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Growing choice in Cook Islands to be highlighted at agents' event in AKL

The Cook Islands' increasingly diverse range of accommodation will be one of the destinational features highlighted at a trade event in Auckland early next month.

The Love A Little Raro and Aitutaki Agent Update from 6pm to 8pm at Hilton Auckland on 4 September will showcase more than 20 resorts, airlines and destination management companies (DMCs).

Rachel Mackey, marketing manager New Zealand with Cook Islands Tourism Corporation, says the number of holiday homes continues to grow in the Cook Islands.

'Cook Islands Holiday Villas is attending the event for the first time. This is a collective of nine villas in Rarotonga offering 65 beds. They are located in prime areas with access to some of the greatest beaches, restaurants and cafes and close to activities and tours provided in Raro.'

Mackey says other new participants at the event are Experience Cook Islands DMC and Muri Beach Club Hotel.

Other suppliers include Air New Zealand, Club Raro, Crown Beach Resort and Spa, Little Polynesian Resorts, Manuia Beach Resort, Moana Sands Villas, Moana Sands Beachfront

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Polar bug can be healthy for agents

Having clients who take an Antarctic cruise can form the 'perfect base' for repeat sells – particularly for those clients who catch the Polar bug and want to head north, says Sarah Arane, Quark Expeditions' sales manager for New Zealand.

She says Antarctica has a couple of different journeys that guests can experience, while the Arctic has some seven or eight.

'The hardest part is choosing which Arctic to do, and that can come down to a choice between polar bears and the Northern Lights. If someone wants to do both, they need to have two trips back to back – or return another time.'

Sydney-based Arane was in New Zealand last week and presented to agents and their clients at a World Journeys-organised function in Auckland. Aerolineas Argentinas



At the World Journeys Polar / Quark Expeditions evening in Auckland last week... Emma McCormick, Chris Lyon, both World Journeys; Clinton Sangster, The Private Travel Company

and Air Canada were partners in the event.

She says agents who can help clients with 'the where' choice have plenty of scope to make a lucrative booking and sow the seed for a loyal repeat Polar client.

Antarctic cruises start at \$10,000 per person and increase from there depending on the comfort and luxury level of the ship. Arctic journeys are 'easily' priced at around



Sue Barnaby, World Journeys; Shirley Watson, Kerry Graham, The Private Travel Company

\$30,000 per client.

'Add flights, and pre and post and we are talking about high value customers. We also find that when a couple books an expedition cruise and tells friends, they then have people who want to join them – so it can become a group booking.'

The night detailed travel experiences through the Falklands, South Georgia, the Antarctic



Davina Bennetto, World Journeys; Sarah Arane, Quark Expeditions; Caroline Clegg, World Journeys

Peninsula, Greenland, Spitsbergen, the Russian High Arctic and the North Pole. Northern Canada and Iceland were also featured.

Clients who book an Antarctic Quark Expeditions cruise by 30 August 2019 can save up to 30% on selected departures, and up to 20% on selected 2020 Arctic programmes when booked by 30 September.

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News

Cook Islands agents' event in AKL

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Hotel, Moana Sands Lagoon Resort, Muri Beach Resort, Nautilus Resort Rarotonga, Pacific Resort Rarotonga, Pacific Resort Aitutaki Nui, Palm Grove, Royale Takitumu, Sunset Resort, Te Manava Luxury Villas, Te Vakaroa, The Edgewater Resort and Spa, Turama Pacific Travel Group and Virgin Australia.

'Agents will have the chance to mix

and mingle with the suppliers before Cook Islands Tourism presents a full destination update.

'As an extra bonus, some great prizes will be up for grabs – including four chances to win a trip for two to Rarotonga flying Air New Zealand.'

Retail agents and travel brokers should register their interest in attending by emailing:

marketing@cookislands.co.nz

'Live for today' Antarctica cruise competition

Chimu Adventures and Viva Expeditions are giving away a trip for two to Antarctica.

They are on the lookout for people who 'Live For Today' – to enter, people need to submit a photo of themselves 'living for today' and say why they should be picked. Participants then share their entry with friends and family to get votes – the more votes, the higher the chance to win.

The prize, worth \$29,000, is an 11-day Antarctica cruise for two people plus international flights ex Auckland departing on 22 November 2020. Sailing aboard the Ocean Endeavour and embarking in Ushuaia at the southern tip of South America, the cruise travels through the Drake Passage

Antarctic seal living for today



to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula.

