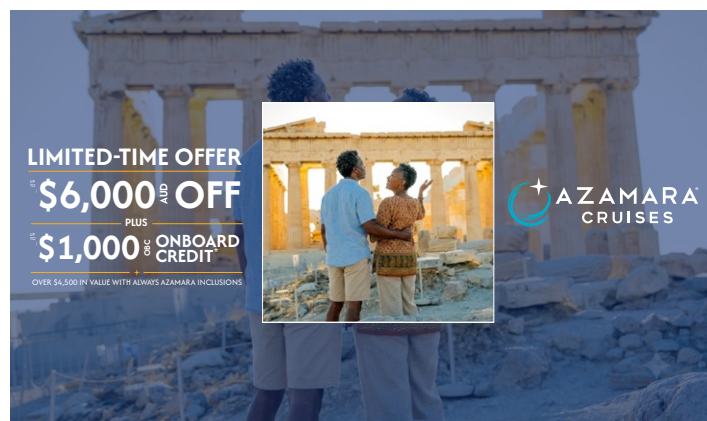


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Middle East Warning & The Travel Reality

The collective relief felt when the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade downgraded its travel warning for Middle Eastern countries has proved short-lived; MFAT's SafeTravel has increased the warning levels for Middle East locations including the UAE and Qatar due to increased tension.

Safetravel now advises Kiwis to avoid non-essential travel to these countries due to the unpredictable security situation. Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait and Oman are also now at MFAT's Level Three.

Level Four Do Not Travel SafeTravel advisories are currently in place for Iran, Iraq, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen.



Dubai daily. And according to anecdotal agent feedback, Emirates' new add-on travel insurance has been well received by Kiwi travellers who are looking for additional assurance when booking travel via Dubai. And while noone has a crystal ball, agents heading up for the northern summer via Dubai, have reported business as usual through DXB despite the ongoing tension.

... MFAT Advice

For clients who are in these destinations, advise them to register with MFAT and sign up to alerts issued by local civil defence authorities, if a registration system exist; follow the advice of local authorities at all times; and know where to go if an attack occurs, including where there are shelters.

It also pays to be prepared, says MFAT. This includes avoiding likely targets such as military bases, oil infrastructure and critical infrastructure like airports as well as US diplomatic facilities.

See the detailed advice [HERE](#).

... Transit

For Kiwis who are travelling, MFAT now strongly advises avoiding the Middle East and considering other travel routes.

Travellers who need to transit these locations are urged to stay as short a time as possible and avoid unnecessary activities. It also warns that airspace may close at short notice, flights can change or stop and borders can close.

... Dubai Is Busy

At the same time, thousands of travellers continue to travel via

Keep Your Top On?

There's some new travel advice for Kiwis bound for Lake Como, and that's to keep your top on. One village near the popular Italian destination is now handing out fines for those caught shirtless or skimpily clad in town. According to reports Varenna is issuing fines of up to EU200, around \$391.50, to those exploring its historic streets shirtless or in swimwear and has also banned tour groups of more than 25 people, and the use of loudspeakers.

River Incentive

TTC Tour Brands' Trafalgar river cruise incentive offers agents a \$150 GiftPay Card per passenger booked on eligible 2026/27 river cruises 01 Jun-31 Jul. To enter, quote code TR26EARN for 2026 departures or TR27EARN for 2027 departures at the time of booking. See [HERE](#).

Grand Prix Webinar

Brand USA's next *America the Beautiful Game* trade webinar on 04 Aug will focus on the Miami Grand Prix Formula 1 event.

The NTO says there will be agent updates from Visit Florida, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau and Keith Prowse.

It will cover how the state is transformed by the F1 Grand Prix and how agents can package F1 experiences. The slowdown on Miami's beaches, nightlife and cultural hotspots will also be shared with agents. The webinar sessions will be held at 1030 and 1400, with an AUD100 gift card up for grabs. See more and register [HERE](#).

