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SQ: 50 Years Of Kiwi Commitment

Singapore Airlines is celebrating 50 years of operating to New Zealand in style; the carrier is gearing up for record Kiwi capacity for the northern winter schedule, as it consistently achieves loads of 90% or higher across its Kiwi operation.



While SQ gm New Zealand Wilson Yong says there's never a dull moment in aviation, especially this year, he adds that New Zealand is a very stable, mature market on the SQ network. He also stresses that the Kiwi trade distribution continues to be an important channel for the carrier. "We wouldn't be able to do this journey without the support of the trade," adds Yong. "We recognise the importance of the trade and we hope to reciprocate that support."

Faced with increased demand and uncertainty in the Middle East this year, Yong says SQ was 'very agile' earlier this year, reallocating aircraft to increase its capacity to London Gatwick, adding Madrid to its network quite quickly and tweaking its global network to meet the changing demand.

... This Summer

For the coming northern winter, together with its alliance partner

Air New Zealand, SQ will operate 17% more capacity over the Kiwi summer peak setting—a new record.

Much of that capacity-increase is coming from Christchurch, a destination that Yong says is enjoying strong inbound and outbound demand. "Our aspiration is to grow to double daily throughout the year," he adds about the southern gateway.

However, while Yong says SQ 'always have an eye on Wellington' services, he adds that there are no plans to resume flights to the capital city at this stage.

At the same time Yong says the carrier's first class cabin is seeing strong outbound demand. When the SQ A380 returns in Oct, Yong says the carrier's 777, offering first class, will move to operate its midnight flight ex AKL.

... NDC

SQ is focused on empowering Kiwi agents, and giving them tools available 24/7, says Yong.

This includes its on-line portal, rolling out AI and of course, NDC. While SQ's local NDC rollout was a steep learning curve for both the carrier and the trade, Yong says the

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Campbell To NZ Board

Air New Zealand is appointing Campbell Wilson, the former ceo of Air India, to its board along with an NZ veteran executive.

Wilson (pictured) is from Christchurch and NZ says he brings more than three decades of aviation experience to the role. Before joining AI four years ago, he held multiple senior executive roles at Singapore Airlines and he was also the founding ceo of its low-cost carrier Scoot. He has been a member of the IATA board and a board member of both the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines and of the Star Alliance.



He stepped down from AI in Apr as the airline faced losses and was under scrutiny following the fatal 787 crash last year.

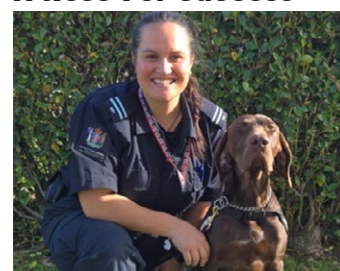
... CFO Back

Former NZ chief financial officer Rob McDonald has also been appointed as a director with effect from, and subject to, re-election by vote at the airline's AGM in Sep.

He has deep knowledge of the airline following 14 years as its cfo and is currently the chair of Vero Insurance NZ, chair of Contact Energy Limited (which he will retire from on 16 Sep), and Pro-Chancellor of the University of Auckland.

Larry De Shon, a US-based director on the NZ board, will retire at the annual meeting.

A Nose For Success



Noah didn't have the best start in life, but boy how the tables have turned for the German shorthaired pointer, who has gone from shelter dog to a star thanks to his new role with MPI. Noah was found alone in a Canterbury riverbed last Sep, and when no-one came to claim him from the dog shelter, senior Biosecurity quarantine officer and detector dog handler Kristen Blaber-Hunt stepped in.

The rest is history: Noah passed his initial assessment with flying colours and was soon in Auckland for training, graduating the Detector Dog Program this May alongside senior quarantine officer Tiana Milner, (pictured).

Both are now hard at work at Christchurch Airport. And Noah is quickly proving his worth, finding a chicken salad sandwich and a pork, egg and avocado sandwich in his first week, says MPI.

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trade is now really engaged with the channel. In Feb, SQ's Kiwi bookings spiked at 60%. Overall, he says SQ New Zealand NDC sales continue to grow, with more agents accessing the competitive fares. "I'd say three to four of every 10 tickets sold [here] is now on NDC."

Yong says SQ is also one of the few airlines that has maintained a large Kiwi-based team.