The prize includes transfers in South America and cruise as stated on the itinerary. The competition closes on 31 August 2019.

www.contest.chimuadventures.com

Great Train Journeys incentive for RM sales

The New Zealand agent selling the highest value Rocky Mountaineer package with Great Train Journeys by 30 September 2019 will win themselves one \$100 dinner voucher and one \$150 spa voucher. The client will take home

that set of vouchers as well. The winning agent will be announced on 15 October 2019. Terms and conditions apply.

Agents are reminded that Great Train Journeys can tailor-make Canada itineraries.

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Cruising

Princess promotes Kiwi Christmas cruises

Princess Cruises is highlighting the five voyages it has sailing New Zealand over the holiday period.

With the 2019/2020 cruise season set to be the largest in Princess Cruises' history, over 51,000 people are expected to cruise Australia and New Zealand across four Princess ships this December, an almost 30% increase in guests who sailed the region at the same time last year.

'Cruising over the December holidays is becoming one of the most popular times to sail,' says Princess Cruises sales and marketing director, Nick Ferguson.

Ships sailing Australia and New Zealand in December include the 113,561-ton, 3080-guest Ruby Princess, the 143,700-ton, 3560-guest Majestic Princess, Golden Princess, and Sea Princess which collectively will make 14 voyages on itineraries from Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland.

Highlights include:

- A 12-night Australia and New Zealand cruise on Majestic Princess sailing Sydney to Auckland departing 15 December 2019. Fares start from \$2120 per person.
 - A 14-night Australia and New Zealand cruise on Ruby Princess sailing Auckland to Sydney departing 30 December 2019. Fares start from \$1889 per person.
 - A 13-night New Zealand cruise on Golden Princess sailing roundtrip from Melbourne departing 7 December 2019. Fares start from \$1839 per person.
- Also, Sea Princess will embark on a 10-night Papua New Guinea cruise roundtrip from Brisbane on 8 December and a nine-night New Caledonia and Vanuatu cruise departing 19 December. Sun Princess will sail on a 14-night Indonesia cruise roundtrip from Perth (Freemantle) departing 23 December.
- www.princess.com

Orton's Croatia cruises now available

Orton International's popular Croatian cruises are now available for 2020.

Deluxe cruises include:

- Dalmation Paradise, seven-night cruise with a Saturday departure (May to mid October) Split (first night), Korčula, Mljet and Dubrovnik, Pelješac Peninsula, (Kučište or similar), Hvar, Bol (Captain's dinner), Split (morning arrival before disembarking).
 - Adriatic Explorer, seven-night cruise with a Saturday departure (May to October) Dubrovnik, Korčula, Metković, Split, Krka Waterfalls / Šibenik, Zadar, Rab, Opatija.
 - One Way Wonders, seven-night cruise with a Saturday departure (May to August) Split (Bol), Hvar, Biševo (Blue cave) / Vis, Korčula, Mljet, Slano (Ston), Dubrovnik. This cruise is also available starting from Dubrovnik and ending in Split.
- Standard Cruises include:
- Southern Explorer, seven-night cruise



Crusing in Croatia, Orton International has details for 2020

with a Saturday departure (mid April to mid October) Split, Makarska, Mljet, Dubrovnik, Trstenik, Korčula, Hvar, Split.

- Southern Pearls, seven-night cruise with a Saturday departure (June to Mid August) Split, Makarska, (Bol) Stari Grad, Hvar, Vis, Korčula, (Mljet) Šipan or Slano, Dubrovnik. This cruise is also available starting from Dubrovnik and ending in Split.

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Pacific Islands

Fiji freediving

Matamanoa is running Freedive Fest Fiji 2019 from 19 to 27 August. Divers can obtain various levels of freediving certificates. Partners in the event are Deep Blue Diving & Watersports and Pacific Freediving Fiji.

trev@deepbluefiji.com

BLC discounts

Blue Lagoon Cruises is offering guests 25% off all itineraries for cruise departures between 4 October 2019 and 30 March 2020, including a F\$100 bar and spa credit per cabin.

If clients are short on time, BLC offers a three-night Explorer cruise or a four-night Wanderer Cruise. Also on offer is the seven-night Escape to Paradise.

