantha Milligan from the Travel Brokers is talking up the appeal of a Fiji Cruise. "A cruise through the Fijian islands has been a bucket list item for me and this week I have the chance! I like the small ship and that it is not crowded," she says. "The crew are already learning my name on arrival, the food is plentiful and the smiles too..."

there had been a cyclone here," she says, adding that she would have no hesitations sending clients to the island group. "It's amazing how quickly they have cleaned up the gardens, there is very little signs of debris anywhere?"

Making a passionate plea for the people of Fiji, David Whitaker from Mondo World Travellers Motueka says it's important for Kiwis to keep travelling to Fiji. "...supporting the resorts means you are supporting the local villages. The resorts that are open still appear to be very busy which is a good sign for the country."

Pictured: **1** The agents are pictured taking time out to enjoy the sand bar from Plantation Island Resort. From left Shannon Bailey, Bon Voyage Travel; Nancy Sadeli, Flight Centre, Queens St; Ash Dunoyer, Kim Bremner, World Travellers Queenstown; Ben Venner, Flight Centre Coastlands; Dave Whitaker, Maia Hiini, House of Travel Addington; Elise Buckley, NZ Travel Brokers Levin and Tina Gosney, Brooker United Travel, Dunedin.

2 The Kiwi agents relax on the deck during their Blue Lagoon cruise.

3 Boarding their Blue Lagoon cruise in the Yasawas is, from left, Charissa Vincent, NZ Travel Brokers; Samantha Milligan, The Travel Brokers; and Elly Lang, Flight Centre Whakatane.

4 The team relaxing at Musket Cove Island Resort, (from left) Ben Venner, Nancy Sadeli, Ash Dunoyer, Lisa Bradley, Tina Gosney, Maia Hiini, Kim Bremner, Tori Maxwell, Shannon Bailey, Elise Buckley and Dave Whitaker.

... Island Hopping

Auckland agent Shannon Bailey from Bon Voyage is experiencing the Mamanuca island group and says the resorts visited so far are in 'perfect shape'. "...you wouldn't even know

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Anaheim Paints The Kiwis Orange

Visit Anaheim and visiting suppliers from the region painted the town orange last week, with thank you events for their trade partners.

Kiwi travel to the Anaheim/Orange County region continues to climb—with further growth tipped for this year, thanks to the addition of the AA/QF Auckland-Los Angeles flights, and wholesalers are reporting strong demand. The first fun filled event showcased Anaheim's growing craft brewery scene and its Packing House district.



1 The Walshe Group's Steve Tanner with Maria Beer from helloworld. **2** Sharon Martin from Lifestyle Holidays with Willie Simpson from the Howard Johnson Anaheim. **3** Shopaholics united, Radioworks' Mel Rundle with Cynthia Schmitt from Citadel Outlets. **4** Industry stalwart Andrew Gay with Kelly Guinn from the Castle Inn & Suites and the Hojo's Willie Simpson. **5** 'Celebrity judges' Citadel Outlet's Cynthia Schmitt and Willie Simpson from the Howard Johnson. **6** Prize winner Petra Correa from helloworld is pictured centre (with her new Kate Spade bag thanks to Citadel) with Visit Anaheim's Pip Ashford and Citadel's Cynthia Schmitt. **7** World Travellers' Wendy van Lieshout with Roann Roberts from Flight Centre. **8** Brand USA's Wayne Mitcham with Winston Aldworth from NZME. **9** Nick Dew from Hawaiian Airlines and House of Travel's Dave Fordyce. **10** Prize winner for her SoCal chic Maria Beer from helloworld with Citadel Outlet's Cynthia Schmitt. **11** Tina Riley from The Annabella and Hawaiian Airlines' Mischa Knox. **12** Visit Anaheim's Ryan Alsup with Anaheim land package winner Patrick Whelan from Qantas. **13** House of Travel's Gabrielle Brown and Sherilyn Black from GO Holidays. **14** Triple trouble, Cynthia Schmitt from Citadel with helloworld's Petra Correa and Kelly Guinn from Castle Inn & Suites. **15** Ryan from Visit Anaheim with Gihanna Waller from Stovall's and best t-shirt winner Julia Hindmarsh, who won a fitbit thanks to Stovalls. **16** Patrick Whelan from Qantas, with Fiji Airways' Mohan Chandra and helloworld's David Libeau.