... New Product

By the end of the year, SQ also hopes to announce some details of its new in-flight product, adds Yong.

Qatar Sale Fares

Qatar Airways has fares to destinations including Rome, Dublin and, Paris on sale to 27 Aug. Return fares ex Auckland to Rome are from \$2529 in economy, valid for travel 18 Aug–28 Nov, 08 Jan–31 Mar and 15 Apr–17 Jun 2027. Business class fares ex AKL to Helsinki are from AUD10,269 return, for travel 18 Aug 2026–31 Jul 2027.

NZ: OTP Up & Auto Rebooking Tech

Air New Zealand says it is making strong progress when it comes to reliability, as it reports that its Jul on time performance is up significantly year-on-year.

Plus for those who are impacted by disruption, NZ is rolling out new auto-rebooking tech designed to make the experience less stressful.

NZ chief operations officer, ground and in-flight Kate Boyer says the carrier remains focused on reducing disruption in the first place, and when such events do happen, recovering quickly.

Last month 83.1% of NZ's flights arrived within 15 minutes of schedule, up 6.4% on Jul 2025, with 246 fewer cancellations despite significantly more weather disruption, says NZ.

Boyer attributes the gains to a 41% reduction in reactionary delay minutes, with 1366 fewer flights affected by knock-on delays compared to Jul 2025. "The faster we can recover, the better chance we



have of preventing that disruption from affecting customers travelling later in the day," she says.

... New Tech

Some cancellations are unavoidable, and to keep the impact at a minimum, NZ has confirmed that its Automated Passenger Rebooking technology is being extended to international cancellations.

The tech, first introduced for domestic flights in mid-2025, allows clients with straightforward itineraries the ability to be rebooked in under 20 minutes, allowing NZ's customer teams to focus on more complex itineraries. "Going from potentially hours to minutes for some rebookings is a huge improvement for our customers," adds Boyer.

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Oceania Med Offer

Oceania Cruises has up to 45% off Oceania Allura's upcoming winter voyages in the Mediterranean, valid for sales to 09 Sep.

The offer includes select departures such as the seven-day *Luminous Mediterranean* ex Barcelona to Rome on 31 Oct (now priced from AUD3564pp) and the 10-day *Artists & Aristocrats* ex Rome to Barcelona departing 07 Nov (now from AUD4928pp). See more details [HERE](#).

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Canyon Spirit Offer



The Canyon Spirit rail operator is offering two new extension packages in 2027, the three-day *Rail Classic Moab Extension with National Parks* and the three-day *Rail Classic Glenwood Springs Extension with National Parks*.

These join Canyon Spirit's three-day journey between Denver and Salt Lake City to create a six-day package, with both options including Arches and Canyonlands National Park tours. These packages are available on Westbound journeys ex Denver every Tue and on Eastbound journeys ex Salt Lake City every Fri.

Prices start at USD7850pp. See details [HERE](#).

CHC: A Million-plus Summer Seats

Christchurch Airport is preparing for its biggest ever summer, with the season capacity at 1.27 million international seats to destinations in Australia, Asia and America.

This is 21% more seats than last summer, as airlines add new long-haul routes, more flights and larger aircraft, as well as extending services beyond the traditional summer peak.

The airport's ceo Justin Watson says airlines have real confidence in this market and as a result, South Islanders have more choice. "For people who live here, more direct services mean fewer connections, more options and easier access to the world."

Air New Zealand is among those contributing to the double-digit growth. The carrier is launching services to Singapore from 28 Oct, to Tokyo Narita from 28 Nov, and to Perth from 30 Nov. Singapore Airlines is also playing a notable role, adding three extra services a week to SIN for the summer, increasing to five a week during the peak period.



Honourable mentions also go to Cathay Pacific, increasing Hong Kong flights to five per week over summer and upgauging select flights to a larger A350-1000, as well as China Southern Airlines, operating daily flights to Guangzhou over summer, with three extra services a week Dec-Feb.

United Airlines will use the larger Boeing 787-9 on its San Francisco service for its CHC season. Qantas will extend its third daily Sydney service to 14 weeks, and its Brisbane service will operate twice daily throughout the season. At the same time Jetstar is launching a thrice-weekly Perth service from 27 Oct and a four-times-weekly Sydney service from 26 Oct. Fiji Airways will also increase its Nadi service to as many as five flights a week over the Dec-Jan peak. See more, [HERE](#).

