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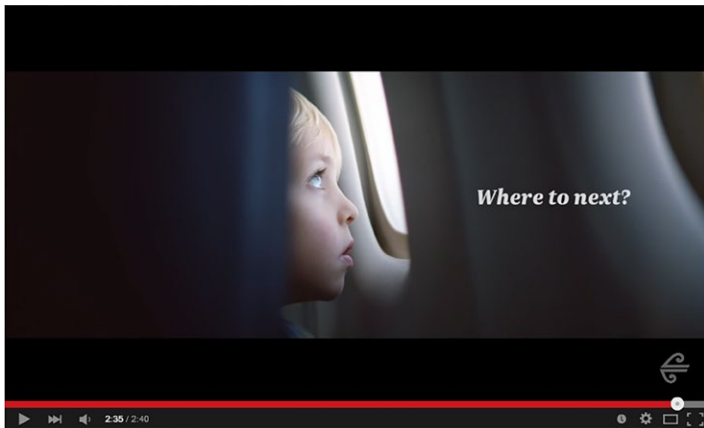
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NZ's Emotive New Brand Campaign



Air New Zealand has launched its first new brand campaign for eight years—with the tag line 'where to next', a phrase it says encapsulates Kiwis' attitude to life.

Designed to bring the NZ brand back home, the carrier says the campaign is 'a chance to tell the stories of Kiwis who aspire and inspire. Those who explore and invent. Those who go beyond.'

What impact will it have on retail travel agents selling NZ? Well, none, it would seem. And *Travel Today* understands there's no change to cooperative marketing funds or any planned sales incentives for agents.

However, there is a definite feel-good factor which reminds the trade, and Kiwis, that NZ is indeed our national carrier and carrying over 13 million

passengers a year in many cases connects us with the world.

A cornerstone of the new brand campaign emotive clip showcasing New Zealand, the carrier, its crew and some of its destinations around the globe is set to Gin Wigmore's take on 'Tomorrow' from the Annie musical.

To see it [CLICK HERE](#)

For more details on the campaign, which will be promoted nationwide via television, digital, mobile, social and billboard advertising, see wheretonext.nz

... iTunes Demand

Travel Today understands that Kiwis are already asking where they can download the campaign soundtrack, but as yet, the song is not available to the public.

Ramsay St Sleepover

For the first time ever, fans of the television show *Neighbours* will get the chance to sleepover on the set of Ramsay St 07 Sep, with a special listing on Airbnb. The chosen guests will be hosted by Dr Karl Kennedy (Alan Fletcher) and handyman Kyle Canning (Chris Milligan) and will catch up on all of the behind-the-scenes news as well as visiting some of the show's iconic spots such as Harold's Store and The Waterhole. For the chance to secure a stay [CLICK HERE](#)

Sky Tower's 18th

SKYCITY Auckland is tonight celebrating the Sky Tower's 18th birthday with a colourful light display.

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Snoop Got Snoop

Snoop Dog's latest airport incident has seen the rapper charged with failing to declare cash over EUR10,000 after more than \$500,000 was reportedly found by Italian police in one of his Louis Vuitton cases at Calabria airport. The funds were reportedly from a concert performance and over \$200,000 of the cash stash has been confiscated until Snoop pays a fine.

Reunion Spectacular

Media from around the globe (who descended upon Reunion Island in the wake of the potential MH370 debris on the island) got an unexpected show in the form of a volcanic eruption on Sat (local time). Piton de la Fournaise erupted for the third time this year and while the volcano is not posing any danger, tourism officials say it's a rare opportunity for tourists, with a number of viewing points in the Reunion National Park.

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Cooks Removes Need For Dep. Cards

Passengers leaving the Cook Islands no longer have to fill out a departure form, with the government deciding the extra step isn't necessary as the information is captured electronically anyway.

Passengers will now only need to check in and follow normal security checks before immigration processing. They will still need to declare if they are carrying \$10,000 or more in cash.

The move is part of the government's efforts to improve the tourist experience, says Prime Minister Henry Puna.

"Over the previous four years we have included the departure tax in the ticket, removed the need for international visitors to acquire a driver's license, and now we will remove the departure card. These are little things but when we add them together we see that the cumulative impact is a large one."