Key trade suppliers were treated to a day among the vines on Waiheke over the weekend, thanks to Citadel Outlets, the Howard Johnson Anaheim and Courtyard at Marriott Anaheim and the Castle Inn & Suites. **1** Canuckiwi representation's Corey Marshall with Castle Inn & Suites' Kelly Guinn and Willie Simpson from the Hojo. **2** Petra Correa from helloworld with Citadel's Cynthia Schmitt. **3** Canuckiwi's Corey Marshall and Visit Anaheim's Pip Ashford. **4** The group line-up complete with a glass of Larose at Stonyridge. **5** Visit Anaheim's Pip Ashford with visiting Anaheim-ers Willie Simpson, Kelly Guinn and Cynthia Schmitt at Cable Bay winery. **6** Lifestyle Holidays' Sharon Martin and HoT's Gabrielle Brown.

New Transit Hotel In SIN Airport



A new airport transit hotel in Singapore Changi Airport is said to be the world's only transit hotel with an outdoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi and pool-side bar located in the airport restricted area.

The Aerotel Singapore is the first in Plaza Premium Group's new Aerotel transit hotel arm. Located on level three in Terminal One,

it promises 'first class service at economy prices' and offers free Wi-Fi, flexible booking hours and 70 rooms in three room types—some with views over the runway. It's open around the clock and guests can book stays from a minimum of six hours, with rates ranging from SGD55-SGD135 (\$59-\$145). See myaerotel.com



Mercure WLG Makeover

Mercure Wellington Abel Tasman has unveiled a refurbishment including a makeover of its 29 standard rooms, which now sport new beds, wooden cabinetry, spacious working spaces, contemporary décor and artwork. There's also been a restoration of Bistro 169 Restaurant & Bar's original wooden floors, and new up-to-date electronic key technology to all rooms. "This refurbishment has lifted not only the look and feel of the rooms, but also the comfort level, allowing our guests to relax and unwind after their journey," says general manager Jody Dickinson.

Sheraton PTI Upgrade

By mid-year The Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas expects to have completed an AUD40m refurbishment including updating the 294 guest rooms and the creation of suite and 'swim out' rooms for direct access to the lagoon from guest's private balconies.

Industry Diary

MARCH 2016

Air New Zealand Vietnam Roadshow

Wellington: Tue 01, Annam, 1730-2000.

Palmerston North: Wed 02, Saigon, 1730-2000.

New Plymouth: Thu 03, Copthorne Grand Central, 1730-2000.

Napier: Tue 08, The Gin Trap, 1800-2000.

Christchurch: Mon 14, Zaffron, 1800-2000.

Dunedin: Tue 15, Vault 21 – 21 The Octagon, 1730-2000.

Hamilton: Tue 22, Viet Thai Village, 1800-2000.

Auckland: Wed 23, Air New Zealand Customer, Innovation and Collaboration Centre, 1800-2000.

JAWS Roadshow

Christchurch: Tue 01, Rydges Latimer Hotel, Latimer Square, 1700-2000.

Nelson: Wed 02, Rutherford Hotel, 27 Nile Street West, 1700-2000.

Whangarei: Tue 08, Forum North, 7 Rust Ave, 1700-2000.

Napier: Mon 14, War Memorial Conference Centre, 48 Marine Parade, 1700-2000.

Wellington: Tue 15, Rydges WLG, 75 Featherston Street, 1700-2000.

Palmerston North: Wed 16, Distinction Hotel, 175 Cuba Street, 1700-2000.

New Plymouth: Thu 17, Novotel Hotel, Cnr Of Hobson and Leach Streets, 1700-2000.

Tauranga: Tue 22, Tauranga Yacht Club, 70 Keith Allen Drive, 1700-2000.

Hamilton: Wed 23, Novotel Tainui, 7 Alma Street, 1700-2000.

Innovative Travel Russia Information Evening

Mt Maunganui: Tue 01, Club Mt Maunganui, 1800-1915.