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Tokyo Family Webinar

Tokyo Tourism is highlighting the city's family-friendly offerings with two webinars taking place on 02 Sep, at 1030 and 1400. Each session will highlight the city's diverse neighbourhoods, accommodation styles and experiences. For those who attend live, there are prizes up for grabs including a \$100 gift card, three *Secret Japan* books by Jane Lawson and two bottles of sake. A recording will be sent out to all who register. Sign up [HERE](#).

Hotel Reva Tahiti



For the Papeete-bound looking for a central accommodation option, Hotel Reva Tahiti offers a convenient option.

The two-star urban hotel has 43 rooms designed with Polynesian influences, and is located near the Papeete market, restaurants, the ferry terminal and shopping areas. See more details [HERE](#).

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New Vietnam Villa



Aman Group's Vietnamese property has added The Amanoi Ocean Pool Residence with its own private beach and spa.

The three-bedroom villa has an open kitchen, wine cellar, living room, 'vast' sundeck, alfresco dining sala, pool, and private spa house with a treatment room, steam room, sauna, outdoor jacuzzi, ice-bucket shower and lounge area. Daily 90-minute spa treatments are included for each guest. Other perks include private BBQ or set dinner, catamaran cruise and use of a buggy. Resort activities include cooking classes, arts and crafts, fishing, restaurant, bar and library. See more [HERE](#) and enquire for price and availability [HERE](#).

Air NZ's Singapore Flight No. Changes

Air New Zealand advises that the operating flight number and schedule times of its Singapore services have been updated, impacting Auckland and Christchurch routes.

NZ66 CHC-SIN operating 1720-2255 will become NZ64, operating 1705-2240; while SIN-CHC NZ67 operating 0040-1535 will become NZ63, operating 0030-1525. SIN-AKL NZ279 operating 0040-1535 will become NZ287 and operate 0030-1525, while AKL-SIN NZ280 operating 1720-2255 will retain its number, though flight times will change to 1705-2240.

... Rebooking

The original flight numbers will be UN in the GDS, and the new flight

Dubai Suspension

Air Astana is extending its suspension of flights to Dubai ex Almaty and Astana to 30 Sep, citing instability in the Gulf region. It has also reduced the frequency of these services in Oct. Refunds, rerouting and rebooking options are available.



number will show as TK. Agents are asked to update the PNR to confirm the change, check if SSR and OSI's are updated and inform clients of the flight changes, ensuring e-tickets also reflect the schedule change.

NZ will auto reval 086 tickets for a schedule change if the journey is all on NZ. If this does not happen, then agents must reissue or revalidate the ticket. Only 086 tickets on NZ-operated services and NZ coupons affected by the flight changes can be revalidated, using OSI item SKCHG REVAL.

Agents can reissue interline e-tickets and in situations when the changes affect the number of flight coupons, reissue the ticket with NO ADC and use endorsement SKCHG NZ with the affected flight number. See more [HERE](#).

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New Taiwan Tour



Luxury Escapes has launched a new Taiwan tour, as it reports that bookings for the destination are up 53% on the same time last year.

"Travellers are now starting to look beyond the traditional favourites like Japan and South Korea, and Taiwan is ticking every box," says Luxury Escapes ceo Adam Schwab. "You can enjoy many of the same cultural experiences people love about Japan or South Korea, from bustling night markets and its own cherry blossom season to world-class rail journeys and exceptional cuisine, often with fewer crowds and outstanding value."

The 13-day itinerary visits Taipei, Sun Moon Lake, Tainan, Kaohsiung, Taitung, Hualien City and Yilan. Clients can explore Raohe Night Market, sample danzai noodles at Du Hsiao Yueh in Tainan, and a Taiwanese bento lunch aboard the Breezy Blue train. Prices start from AUD6185pp. See more [HERE](#).



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New Marrakech Hotel



A 37-suite small luxury hotel inspired by Moroccan craftsmanship and Berber traditions is being developed on a 10ha private estate by Virgin Limited Edition.

The property is 25 minutes from Marrakech and an hour from another portfolio hotel, the Kasbah Tamadot in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains.