The offer is on sale until 30 September 2019 and is subject to availability.



Vomo Island Fiji is offering a double deal for couples and families.

Clients who book a Hillside Villa will get upgraded to a Beachfront Villa and this can be combined with a stay seven, pay five, giving two free nights accommodation for all guests.

The double deal is valid for travel 13 October to 21 December 2019 and 1 February to 31 March 2020. It must be booked by 30 September, 2019; quote UPGRADE. The minimum stay is five nights, check for terms and conditions.

res@vomofiji.com

Agent deals to Vanuatu

Air Vanuatu's travel agent \$99 plus taxes and companion \$199 plus taxes airfares are back on sale until 31 August.

The travel period is until 31 March 2020 (subject to availability and blackouts apply). Also, agents' airfares

to include a trip to Santo or Tanna are available.

Vanuatu Tourism Office (VTO) has sourced some agents' deals at resorts in Vanuatu to accompany these airfares.

Agents should contact Air Vanuatu for flights and VTO for accommodation.



We're in the full swing of peak season in Niue at the moment, with visitors enjoying:

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- Fishing
- Night uga (coconut crab) hunts
- Exploring caves
- Visiting local markets
- Learning about the local Niuean culture

"Niue Island is a rare gem in the South Pacific and needs to be experienced to appreciate all that it offers."

— Kay Grogan, *The Travel Brokers*

Want to experience it all for yourself? It's not too late to get heavily discounted accommodation and on-island activities to experience Niue for yourself, on one of our Self Famils if you're in a position to sell Niue. Visit www.niueselffamil.com Password: YesNiue



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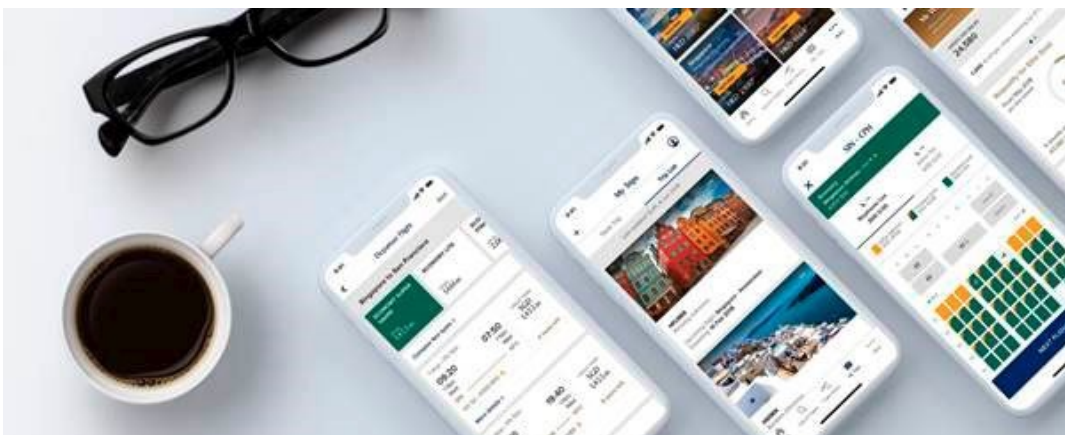


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Airlines



Singapore Airlines rebuilds its app

A ground-up rebuild of the Singapore Airlines mobile app has resulted in enhanced booking and check-in flows, improving transaction time by up to 60%.

New features include Capture & Discover, a search function that uses image recognition as well as speech and natural language processing to identify the user intent, match it to a Singapore Airlines destination, and present relevant destination content and fare deals.

A new Translation Assistant feature uses real-time language translation by voice, and Measure Your Baggage helps determine whether cabin baggage is within size limitations.

The existing My Trips function has improved real-time information such as boarding gate details, the destination's weather and

currency, and baggage belt details.

The in-flight entertainment function has extended access to e-Library magazine and newspaper content based on the user's KrisFlyer membership tier, as well as a new search and filter function to allow for easier content browsing in the e-Library and KrisWorld catalogue. Customers can still bookmark their movies so that they can pick up where they left off on subsequent flights.

For Android users, the new app is being released by countries progressively between July and September 2019, while iOS users may download the new app from the App Store in September 2019.

www.singaporeair.com/en_UK/mobile-app/new-mobile-app

A330neo in Noumea

Aircalin has received the first of its two A330neo long-haul aircraft ordered. The second A330neo is expected to be delivered in September-October 2019.