EY To Be Sued?

Etihad is reportedly being sued by a man who claimed that being seated in economy next to an overweight passenger during a flight from Dubai to Sydney left him with back injuries. The disgruntled passenger claims he had to 'contort and twist' his body to avoid contact with the man sitting next to him, who also coughed frequently and 'expelled fluid from his mouth' during the flight in Oct 2011.

EY has tried to have the case dismissed; arguing that it isn't liable as any injuries sustained would not be the result of an accident. The passenger, as directed by court, will have a medical assessment in Dec, which EY believes will see the matter 'proceed to an early conclusion'.

New RWC Packages

All Blacks Tours has released new flight + ticket package options for the Rugby World Cup, and is offering agents \$500 commission on the packages.

Quarter-final packages are from \$5995 including match tickets to the quarter finals and return flights from Auckland to London, with the outbound flight departing 13 Oct (return date is flexible). Accommodation and match day tickets are not included.

Semi-final packages are from \$6995 including tickets to the semi-finals and a return flight to London, with the outbound flight departing Auckland 21 Oct (return date is flexible). Accommodation and match day tickets are not included.

E-mail laura.north@allblackstours.com

NZ Americas Fares

Air New Zealand has short-life economy, premium economy and business premier levels to the US Canada and selected South America destinations for sales to 17 Aug. Inclusive one-way long-haul levels to LAX/SFO/HOU are from \$749; to YVR from \$849; and to BUE from \$649. Differing travel dates apply. See airnzagent.co.nz

HX Australia Flights

Hong Kong Airlines will launch its first thrice-weekly service to Australia next year, commencing on 08 Jan. The new 'triangular' service travels from Hong Kong to Gold Coast, then stops in Cairns en route back to Hong Kong.

The A330 flights will operate on Tue, Fri and Sat, with 292 seats including 32 in business class.

QF Africa Levels

Qantas' return tactical fares to Johannesburg from \$1899; and to Cape Town or Durban from \$1939 return have been extended for sales to 07 Aug. See qantas.co.nz/agents

New EY MEL Service

Etihad Airways has launched a second daily non-stop service from Melbourne to Abu Dhabi, to be operated by a three-class Boeing 777-300ER aircraft.

It complements the airline's existing daily non-stop B777 flight between the two cities.

Mercure Newcastle

The Mercure Newcastle Airport has officially opened in Port Stephens, NSW. The AUD15 million, 95-room new build hotel features sound-proofed guestrooms with high-speed broadband, blackout blinds, Foxtel and smart TVs. There's family rooms which can sleep four people, a modern 24-hour gym, Mach One Restaurant and Bar, and four purpose-built conference rooms. Room rates start from AUD150pn.

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Fitting A Check-up Into A Port Call

The number of cruise passengers making the most of cheap healthcare treatments in Malaysia during their port calls is growing, according to Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC), and it is hoped more Kiwis will take up the opportunity.

MHTC regional director Oceania, South Asia & Central Asia Kavitha Mathuvay told *Travel Today* they are looking to collaborate with cruise lines and travel professionals in order to offer healthcare packages, such as medical and dental treatments, to New Zealanders cruising to or throughout Malaysia.

She added that whilst the numbers have been 'trivial', they are growing, particularly in popular ports such as Klang, Penang and Melaka. "Some passengers take the opportunity to get their health check-ups and dental work done while docking here," she says. "One of the popular hospitals is Pantai Hospital Klang, which has been receiving Middle Eastern and Asian cruise passengers for day-care treatments such as health check-ups."

Mathuvay believes, if health screening and dental services are offered in conjunction with cruise packages, many Kiwis will be quick to take up the offer. "This will serve as a value added product [for agents] to entice their clients mainly because dental treatments are very expensive in New

Zealand," she says. "While Malaysia is already well known for its expertise in fields like cardiology, neurology and orthopaedics, our international awards and wins further solidified the country's increasing profile as a popular destination of choice when it comes to dental services."

Malaysia was awarded the '2015 Medical Travel Destination of the Year' at the International Medical Travel Journal Medical Travel Awards 2015, whilst many Malaysian private hospitals and dental centres also took out awards.