The company says this allows the opportunity for guests to twin-centre two distinct experiences; a vibrant city paired with a mountain retreat. Bookings will open in Sep with the first 22 keys available in Q1 2027 and the final 15 keys in Q1 2028. See more [HERE](#).

Uniworld's Trade Ganges Offer

Uniworld Boutique River Cruises is offering agents the chance to sell its voyages along the sacred Ganges for significantly less, thanks to some distressed inventory.

The cruise line is offering an additional \$2000 per person off its popular 13-day *India's Golden Triangle & the Sacred Ganges*—bringing the price down to \$10,699pp for sales exclusively through travel agents. A \$2000pp air is credit also available, it adds.

The deal is obtainable on selected departures of the cruise/tour packages, including on 25 Dec as well as 01, 09, 18 and 25 Jan, 01, 08 and 15 Feb and 04, 15 and 22 Mar 2027. The cruise takes in iconic India sights, spending five nights at the world-renowned Oberoi Hotels and seven nights aboard the Ganges Voyager II.

Experiences along the way include visiting the iconic Taj Mahal at sunrise and sunset as well as exploring ancient temples along



the Ganges, adds the cruise line. This offer is not on Uniworld's website, and agents are encouraged to share it among their database, utilising promotional tiles which are available [HERE](#). To access the deal, the bookings must also be done via phone. See more details on the package ex New Delhi to Kolkata [HERE](#).

... Incentive

This offer coincides with Uniworld's current Golden Ticket incentive, offering agents a \$150 gift card per passenger booked on new departures, including the Ganges cruise, up to 31 Aug.

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Aussie In Spring



Tourism Australia has shared its must-see Oct events.

Canberra has Night Fest 2026, 01-04 Oct at Commonwealth Park which transforms into an after-dark wonderland with light installations, food stalls, and live entertainment. While 01-11 Oct, The Gold Coast hosts the Bleach Festival, a music event starring Kiwi band SIX-60 among others, while the Darwin International Laksa Festival runs throughout the month, celebrating the Southeast Asian dish.

For foodies Tassie's North Festival includes a series of bite-sized events across Launceston 08-18 Oct, NSW's Orange Wine Festival is on 16-25 Oct and Adelaide's Cheese Fest 17-18 Oct. Rounding out the list is the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2026 on Philip Island 23-25 Oct. For details, see [HERE](#).

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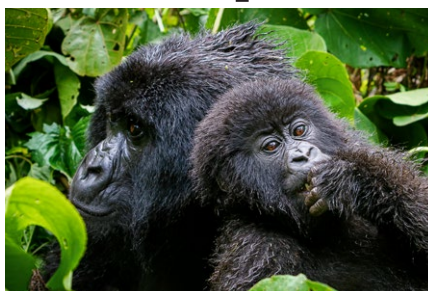
Surf Hotel has made its debut in Victoria's Torquay, located on the site of the former Surf City Motel. It offers 12 king rooms, two twin-split configurations, and two premium suites as well as a four-bedroom penthouse. Notable about the property, says Tourism Australia, is that it is located 12 minutes from the world-famous Bells Beach break, boasts a regional restaurant and bar helmed by award-winning chefs, and has an outdoor wellness space equipped with a traditional timber sauna coming soon. Find out more [HERE](#).

Nat Geo & G Update

The National Geographic Signature with G Adventures collection has 17 new trips, as the tour operator reports demand for community tourism in the luxury travel space.

G Adventures vp product Yves Marceau says there has been an overwhelmingly positive response to the product, which he adds demonstrates travellers are looking for trips that align strongly with their values. "They still expect outstanding service and comfort, but increasingly they're looking for experiences that broaden their perspective."

There are now 67 trips across 48 destinations, all focused on helping tourism deliver lasting benefits to the communities that host them. They are all accompanied by National Geographic expedition experts in fields such as history, conservation, geology and archaeology. Each trip also has an experienced National Geographic expedition leader, and 'once-in-a-lifetime' Signature Moments such as exploring Norway's Fjord Centre. New trips include the



eight-day *Signature: Rwanda's Primate Kingdoms*, on which clients will trek through the forests of Nyungwe in search of chimpanzees and through Volcanoes National Park to observe mountain gorillas, joining scientists leading conservation efforts. Prices start from \$30,899 per person.