Wellington: Wed 02, Petone Alehouse (upstairs), 1800-1915.

Christchurch: Thu 03, RSA, 74 Armagh St (upstairs), 1800-1915.

Singapore Airlines Wellington to the World!

Wellington: Wed 02, Museum of Te Papa, Te Marae, Wed 02 Mar, 1800-2000.

South Australia Roadshow

Auckland: Fri 04, Spencer on Byron Hotel, Takapuna, 1700-1900.

Hamilton: Sat 05, Novotel Tainui, 1400-1600.

Palmerston North: Sun 06, Copthorne Hotel, 1200-1330.

Kapiti Coast: Sun 06, Kapiti Community Hall, Paraparaumu, 1600-1730.

Nelson: Mon 07, Mercure Grand Monaco Resort, 1730-1930.

Christchurch: Wed 09, Russley Golf Club, 1730-1930.

Cook Islands Roadshow

Christchurch: Tue 08, Hagley Oval, 0730-9030.

Wellington: Wed 09, Rydges Hotel, 0730-9030.

Auckland, North Shore: Wed 09, Spencer on Byron, 1730-2030.

South Auckland: Thu 10, Waipuna Suites, Highbrook, 0730-0930.

Auckland CBD: Thu 10, The Heritage Hotel, 1730-2030.

The Safari Company information evenings

Rotorua: Wed 09, Alpin Motel &

Conference Centre, 1800.

Taupo: Thu 10, Catellis Motel & Conference Centre, 1800.

Napier: Mon 14, War Memorial Rm1, 1800. **Carterton:** Tue 15, Events Centre, 1800.

Palmerston North: Wed 16, Pavillion Motel & Conference Centre, 1800.

SPANTO roadshow

Queenstown: Tue 15, Heritage Hotel, 1730. **Dunedin:** Wed 16, Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, 1730.

Innovative Travel WWI Western Front Information Evening

Christchurch: Thu 17, RSA 74 Armagh Street, 1730.

Auckland: Tue 22, RSA Birkenhead, 1730.

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Tourism Fiji Bula Marau Family Roadshow

Palmerston North: Mon 04, Distinction Hotel, 0700-0930.

Christchurch: Mon 04, Tait Conference Centre, 1730-2015.

Wellington: Tue 05 April, Amora Hotel, 1730-2015.

Hamilton: Wed 06, Ferrybank Reception Centre, 1730-2015.

Auckland: Thu 07, Stamford Hotel, 1730-2030. **Auckland North Shore:** Fri 08, QBE Stadium, 0700-0930.

Avalon Waterways 2017 Launch

Kerikeri: Wed 06, pm.

Petone: Wed 06, pm.

Whangarei: Thu 07, pm.

New Plymouth: Thu 07, pm.

Hamilton: Mon 11, pm.

Tauranga: Tue 12, pm.

Auckland, North Shore: Tue 12, pm.

Dunedin: Tue 12, pm.

Auckland, East: Wed 13, pm.

Timaru: Wed 13, pm.

Napier: Wed 13, pm.

Auckland, West: Thu 14, pm.

Palmerston North: Thu 14, pm.

Ashburton: Thu 14, pm.

Christchurch: Tue 19, pm.

Invercargill: Wed 20, pm.

Queenstown: Thu 21, pm.

Nelson: Wed 27 Apr, pm.

Blenheim: Thu 28, pm.

Times, venues tba.

Queenstown on Tour

Queenstown: Wed 06-Fri 08, Skyline Queenstown.

Samoa Tourism Exchange 2016

Tue 12-Thu 14, details tba.

Vanuatu Tourism Roadshow

Christchurch: Mon 18.

Wellington: Tue 19.

Auckland: Wed 20.

Times and venues tba.

Asia Road Show: Cathay

Pacific/Adventure World/

Exodus Breakfast updates

New Plymouth: Tue 19.

Palmerston North: Wed 20.

Wellington: Thu 21.

Times and venues tba.

MAY

SPANTO roadshow

Hamilton: Tue 03, Ferrybank Reception Centre, 1730.

Palmerston North & New

Plymouth: TBA

Adventure World Latin

Extravaganza

Auckland: Thu 12, 1730-2030, venue tba.



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