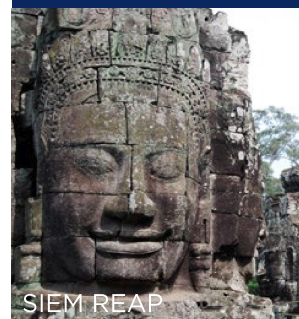
The arrival of this first A330neo is part of the airline's fleet renewal

strategy, and it is also part of the airline's development scheme and of New Caledonia's tourist development scheme.

After its first flights in Toulouse last month, the aircraft will arrive in Noumea today (6 August).



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Europe

Three-star brand launched by APT Travel Group



APT Travel Group (ATG) has launched TravelGlo, targeting strong demand in the three-star market.

Tours are inclusive of all three to four-star accommodation,

all breakfasts, some dinners, must-see sightseeing, economy rail travel (plus some coach) through the brand's partnership with Rail Discoveries, and a dedicated tour manager.

To celebrate the launch of its eight tours in Europe, TravelGlo is offering the first 200 guests who book to 'have a day

on us' saving of \$260pp.

The 11-day Berlin to Budapest through Prague and Vienna is priced from \$2609pp, twin share.

The seven-day Russian Icons travels Moscow to St Petersburg with prices starting at \$1719pp twin share.

The seven-day Scotland by Steam from Edinburgh is priced from \$1699pp twin share and includes a trip on the Jacobite steam train, otherwise known as the Hogwarts Express.

Essential Scandinavia, from \$2989pp twin share, travels for eight days from Oslo's fjords and parks to Stockholm and Copenhagen.

Rome & Sorrento is covered in nine days from \$2339pp twin share, and combines Rome's history with the Amalfi Coast.



Also nine days is the Italian Explorer from \$2739pp twin share that visits Rome, Florence and Pisa and Venice.

The eight-day Scenic Switzerland is priced from \$2819pp twin share and travels from Zürich to Brig and Zermatt. The trip includes the Centovalli Railway to Locarno, a stop in Montreux, the Glacier Express to Klosters and the

Bernina Railway en route to Poschiavo before ending in Zürich.

The eight-day Highlights of Portugal, from \$1939pp twin share, explores Lisbon then heads to the World Heritage-listed city of Sintra, travels by train to Porto and has an excursion to the Douro Valley wine region.

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Singapore Airlines has released the Great Singapore Airlines Getaway \$2 Singapore Stopover Holiday Offer.

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In addition, SQ is offering a discounted rate for Singapore Stopover Holiday Plus, which includes entry to Universal Studios at \$176 per person, twin share, first night rate. This is a saving of \$69 per person.

The SSH packages are on sale from now until 30 September 2019.

Travel is applicable from now to 31 March 2020, dates inclusive.

There is a black out 12 to 15 September 2019 and individual hotel blackouts may apply.

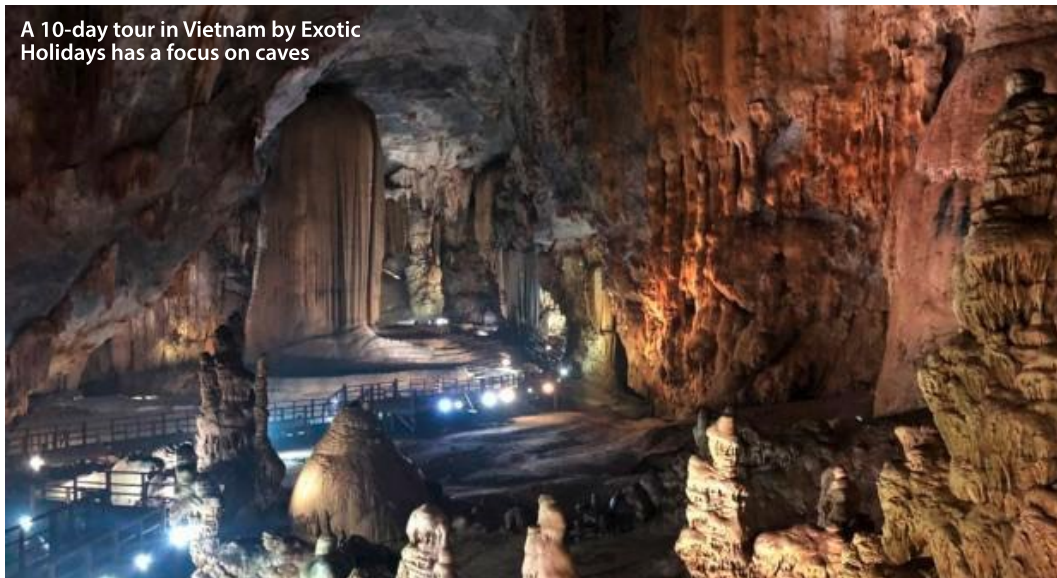
For more information see Krisport, Singapore Stopover Holiday page.