Also new is the seven-day *Signature: Ecuador's Amazon Rainforest & Andean Highlands*, taking in Quito and the Amazon, with experiences including after-hours access to the Intiñan Museum, crafting traditional marzipan and searching for wildlife in the Amazon alongside a naturalist. Prices are from \$11,099pp.

Find more details on the National Geographic Signature with G Adventures trips [HERE](#).

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Inuit-led Voyages



Ponant Explorations and Sedna have launched Inuit-led voyages in Greenland, where clients can partake in dog sledding, kayaking, ice fishing, ski touring and more. Sedna co-founder Nicolas Dubreuil says the tailor-made expeditions pay tribute to the environment. "These meetings and activities are the initiative of the Greenlanders, who are fully involved in sharing their way of life."

... Experiences

The voyages feature activities co-constructed with Inuit communities. The inhabitants of the village of Kullor-suaq have worked with SEDNA to create experiences for those on each voyage. Highlights include a night in a traditional Inuit tent on the sacred site of Ninanitaat following a dogsled trip. Clients will spend evenings listening to stories and legends passed down by Inuit hunters. A night in a scientific camp is also available.

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QR's New Menu Collab



Qatar Airways has a new in-flight partnership with Australian celebrity chef Curtis Stone who has designed a three-course first and business class menu on QR's Los Angeles-Doha route.

Stone has three restaurants including the Michelin-starred Gwen in Los Angeles. The menu includes lobster cocktail with kimchi mayonnaise, slow-cooked beef short ribs with carrot purée and gremolata and dulce de leche tart.

The collab is part of the QR Signature Guest Chef series, with the carrier partnering with chefs across the globe to bring the 'highest quality food on board flights, for specially curated experiences'.

Horse Trekking The Next Big Thing?

World Expeditions released its dedicated Horse Trek series last year, and says departures are selling out and that enquiries have nearly tripled in the past six months.

Sue Badyari, ceo of World Expeditions Travel Group, says it introduced horse treks to its portfolio in response to interest from active and adventure travel enthusiasts.

"But nothing prepared us for the level of demand we are seeing for these treks," she adds.

The 14-day *The Central Mongolia Horse Trek*, with three 2026 departures full or close to full, is followed by the 11-day *Kyrgyzstan Horse Trek* with page views more than tripling since launch and active users increasing by more than 250%.

Nepal's 16-day *Into Dolpo: Phoksundo Lake Horse Trek* has followed a similar trajectory, with views more than tripling and active users climbing by more than 235%. It also notes that journeys in



Chilean Patagonia and Argentina's Tierra del Fuego are also steadily gaining momentum.

... Welfare

It is important for agents to note that World Expeditions has adopted formal animal welfare guidelines across all destinations. It says the horse treks have been developed in close collaboration with local partners and communities, ensuring best-practice care for animals and genuine benefits for host communities. See more on this [HERE](#).

The operator has opened 2027 horse trek departures for sales, with options across Argentina, Nepal, Chile, Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan. See [HERE](#).

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New NOU Hotels



New Caledonia will debut three new Series by Marriott hotels in collaboration with Société Hotélière de Nouméa with SHN's three flagship Le Domaine du Pacifique resort properties in Nouméa, the Isle of Pines and Déva.

The three resorts each showcase an authentic blend of Oceanian, French, and Asian influences within New Caledonian society, states Marriott.

The 120-key Le Domaine Déva is beachfront within the Déva Domain nature reserve, while Le Domaine Oro offers 48 rooms and 28 bungalow suites on Oro Bay (pictured), is close to the famous Baie d'Oro coral lagoon.

The 241-key Le Domaine Nouméa overlooks Anse Vata Bay and offers rooms and suites. All properties are part of the Marriott Bonvoy points program. Find out more [HERE](#).



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New To Fuzion Travel

Fuzion Travel has expanded with the addition of Claire Jones, the store's new CLIA cruise master, who alongside CLIA certification has 29 years of experience in the travel industry. Fuzion Travel says Jones' depth of industry experience and cruise expertise make her a welcome addition to the team as the business continues to grow.



Plantation Offer



For families planning a multi-generational getaway, Fiji's Plantation Island Resort has an offer. Grandparents/parents paying for a multi-generational family stay of five nights or more across five rooms get FJD1000 food and beverage credit per stay, reminds Our Pacific. See details [HERE](#).