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Next Trailblazer Phase



The Trafalgar Trailblazers will continue to evolve alongside future Trafalgar product launches giving selected agents first hand product knowledge, states TTC Touring Brands.

"This is just the beginning for Trafalgar Trailblazers," says Andrew Young, senior vice president TTC Tour Brands Oceania on the program launch.

"We're continuing to invest in new and exciting products that guests want to experience and agents can confidently sell, from small group tours to river cruises with much more on the horizon," he adds.

"This program will grow right alongside that innovation giving agents an inside look into it all."

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Are You Aotearoa's Trafalgar Trailblazer

Trafalgar Trailblazers is a new agent advocacy program which initially will see agents win the chance to road test the brand's new tours before they go on sale.

TTC's Louise Levesque says the initiative recognises the key role agents play 'by putting them at the heart of product development, giving them exclusive early access to new tours and empowering them to become trusted advocates'.

The concept launches by offering agents the chance to apply for one of two Trafalgar Small Group Tours famils in Oct, its *Best of China* or *San Sebastián & Beyond* itineraries.

One Kiwi agent will be among 17 consultants from around the globe to get a firsthand experience of the product, and share insights that help Trafalgar refine the guest experience.

"Travel agents do more than sell holidays; they understand what inspires today's travellers and what turns a great trip into a lifelong memory," says TTC Tour Brands chief sales officer and deputy ceo Melissa DaSilva. "That's why we

created Trafalgar Trailblazers. We want agents involved earlier in the process, bringing their perspectives to new itineraries before they launch. It's an investment in collaboration that ultimately creates stronger experiences for our guests and gives agents an authentic story they can confidently share."

... The Details

The first Trafalgar Trailblazers, including a Kiwi agent, will win airfares and a single room on either the seven-day *Best of China* (including a Yangtze cruise) departing 24 Oct or the seven-day *San Sebastián & Beyond* departing 31 Oct.

Applications close 31 Jul, and applicants must demonstrate how they can advocate for the Trafalgar brand, and how they plan to share insights 'to shape product development and spread awareness about new products with their advisor peers and clients'.

An active social media presence is also a plus for applicants. Apply to be a Trafalgar Trailblazer [HERE](#).

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Incentive Reminder

TTC Touring Brands' Tour Fest, offers gift cards or travel credit to agents selling 2026/27 travel for Insight Vacations, Trafalgar, Cost saver, and Contiki to 31 Aug. The incentive has a tiered rewards system, starting with a \$200 gift voucher or \$400 TTCTB credit for those who sell five passengers on a tour, with this rising up to a \$2500 gift card or a \$5000 TTCTB credit to those who sell 30 passengers. See more details [HERE](#).

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RSSC's 35th Voyages



Regent Seven Seas Cruises has released a collection of 35th Anniversary Sailings in 2027, and until 31 Aug there's up to 35% off these sailings and a USD350 ship-board credit per suite.

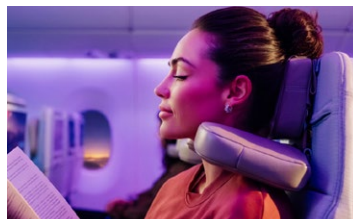
The anniversary sailings range from seven to 24 nights, including a 12-night *Sapphire Sojourn* ex Los Angeles to Panama City on 10 Feb sailing via Mexico, as well as the 16-night *Holiday in Panama* ex Miami to San Francisco on 20 Dec that includes a Panama Canal transit.

There's also an 11-night *Harvest Tides* ex New York to Montreal on 21 Sep, taking in the east coast of the US over fall. See more [HERE](#).

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Emirates' Economy 'World First' Offering



Emirates is fitting a new economy class multi-way adjustable headrest designed to provide full neck and head support on long-haul flights.

EK describes the 'U-Dream Headrest' as game-changing. It will be fitted across all the carrier's A350s and from next year most of its A380 (used on Auckland/Christchurch/Dubai flights) and 777 aircraft.