www.krisport.co.nz

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A 10-day tour in Vietnam by Exotic Holidays has a focus on caves



Vietnam's underground world

Exotic Holidays is offering a 10-day Cave Adventure tour in Vietnam.

It is priced from \$3231 per person, twin share, plus economy domestic flight tickets from \$222 per person.

The itinerary travels Hanoi, Halon, Hanoi, Dong Hoi, Phong Nha, Hang Tien, Phong Nha, Hue.

On day five, guests travel to Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park to visit

Phong Nha Cave, via a boat ride approximately five kilometres along the Son River.

The next day includes a Paradise Cave tour, the longest dry cave in Asia. Day seven has a visit to Hang Tien cave (shared tour).

www.exoticholidays.co.nz/destination/packages_detail/Cave-Adventure-in-VIETNAM/595

Raffles Singapore reopens

Raffles Singapore has officially reopened. A flagship property within Accor Hotels, Raffles Singapore is welcoming guests and visitors, following its three phased restoration, which began in February 2017.



Family Fun

It's child's play wherever you venture in this fascinating former Portuguese enclave.

For beginners, families can make a splash at the Galaxy's Grand Resort Deck, a giant water park, complete with a white sandy beach, wave pool and an adventure river ride. Then they could take the short cab ride to the Panda Pavilion to see the resident Giant Pandas.

For casual dining, Taipa Village and its maze of narrow lanes and mix of eateries fits the bill. From colourfully decorated sweets stores and an ice creamery with a Michelin quality rating to dim sum Chinese eateries and a Portuguese tapas-style restaurant, this tiny former fishing village is a magnet from morning till dark.

For a place to sleep, The Parisian Macau, families with young children can book a "famille" suite furnished with a colourfully blanketed double bunk bed. To get a good feel of the real Macao, grab a Step Out – Experience Macao's Communities guidebook, lace up the walking shoes and explore at your own pace.

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New Grand Alpine flight

Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters is introducing a new trip.

Grand Alpine, Flight 106 highlights the surrounding Queenstown basin and flies above the tussock-covered Ben Lomond Saddle and across mountain tops to reveal Glenorchy.

Passengers view the Dart and Rees rivers before landing on the Humboldt mountain range for panoramic photos of Lake Whakatipu and the surrounding mountains.

The flight returns to Queenstown flying over Mt Nicholas and Walter Peak stations, past Cecil Peak and The Remarkables.

The trip is priced at \$495 per adult and the duration is approximately 40 minutes.



Poirot and more

Actor David Suchet will make his New Zealand stage debut early 2020 when he performs in Poirot and More: A Retrospective.

The tour will include dates at Opera

House, Wellington, 17 February;
Christchurch Town Hall, 19 February;
ASB Theatre, Auckland, 22 February.
www.kayandmcleanproductions.com.au

Holiday park's big award

Pohara Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park



Pohara Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park in Golden Bay has been named New Zealand's most hospitable holiday park.

Announced last week at the Holiday Parks Conference in Wellington, the park has taken home the 2019 Spirit of Hospitality Award, the sector's premier award sponsored by AA Traveller.

The judges commended the winning park for its commitment to fast, effective problem solving and a demonstrable willingness to go the extra mile for its guests.

Dream Cruises holds Newcastle sales

Dream Cruises has paused sales of Explorer Dream departures ex-Newcastle. In May of this year, Dream Cruises announced it would offer the option for guests to embark and disembark in Newcastle on two selected departure dates, receiving strong support from local trade and consumers.

Vice president sales and marketing Australia and New Zealand, Brigita Devries says: 'We have recently been advised by Port Authorities that they are unable to support the disembarkation of passengers and their goods at the Port of Newcastle, due to new Biosecurity Legislation. This contradicts advice

previously received from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture.'