Revamped Reefworld Reopens For Overnights



The Great Barrier Reef's reimagined Reefworld floating platform has officially reopened. Cruise Whitsundays gm Shaun Cawood says the move marks an exciting new chapter for the floating platform and overnight stays on the Great Barrier Reef. "With its sophisticated coastal-chic design, enhanced spaces to relax and unwind, and uninterrupted views of the reef, Reefworld offers guests a truly immersive way to experience one of Australia's most extraordinary natural wonders." Reefworld is available only to overnight guests. Each stay includes a chef-led three-course dining experience with premium Australian wines as well as guided snorkelling with marine experts. Prices start from AUD895 per person, double occupancy. See more [HERE](#).

LA's Celebrations To Mark Marilyn

Los Angeles is celebrating what would have been Marilyn Monroe's 100th birthday.

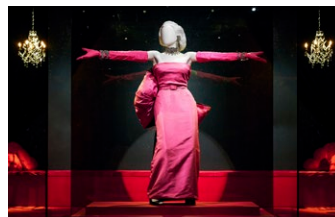
To honour the great actress' legacy, visitors can check out a range of experiences across the city.

The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures has launched a new exhibit *Marilyn Monroe: Hollywood Icon*. The exhibit includes posters, portraits, photographs, production documents, letters and personal materials. Classic Experiences is offering the *Marilyn Monroe's Los Angeles Tour* in a convertible Cadillac, taking travellers through the significant points of Monroe's life and death.

Between experiences, travellers can stay at the Hollywood Roosevelt, which was Monroe's home for two years, and visit the Hollywood Museum to see treasures from her showbiz days.

Other iconic sites include the TCL Chinese Theatre, dining at Hollywood institutions Musso & Frank Grill or the Formosa Cafe and a Paramount Studio tour for a look behind the scenes.

Travellers can also try to spot celebrities at the Beverly Hills Hotel, the



'Pink Palace', where Monroe stayed several times throughout her career. To finish the Monroe experiences, travellers can pay their respects at Pierce Brothers Westwood Village Memorial Park, her final resting place. See more [HERE](#).

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Cosmos Savings



Cosmos has \$500 off per couple on its North America tours, for sales to 30 Oct. The offer is available across Cosmos' full North America 2027 collection, including its 13-day *The Canadian Rockies* travelling roundtrip ex Vancouver, now from \$4789pp, and the 15-day *Eastern US & Canada Grand Vacation* ex New York City to Philadelphia, now from \$6349pp. See details [HERE](#).

Airline Sales Support Consultant, Air Niugini



Auckland NZ - Full time

Air Niugini

The Walshe Group is General Sales Agent (GSA) in New Zealand for Air Niugini, who will commence online service to New Zealand later this year. We are looking to appoint a Sales Support Consultant, with attention to detail & previous airline sales experience, dedicated to the Air Niugini account.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Providing exceptional customer service and support to travel agents and direct customers.
- Processing booking inquiries, ticket sales, and reservation changes in a timely and efficient manner.
- Maintaining up-to-date knowledge of Air Niugini products, services, and policies.
- Collaborating with the sales team to support new sales initiatives.
- Providing support to travel agents as required, including assistance quoting airfares and handling group bookings.

Skills and experience

- Minimum 2 years of experience in a customer service or sales support role, preferably within the airline or travel industry.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to build strong relationships with customers and stakeholders.
- Proficient in using Airline reservation systems and computer software, with strong attention to detail. Previous experience using SABRE an advantage.
- Knowledgeable about airline products & policies, services, and industry regulations.
- Demonstrated problem-solving and decision-making skills.
- Flexible and adaptable to changing priorities and demands.

Email applications by 04 Sep 26, to stephen.tanner@walshegroup.com

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Dad's Day In The GC



The Mondrian Gold Coast has a Father's Day package for stays that include 06 Sep. It comprises an arrival drink at Haven before taking part in a CIEL Spa Contrast Protocol, which is a 60-minute infrared sauna and cryo dry float therapy experience valued at \$100. See [HERE](#) for applicable rates on room selection.

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HAL; Book 2028 Grand Voyages Now



Holland America Line has opened its bookings for 2028 Grand Voyages with itineraries aboard the Volendam and Zaanam.