The leather headrest (pictured) is padded and features flexible side wings that can be folded inwards to cradle the head and neck. This, says EK, helps passengers maintain a comfortable sleeping position without their head falling forwards or sideways. The design moves vertically and tilts to align with passengers of different heights and body types. The headrest has been



independently tested and verified to meet European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) standards.

... Neck Pillows Out

EK says the new ergonomic support is typically associated with premium cabins for the airline whose average flight time is seven hours.

The U-Dream changes the game if the person wants to sleep, by supporting the neck in full; no more neck pillows needed. "It's another innovation that shows our commitment to customers and cements our economy class as the best," says EK president Sir Tim Clark.

All EK's A350s will have the new headrests installed by the end of the year. It will also come pre-installed on the 270 Boeing 777Xs EK has on order.

Malawi Meander



Viva Expeditions has a new 16-night *Malawi Meander*, a Rovos Rail journey that takes in South Africa, Eswatini, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The company's Africa product manager Tanya Gurtin says it's a strong option for clients who've already done the classic Cape Town to Pretoria run and want something with more range.

The tour ex Pretoria to Lilongwe, includes a game drive in Kruger National Park, a cultural visit in Eswatini, a city tour of Maputo, and a visit to the Great Zimbabwe Monument.

There's also an overnight stay on the shores of Lake Malawi with a boat safari in Liwonde National Park. The first departure is scheduled for 29 Apr 2027, with prices from \$32,500pp twin share. See more details [HERE](#).



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New Gold Coast Hotel



La Vie Hotels & Resorts will manage the 138-key Westin Gold Coast hotel, slated to open in 2029 (render pictured).

Westin says the property is anticipated to occupy levels six to 25 of a new-build mixed-use development, with 115 guest rooms and 23 suites with views over the ocean or Gold Coast hinterland.

The hotel is expected to feature a signature restaurant and bar, conference and meeting facilities, an infinity pool and pool bar, WestinWORKOUT Fitness studio and the brand's signature Heavenly Spa by Westin.

There will also be dedicated guest parking adds the company.

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Vanuatu Upbeat On Continued Growth

Vanuatu is rising in popularity with Kiwis, and with increased air connectivity the destination's tourism body is confident about gaining momentum.

Kiwi arrivals to Vanuatu were up 32% year-on-year for the first five months of 2026 and the Vanuatu Tourism Office says this is underpinned by strong forward bookings reported across New Zealand trade partners.

And, with travel agents and wholesalers flagging 'particularly robust near-term booking activity', VTO says it is a clear signal of continued momentum through the remainder of 2026.

Vanuatu has a rising reputation as a close and easy escape, says VTO ceo Adela Issachar Aru.

Solomon Airlines recently confirmed plans to increase its Auckland-Port Vila services to four flights a week year-round, with the exception of the traditional low-season months of Feb and Mar, which will remain thrice weekly. This is in addition



to IE's direct Christchurch-Port Vila service, operating Jul-Nov. "With four flights a week from Auckland now locked in year-round, and a dedicated peak-season Christchurch service, we have never had a stronger platform to support our trade partners and convert this momentum into bookings," says Issachar Aru.

... What's Next

The VTO and IE plan to continue to work closely with Kiwi trade partners to support further growth. This includes plans for famils, trade training and joint marketing campaigns. See more information on Vanuatu [HERE](#).

Barrier Resort Solar

Barrier Beach Resort on Vanuatu's Espiritu Santo is now operating entirely on solar energy, which is significantly reducing its carbon footprint, advises the Vanuatu Tourism Office.

The solar move is part of a wider sustainability program that includes energy-efficient lighting, local produce sourcing, refillable amenities, filtered drinking water and recycling initiatives. See more details [HERE](#).

New Fiji Sports Resort

Fiji will soon have another option for the sports-mad Kiwi, with construction underway on the FJD25million Racecourse Azure Lagoon Resort and Leisure Club in Ba.