Dream Cruises' port operations team is working closely with the relevant government authorities including Maritime Traveller Processing Committee, National Passenger Processing Committee and GoG Coordination to request special dispensation and a waiver to allow guests currently booked to embark and disembark in Newcastle. 'We will continue to update our trade partners and any passengers affected by this situation, and thank them for their support while we resolve this matter,' says Devries.



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Americas

A 'lively' trip to Colombia

Viva Expeditions' recent press trip to Colombia explored the colonial cities as well as the Caribbean beaches.

There was one experience that guests were not expecting – a game of Tejo, Colombia's traditional throwing sport. It is characteristic for its use of small targets containing gunpowder, which explode on impact. For fans of darts, bowling, alcohol or explosives, this mixes everything into a noisy night out.

Players hurl tejos (weighted steel discs) towards a bocin (metal ring) that is rigged with gunpowder-stuffed mechas. Contained within a wooden box, roughly one metre square, the circular bocin contains paper triangles filled with gunpowder, or mechas. The aim of the game is to throw a tejo to hit the mechas, causing them to explode and bring the team closer to victory.

Modern tejo is based on a game that was developed in Turmequé, Boyaca, Colombia more than 450 years ago. The Spanish



Tejo... a noisy night out

likely left their own explosive mark on tejo by contributing the characteristic gunpowder-filled mechas element. This may have saved the sport because, unlike many other elements of pre-European, indigenous, and native South American culture, tejo is now widespread in modern Colombia.

vivaexpeditions.com/tours/south-america/Colombia



Caño Cristales reopens

Colombia's River of Five Colours (Caño Cristales) has reopened to tourism, reports Viva Expeditions. The Serranía de la Macarena National Park, home to Caño Cristales, was closed to tourists in December 2018 after a prolonged drought.

Until recently the area was deemed off-limits to tourists by the government due to the risk of FARC (Revolutionary Armed

Forces of Colombia) activity.

The 80km river flows through a narrow gorge that levels out onto stone terraces. The river is best viewed between July and November when the water levels are high and cover the algae. During the rainy season the river rises and the aquatic plants grow in bright and varied colours.

CLICK HERE for details.



Agents can win Seattle experience

Excite Holidays has launched a 'Seattle: Finely Crafted' campaign, in conjunction with Visit Seattle. The campaign will run for four weeks.

It includes a downloadable guide to Seattle that covers the best food and drink, outdoor adventures, shopping, arts and music in the city.

Agents will also have an opportunity to win a Seattle-themed experience of their choice, including wine or craft beer tours, seaplane adventures or a private cooking class. The agent with the highest paid sales growth for Seattle during the campaign will win the prize of their choosing.

engage.exciteholidays.com/Seattle

Hiking Alaska

Hike Alaska is beginning its first season of guided hikes from Anchorage. The new company offers guided short hikes, half, full-day and overnight hikes from Anchorage to trails all over the nearby Chugach Mountains.

Options vary from three-hour easy walks to more ambitious mountain routes like Bird Ridge. Transport is available from Anchorage, and luggage storage is available.

www.gohikealaska.com

News

New terminal at SFO

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) has opened Harvey Milk Terminal 1, the first airport terminal in the world named after a member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Amenities at the terminal include floor-to-ceiling windows that darken and lighten according to sunlight; gate areas fashioned as lounge rooms with 2134 places to sit on 34 types of seating including leather, plastic, metal and fabric chairs, sofas and banquettes; multi-use all gender toilets and an animal relief room; art including 14 new public art works to engage travellers during wait times; self-energising elevators, moving walkways and Go Slow escalators that reduce the use of grid electricity; an energy efficient baggage carrier system (Individual Carrier System or ICS) – the first of its kind in the United States.

Aircalin's kids free deal

Aircalin has a short life kids fly free deal to Noumea.

When clients book an adult ticket, a child (up to 11 years) can travel for free. (One child per adult will only pay the government and airport taxes, terms and conditions apply).

The sale period is from now to 9 August 2019 and travel period is through to 31 March 2020 (blackout dates apply).

The discounted airfares have protected inventory on every flight in each direction to ensure availability for the New Zealand market and are booked in C-class.

vanessa.tjemplon@aircalin.co.nz

Robert Clark



Bjoern Noeldner



New faces at InterContinental Fiji

InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa has appointed Robert Clark as resort manager and Bjoern Noeldner as director dining and entertainment.