Paul Grigsby, vp of deployment and revenue planning for HAL, says the cruise line looks at how each part of the itinerary connects. "For 2028, the focus was on building routes that make sense from start to finish, with meaningful time in destinations like Antarctica, New Zealand and the South Pacific, paired with scenic passages that are integral to the journey."

... The Options

The 129-day 2028 *Grand World Voyage* circles the globe with a full Antarctic Experience, as well as scenic cruising through South America's waterways including the Chilean Fjords, Glacier Alley and Beagle Channel. It departs 04 Jan 2028, sailing roundtrip ex Fort Lauderdale, visiting 45 ports in 26 countries, with access to 31 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Highlights include extended time in Cape Town, two

equator crossings and a sail past the fictional Null Island.

The 90-day 2028 *Grand Australia & New Zealand Voyage* takes travellers to the South Pacific, Aotearoa and Australia. It departs 30 Jan 2028, sailing roundtrip ex San Diego. Highlights include calls at 41 ports in 12 countries, visits to 13 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and extended time in Bora Bora. See more [HERE](#).

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Accor In Hamilton



Accor has signed agreements for two new-build Mantra properties in Hamilton.

They are the 52-room Mantra Hamilton Pembroke Street (*pictured above*) and the 40-room Mantra Hamilton Karewa Place.

Both properties are slated to open in 2027. They will be developed by Mistry Centre Ltd, which is also developing the upcoming Pullman Hamilton. Upon opening both will participate in ALL Accor. See more details [HERE](#).



INDUSTRY DIARY

AUGUST

Fiji NZ Showcase

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

Princess Cruises

Auckland: Sat 29, On board Crown Princess, Queens Wharf, 1030.

Sri Lanka Tourism Roadshow

Christchurch: Mon 31, DoubleTree by Hilton Christchurch, 1530.

Viva Beyond The Brochure

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

SEPTEMBER

Sri Lanka Tourism Roadshow

Auckland: Tue 01, Pullman, 1530.

Discover Korea 2026

Auckland: Wed 02, Mövenpick Hotel 1530.

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e-mail news@traveltoday.co.nz

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, 1745. **Tauranga:** Tue 08, Trinity Wharf, 1745. **Wellington:** Wed 09, Copthorne Hotel, 1745. **Christchurch:** Thu 10, Chateau on the Park, 1745.

Globus Small Group Discovery Tours

Christchurch: Tue 15, Crowne Plaza, 1800. **Napier:** Wed 30, East Pier Hotel, 1800.

Asia Now Roadshow 2026

Tauranga: Tue 15, The Strand, 1745. **Hamilton:** Wed 16, Hamilton Gardens Cafe, 1745. **Auckland:** Thu 17, Grand Millennium, 1745. **Christchurch:** Tue 22, Elms Hotel, 1745. **Wellington:** Wed 23, Wellington Stadium, 1745. **Hawkes Bay:** Thu 24, SriThai Restaurant, 1745.

RSSC: Luxury Goes Exploring Trade Auckland (Albany): Mon 21, 55 Cafe,

1800. **Auckland (Orakei Bay):** Tue 22, Orakei Bay, 0730. **Tauranga:** Wed 23, Trinity Wharf, 0730. **Hamilton:** Thu 24, Sky City Hamilton, 0730. **Christchurch:** Fri 25, The George, 0730.

Smithsonian Journeys with Ponant & AmaWaterways

Auckland: Wed 23, Auckland Art Gallery, 1800.

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

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

OCTOBER

Ponant Explorations & Paul Gaugin Cruiseist Roadshow

Auckland: Tue 13, Orakei Bay, 1100 & 1800. **Christchurch:** Thu 15, The George Hotel, 1100 & 1800.

Air NZ/Cruise World Roadshow

Blenheim: Mon 19, Scenic Hotel Marlborough, 1730. **Nelson:** Tue 20, The Honest Lawyer, 1730.

Globus Small Group Discovery Tours

Tauranga: Tue 20, Trinity Wharf, 1800. **Auckland:** Thu 22, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, 1800.

Travel Industry Mentor Experience

Christchurch: Wed 21, 1730. Venue TBC.

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.

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: Mon 23, 1630. Venue TBC.

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

Tauranga: Wed 25, Bay Park Suites, 1830.