According to the *Fiji Times*, the goal is to turn Ba into a 'leading sports town', with the resort coming from those behind last year's redevelopment of 4R Stadium in Ba, which already hosts international sports fixtures.

Project manager Rynal Kumar is reported as saying Racecourse Azure will 'complement that world-class facility' and provide accommodation for the teams and the fans alike.

VISIT Anaheim Insights for July

Anaheim is in the middle of a transformation, with billions of dollars being invested across the city.

From a new entertainment district, the OCVibe, taking shape around the Honda Centre, to Disneyland Forward, Disney's visionary expansion that will introduce new attractions, lands, and experiences, Anaheim is entering an exciting new era. Complementing these developments are new dining districts, hotels, and visitor experiences designed to enhance your clients stay.

So it felt like the perfect time to launch a new brand that is dedicated to sharing Anaheim's evolving story with the world.

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Explora Experiences



Explora Journeys has announced the experiences guests will find on EXPLORA II's Winter 2026-2027 season in the Mediterranean. Highlights for the culinary-minded include Shore-to-Table experiences that combine guided market visits with an interactive masterclass on board, available in ports such as Palermo, Marseille, and Barcelona. Also on offer are Meet the Wine-maker experiences, with exclusive visits to acclaimed vineyards and family estates, as well as a focus on truffles, with a different truffle creation on board each day. See more details [HERE](#).

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NCL Half Price Free At Sea A Kiwi First

Norwegian Cruise Line is offering up to 50% off on balcony staterooms on select cruises, plus 50% off its Free at Sea—and for Kiwi agents the cruise line is also offering its Partners First Rewards members triple points on each deposited balcony or above booking made 21-30 Jul.

The cruise line's APAC md Ben Angell says the deals give agents a powerful reason to start conversations with clients planning their next holiday.

"While savings of up to 50% on all sailings are compelling, the standout is half price Free at Sea, available in New Zealand for the first time," he adds. "With premium beverages, specialty dining, wifi and more included at half the usual cost, it represents one of the strongest offers we've brought to the market yet."

... Itineraries On Offer

The cruise itineraries featured in the NCL flash sale include the



seven-day *Mediterranean: Florence & Marseille*, sailing roundtrip ex Rome on 06 Jun 2027, and the 10-day *Northern Europe: France, Germany & Belgium*, roundtrip ex London on 29 Apr 2027.

... The Pacific

Closer to home options include the eight-day *South Pacific: Rarotonga, Raiatea & Moorea*, sailing roundtrip ex Papeete on 09 Jun 2027 and the 10-day *Australia & New Zealand: Melbourne, Milford Sound & Wellington*, roundtrip ex Sydney on 10 Mar 2027.

For more on the flash sale offers, including agent promotional assets, see [HERE](#).

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France With Scenic



Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours is highlighting its French river cruises, with a new bonus hotel night offer. Scenic Group's gm sales and marketing APAC Anthony Laver says most travellers feel they know France, but that its voyages reveal the hidden stories.

"By river, guests are taken into the heart of France's towns and villages, with time to experience the food, wine, art and history that define each region," he says.

Options include the 11-day *Spectacular South of France*, ex Lyon to Burgundy, the Rhône and Provence, including regional wines, truffle experiences, and Avignon's Palais des Papes. The 11-day *Normandy & Gems of the Seine*, ex Paris, takes in Rouen, Monet's House and Gardens, the Somme battlefield and Normandy beaches.

Scenic's Luxury Bonus Hotel Night is available on selected journeys, for bookings 01 Jul-31 Aug. See [HERE](#).

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World Journeys is highlighting its four-day *Rwanda Renewed* package in Akagera, as it reports Akagera National Park as being home to 70 new southern white rhinos, relocated as part of a Rhino Rewild program.

The package is priced from \$11,965pp, including transfers from Kigali, three nights at the all-inclusive Wilderness Magashi Camp, safari activities, and National Park fees. See more details [HERE](#).