Clark's 25 years of experience includes luxury brands such as IHG and Kempinski. He comes to Fiji from InterContinental Abu Dhabi where

he was general manager.

Noeldner will oversee the food and beverage operations of the resort's three dining outlets, in room dining, banqueting and catering services as well as plan the overall entertainment. His experience spans luxury hotel brands including Starwood and Kempinski.

TAANZ nominations sought

Nominations are being called for the Travel Agents Association of New Zealand (TAANZ) Board.

The elections are being held at the AGM, which precedes the TAANZ Summit hosted by Air New Zealand on 18 October.

TAANZ says that there will be three available board positions to be filled. At

present Brent Thomas (House of Travel) and John Willson (First Travel Group) have advised they will restand. Wendy van Lieshout resigned in July and will not restand.

The AGM will be followed by a lively programme of guest speakers and presentations. To attend the AGM email darlya.redfern@taanz.org.nz

TAANZ awards judging complete

The judging week for TAANZ NTIA is complete.

As the industry sets its sights on the 7 September Gala Awards presentation, it's a good time to stop and reflect on the achievements so far, says TAANZ CEO Andrew Olsen.

'Over five days a volunteer panel worked through a 'working week' of judging the category finalists,' he says. 'A special thanks goes to our head judge Megan Roberts, who was capably deputised for one day by Debbie Martindale. Thanks also to Simon White, Andrew McSweeney, Belinda Jorgensen, Matteo Zanmarini and Tony Laskey for their support over the week.'

Olsen says thanks are also due to Jean Chapman and SKYCITY for hosting the judging week, Gina Bostrovass for her collation of feedback and to TAANZ's Daryla Redfern for keeping the front office of the judging week under control.

'I had the pleasure of meeting many of the finalists; some old friends and many new faces having their first time with the experience. It was encouraging to see the energy in the new and rookie categories and the representation across men and women finalists who struck me as extremely capable and great ambassadors for the companies they represent.'

He says tickets for the 2019 gala event have sold out. 'We're set for another great occasion.'

MYSTERY SPOT



Can you solve the latest mystery?

This week's Mystery Spot is rich in history – once home to some of the most notorious criminals before being occupied during a 20th century rights movement. If you think you know the answer send it to competitions@promag.co.nz with Mystery Spot in the subject line.

And congratulations to last week's Mystery Spot winner Irene Field, Fine Travel, who correctly guessed Otago's Moeraki Boulders. A great prize courtesy of CTS Tours will be sent out to you.



China Airlines specials

China Airlines has launched a number of specials, both trans-Tasman and long haul, that are on sale from now until 16 August. They apply to departures from 1 October to 12 December 2019.

Auckland to Brisbane return airfares are from \$260 (economy), \$520 (premium economy), \$720 (business class).

Special fares have been released to Taipei (\$880, \$1550, \$3350) as well as a diverse range of destinations that

include Vietnam, Delhi, Frankfurt, London and more.

The airfares are commissionable at 7% and exclude taxes.

China Airlines has full service for all customers including meals, alcoholic beverages and complimentary checked baggage 30kg economy class, 35kg premium economy class and 40kg business class.

Check terms, conditions and other details.

Industry function in Rotorua

Skal Rotorua is holding its next function at Peppers on the Point on Thursday 29 August. The event is open to existing members as well as anyone keen to become a new member of the tourism and travel industry friendship organisation.

The event starts at 6.30pm for drinks, 7pm dinner.

The cost is \$50pp (includes a drink on arrival and a two course dinner).

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Buenos Aires Tango Festival

A two-week-long fiesta of tango is about to swing into action this Thursday reports Viva. Running until 21 August, visitors from all over the world will be converging in Buenos Aires to join the Tango Festival. Free performances and concerts are set up in over 40 locations throughout Buenos Aires with milongas opening their doors to the public to join in.

Most events are free, but spaces are limited, and the majority are first come, first served. The dance championship event features more than 400 world-class dancing couples competing for the world titles of Tango de Pista (Salon Tango) and Tango Escenario (Stage Tango). This is held at the Luna Park Stadium.

TODAY'S PEARLER

'The whole secret of a successful life is to find out what is one's destiny to do, and then do it.' *Henry Ford*

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