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Ponant On Kiwis, The Med & Europe

Ponant Explorations has bolstered its 2027/2028 season in the Mediterranean, Northern Europe and the Atlantic Islands, and will offer more than 150 departures Oct 2027-Nov 2028, including many in destinations that are proving increasingly popular with Kiwis.

In Northern Europe, it has a selection of itineraries exploring the British Isles, the Norwegian fjords and the Baltic Sea, sailing Feb-Aug 2028, with highlights including the chance to explore Europe's Celtic roots, and visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites such as the Geiranger Fjord and the medieval city of Visby.

... Local Trends

Alan Wilcock, Ponant's New Zealand manager, says he has seen 'a real increase' in enquires for Northern Europe, in particular cruising around Ireland and the coast of Scotland.

He attributes the increased demand to Ponant's smaller ships and access to smaller ports, which he says means more interesting port visits. His itinerary picks include the eight-day *From Scotland to Ireland: A Journey through Celtic Lands* ex Glasgow to Dublin on 12 Apr 2028, which features the Isle of Man and Isle of Mull.

... The Med

Ponant Explorations' Mediterranean season sails Mar-Nov 2028, with more than 80 departures. The season includes 14 Kid Explorers sailings that include workshops and activities for children, and a series of shorter five-night Getaway departures for those short on time.

There's also voyages sailing Greece and Malta, which Wilcock says have proved popular with Kiwis, and is bolstered by Ponant's small ship experience which he says takes guests closer to nature and away from crowded major ports during the European summer.



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Itineraries include the eight-day *Island Hopping Aboard Le Ponant, from Athens to Dubrovnik* on 14 Jul 2028, exploring the 'little-known Mediterranean'.

Atlantic voyages will sail Oct 2027-Oct 2028, exploring destinations including four itineraries dedicated to Cape Verde aboard the sailing yacht *Le Ponant* in Oct and Nov, as well as several departures along the Atlantic coasts of Portugal, Spain and France.

Ponant Explorations' Serenity Policy, offers clients who make a new booking 01 Apr-31 Aug 2026 the ability to modify or postpone the cruise free of charge; conditions apply. See more [HERE](#).

Free Tuscany Nights



Italy-bound clients can get the fourth night free at Borgo69 Villas 01 Oct-06 Dec and Fontelunga Hotel 01 Oct-02 Nov, which are located within walking distance of each other in Tuscany.

Stays at both properties include a bottle of Prosecco on arrival and daily breakfast. Borgo69 Villas (pictured) offers one-, two-, and three-bedroom villas with full kitchens. Each villa has a private terrace or garden overlooking the Tuscan hills and there is a heated infinity pool. Meanwhile, the nine-room boutique Fontelunga Hotel is known for its Wed dinner parties under the stars.

The properties are 20 minutes from Arezzo railway station and hire cars or transfers are available. See [HERE](#) for applicable rates for chosen dates. Agents should note Fontelunga closes on 02 Nov, reopening 21 Mar.



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Virgin Hotels News

Joe Margison is the new Virgin Hotels Collection ceo, following his tenure as interim ceo since Oct last year. Margison, previously the group's chief commercial officer, joined Virgin from the New Zealand Superannuation Fund.

Ningaloo Deal



Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef has and AUD1000 Qantas flight credit per couple to those who book stays of at least three nights at the luxury property by 30 Jul.

The offer covers stays over Sep and Oct, the ideal time to visit says to gm of Sal Salis Niko Peranovic. He adds that this is when turtles gather in increasing numbers to nest, whale sharks roam the reef, and humpback whales migrate along the coast. Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef features 16 eco-luxury safari tents, all-inclusive gourmet dining, and free guided experiences including sunrise gorge walks and snorkelling. Find out more [HERE](#).

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Sail The South Pacific This Season

Norwegian Cruise Line md and vp for Asia Pacific Ben Angell reports now seeing strong Kiwi interest in cruising closer to home.

As such the cruise line is urging agents to highlight its extended season of South Pacific voyages. In the South Pacific, he says cruising offers an easy and cost-effective way to explore multiple islands without the hassle of inter-island flights.

"Having sailed the South Pacific myself, I can confirm there's nothing quite like travelling between these picture-perfect destinations by sea, and we are delighted to offer travellers even more opportunities to discover it during our extended 2026 and 2027 seasons," he adds.

... Itineraries

For the 2026 season Norwegian Spirit will sail a series of eight- to 13-day itineraries through to Dec, with 2027 departures—also with an extended season—available. Highlighted options include the



12-day *South Pacific: Fiji, Brisbane & Vanuatu* itinerary ex Lautoka to Sydney on 30 Nov, which explores the islands and Australia's east coast. Prices are from \$2962pp with current offers.

... Quick Trip

Shorter close-to-home options include the eight-day *South Pacific: Rarotonga, Raiatea & Moorea*, a round-trip sailing ex Papeete on either 09 Jun or 22 Sep 2027, taking in the Cook Islands and French Polynesia. Cruise fares are priced from \$3327pp with offers.

NCL's Winter Warmers Sale has up to \$3000 off select departures booked to 18 Jun. See more [HERE](#).

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Aman At Sea Update



Aman at Sea has released a collection of its five- to eight-night autumn journeys aboard Amangati for its inaugural Caribbean season out of St John's Antigua and Barbuda 21 Nov 2027-02 Jan 2028. Clients can take in the Leeward Islands including Gustavia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Barbuda, Jost Van Dyke and Virgin Gorda; the Windward Islands (Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique and Saint Lucia); and the Dutch Caribbean (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao and the Grenadines).

To close the Mediterranean season the 47-suite, nine-deck, four-restaurant Amangati has voyages of six, seven and eight nights now open for bookings including a 13-night *The Atlantic Passage* from Malaga through Cadiz and Ponta Delgada to Antigua. See more on the collection [HERE](#).

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Sun Valley Goes Dark



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Sun Valley Resort says it's the first resort in the US on the DarkSky Approved Lodging & Resorts Program by DarkSky International. Located near the internationally recognised Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve, the resort's high alpine terrain, mountain landscapes, and low levels of artificial light create ideal conditions for stargazing, nighttime recreation and connecting with the outdoors after dark, it adds.

There are several locations in the resort and surrounding area for astronomy-focused events including Galena Summit, considered one of the darkest accessible locations in the region. See the resort's dark sky calendar [HERE](#).

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West Hollywood's Best Rooftops

Visit West Hollywood is spotlighting its top rooftop hotspots in time for northern summer visitors.

A new location, Sushi Samba West Hollywood (*pictured*), offers signature Japanese, Brazilian and Peruvian fusion, live entertainment and Hollywood Hills views, aiming to bring the electric energy of Rio nightlife to LA.

Catch LA is a rooftop destination with panoramic views, seafood and craft cocktails and it was featured in *Keeping Up With The Kardashians*. White Rabbit Sky Lounge is another new spot, formerly Skybar, and will deliver poolside DJ sets, energetic crowds and city vistas. Wellness joins its schedule at the weekend, when Fit Club LA hosts Sat morning yoga mornings at 1000.

Petit Ermitage is whimsical and bohemian, with yoga and tarot on offer for visitors; while Harriet's Rooftop is suspended above the Sunset Strip, and has pinstriped sofas, fringed umbrellas and



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golden-hour cocktails. The Roof at The West Hollywood EDITION overlooks the Hollywood Hills and Los Angeles out to the ocean, while the Formosa Café, once frequented by Frank Sinatra, Humphrey Bogart, James Dean and Elvis Presley, offers Chinese-American classics such as sticky spare ribs and fluffy fried rice.

Clients can book a game of rooftop pickleball at Kimpton La Peer Hotel's Center Court, or a racquet retreat atop the Montrose and Le Parc at Melrose hotels. Pre-show drinks can be held above The Sun Rose, or there's rooftop brunch at the Sunset Tower Hotel. See more from West Hollywood [HERE](#).

Riyadh Growth Orders



Riyadh Air has firmed up an order for six more A350-1000s, increasing its total firm commitment for the type to 31 aircraft. RX says the planes will support its international growth ambition to serve more than 100 global destinations by 2030—which includes Oceania.

At the Farnborough Airshow, RC also announced it would exercise options for 28 more 787s. The deal to exercise most of the options from RX's 2023 order also includes the conversion of 20 planes to the larger 787-10 variant.

"The firm-up of these additional aircraft reflects (RX's) continued confidence in its growth trajectory and in the future of Saudi Arabia's aviation sector," says the carrier. RX now operates six 787-9s to destinations such as London, Cairo, Dubai, Jeddah, Malaga and Madrid. Flights ex Riyadh to Dhaka, Islamabad, Kuala Lumpur, Lahore, Manchester and Mumbai are also now on sale.

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Cruise & Golf



Azamara Cruises says it now has an exclusive partnership with Premier Golf, which provides luxury golf travel experiences worldwide.

The new collab, launching in 2028, will visit some of the world's 'most sort-after' golf destinations via 23 cruise options, says the cruise line. The golf courses include Seven Mile Beach GC (Tasmania), Cabot Bordeaux GC (France), New South Wales GC, Valderrama (Spain), Tokyo GC, Royal Portrush (N. Ireland—*pictured*), Kingsbarns (Scotland), and Old Head of Kinsale (Ireland).

There will be an onboard PGA professional and golf-themed activities and social events, including golf-focused lectures, talks, and educational sessions.

Bookings, open in the coming months, are commissionable at 10%. Keep a watch [HERE](#).

Singapore Stay

GO Holidays has a four-night Singapore holiday from \$2879pp, including return Singapore Airlines flights ex Auckland, and accommodation at Orchard Rendezvous Hotel with breakfast daily and admission to Gardens By the Bay, among other bonuses.

The offer is for sale to 16 Aug, for travel on select dates 26 Oct 26-31 Mar 27. See [HERE](#).

TRAFALGAR

Trending In Tropical North Queensland

While plenty of Kiwis plan a trip to Cairns, Tourism Tropical North Queensland is urging agents to also suggest lesser-known regions, as it reports a rise in travellers wanting to explore nature.

The Cassowary Coast south of Cairns is an experience to suit every demographic, from white water rafting on the Tully River to snorkelling in the birthplace of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, says Tourism Tropical North Queensland ceo Mark Olsen.

"With long stretches of deserted beaches and 60% of the region covered by state or national parks, the Cassowary Coast south of Cairns is defined by space, nature and a slower rhythm," he says.

... Accommodation

Top picks for accommodation here include the new adults-only Nala Resort, the glamping at Dunk Island, and the family-friendly Tasman Holiday Park South Mission Beach.

And while Olsen says the Daintree area is included in most Tropical North Queensland itineraries, he notes only a handful of visitors actually spend a few nights and days in the rainforest at Cape Tribulation, north of the Daintree River. "Boutique rainforest retreats make you feel like you have the place to yourself and range from camping to luxurious cottages like Mist at Cape Tribulation," he says. "And many include unique experiences."

Top picks for clients heading this way include Cape Trib Farm's cottages and Daintree Siesta, as well as the pictured Mist.

Also worth visiting is the Atherton Tablelands, which Olsen says is



perfect for self-drive holidays with themed trails including waterfalls, crater lakes, and food and wine options to appeal to active families, honeymooners or grey nomads.

"The proximity of each Tablelands town makes it easy to explore by bike and there are dedicated mountain bike parks as well as the Rail Trail," he adds for those keen on cycling. Clients can stay at The Canopy Rainforest Treehouses or Hitching Rail Retreat. See more on what to do in TNQ [HERE](#).

Trafalgar Tuesdays

Space Center Open Nov



The Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center will have an authentic space shuttle system displayed in a 20-storey launch position when it opens at LA's Exposition Park on 13 Nov.

The nearly 1900m² expansion of the California Science Center is the third and final stage of a three-decade master plan to develop one of the world's leading science learning centres.

Exhibits include a collection of 100 artifacts, with rare and historic aerospace objects, 100 new hands-on exhibits, and will highlight all 135 space shuttle missions. Entry is free but there will be timed reservations. Keep a watch [HERE](#) for updates.

INDUSTRY DIARY

JULY

Scenic Cruises River & Yacht Info

Blenheim: Tue 21, Scenic Hotel Marlborough 1800. **Nelson:** Thu 23, Ruthersford Hotel, 1800. **Auckland:** Thu 23, DoubleTree by Hilton Karaka, 1000 & 1200.

Total Holiday Options Agent Info Evening

Hamilton: Tue 28, Novotel Hamilton, 1730. **Tauranga:** Wed 29, Trinity Wharf, 1730. **Rotorua:** Thu 30, Novotel, 1730.

Emerald Cruises River & Yacht Info

Blenheim: Tue 21, Scenic Hotel Marlborough, 1400. **Nelson:** Thu 23, Ruthersford Hotel, 1400. **Auckland:** Thu 23, DoubleTree by Hilton Karaka, 1400.

Qantas Roadshow

Queenstown: Tue 28, QT Hotel, 1100. **Christchurch:** Wed 29, Novotel Christchurch Airport, 0730. **Wellington:** Thu 30, QT Wellington, 0730. **Auckland:** Fri 31, QT Auckland (Rooftop), 0730 & 1200.

AUGUST

Tourism Fiji NZ Showcase

Christchurch: Wed 19, Te Pae, Conway Rooms, 0930-1700. **Auckland:** Fri 21, Pullman Hotel, Princes Ballroom, 0900-1700.

Viva Beyond The Brochure

Christchurch: Mon 31, Chateau on the Park, 1730.

SEPTEMBER

Viva Beyond The Brochure

Wellington: Wed 02, Dowse Art Museum, 1800. **Auckland:** Thu 03, Maritime Room, Princes Wharf, 1730.

Treasures of the South Pacific

Auckland: Mon 07, Pullman Auckland. **Tauranga:** Tue 08, Trinity Wharf. **Wellington:** Wed 09, Copthorne Hotel. **Christchurch:** Thu 10, Chateau on the Park. (Times TBC).

Asia Now Roadshow 2026

Tauranga: Tue 15, 1800. **Hamilton:** Wed 16, 1800. **Auckland:** Thu 17, 1800. **Christchurch:** Tue 22, 1800. **Wellington:** Wed 23. **Hawkes Bay:** Thu 24, 1800. (Venues TBC).

Land, Rail, & Sea: Wendy Wu, Journey Beyond, Viking

Invercargill: Wed 23, The Ascot Park, 1830. **Dunedin:** Thu 24, The Distinction Hotel, 1430/1830.

OCTOBER

Visit USA Regional Roadshow NZ

Palmerston North: Tue 27, Distinction Palmerston North Hotel & Conference Centre. **Napier:** Wed 28, Church Road Winery. **Hamilton:** Thu 29, Hamilton Gardens.

Australia On Tour Trade Roadshow

Queenstown: Mon 23. **Christchurch:** Tue 24. **Wellington:** Wed 25. **Auckland:** Thu 26. (Times & Venues TBC).

NOVEMBER

Australia On Tour Trade Roadshow

Queenstown: Mon 23. **Christchurch:** Tue 24. **Wellington:** Wed 25. **Auckland:** Thu 26. (Times & Venues TBC).

Tourism Ireland Roadshow

Auckland: 23 Nov from 1630, Venue TBA.

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