Exotic Cruising

GO Holidays' Exotic Cruising 2016 brochure is out now. It features a range of cruise styles, from small to large ships and expedition style cruising, for departures Sep 2015-Oct 2016. Destinations include Asia, Japan, Africa, India, Caribbean, Cuba, Galapagos, South America, Mexico and more. Agents can log onto the wholesale site to download a PDF version, and make sure you keep an eye on your DX over the next few days.

Avalon's 2016 Savings

Avalon Waterways has extended two special deals on its 2016 season of European river cruises.

Clients can take advantage of early-bird savings of up to 15% off French itineraries and all departures onboard Avalon Luminary or Avalon Felicity, as well as 10% off all other European river cruises. Plus, Avalon has waived single supplements across its entire 2016 season of European river cruises. Avalon's European river cruises range from eight-24 days and are available from \$2135pp s/t for the eight-day A Taste of the Danube between Vienna and Budapest onboard Avalon Luminary. Both offers are on sale to 15 Sep, or until sold out. For more information see avalonwaterways.co.nz

Alaska Guidelines

Federal officials are reportedly asking cruise ships to stay at least 500 yards away from harbour seals in Alaska's glacial fjords, so young seals are not separated from their mothers during the nursing stage.

New Cruises

Voyages of Discovery has released their new 2016/17 brochure, which features 13 new cruises, advises Discover the World. For further information e-mail voyagesofdiscovery@discovertheworld.com.au

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Pacific Pearl Makeover

P&O Cruises' Pacific Pearl will feature a fresh new look, as well as the cruise line's P&OEdge Adventure Park, when she sails to New Zealand for her five-month Auckland season Feb-Jun 2016. The ship's décor will also be revamped; the Plantation buffet will be redesigned; guest cabins and other public spaces will be refreshed, and more.

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Hajj Pilgrimage

Over two million Muslim pilgrims are expected to visit Mecca in Saudi Arabia to perform the Hajj in late Sep. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade advises New Zealanders taking part to register their details and have insurance cover before they leave. It also advises Kiwis to follow instructions issued by the local authorities; safeguard valuables from theft; obey all bans on filming or photography or risk having equipment confiscated; pay particular attention to hygiene measures recommended by the World Health Organisation; and to find out if any vaccines or other medical precautions are required. To read the travel advisory for Saudi Arabia [CLICK HERE](#)

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Sofitel Adults Fiji Beach Club Opens



The new adults only Waitui Beach Club, featuring its own pool, champagne bar, poolside cabanas and restaurant, has officially opened at the Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa.

The club provides a range of health and wellness options such as nutritionally well-balanced dishes, and complimentary yoga, stretching and boot camp classes every morning and afternoon. In the evening there's a complimentary sunset drink and live entertainment from the club's resident DJ.

"The couples and singles market

are on the rise and we're delighted to open this standalone, specifically designed new facility for adults of all ages," says Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa general manager Alan Burrows. "We hope to appeal to singles travelling with friends, solo travellers, honeymooners or any couple escaping on a short break to the Pacific Islands."

The hotel has also introduced a new Beach Club room category, which gives guests access to all Waitui Beach Club facilities. Complimentary entry is also available when booking a stay in one of the resort's 10 suites.



Black Caps Packages

Experience Group in conjunction with New Zealand Cricket has official Blackcaps packages to Australia in Nov. The cricketers play three test matches (Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide) and can also access the iconic Beige Brigade product. All packages are commissionable, for details ph 0-9-304 0352.

Albatross Manager

Albatross Tours has appointed industry veteran Edwina Cooke to the newly created position of a general manager.

CINZ Conference

Conventions and Incentives New Zealand (CINZ) annual conference, being held in Christchurch next month, will see a number of top business events leaders present to delegates, including speaker, author and mentor Laurel McLay and Vancouver Convention Centre's vice president of sales and marketing Claire Smith.

Over 120 CINZ members are expected to attend the conference, held at the new Hadlee Pavilion in Hagley Park 29-30 Sep. To register visit cinzannualconference.co.nz



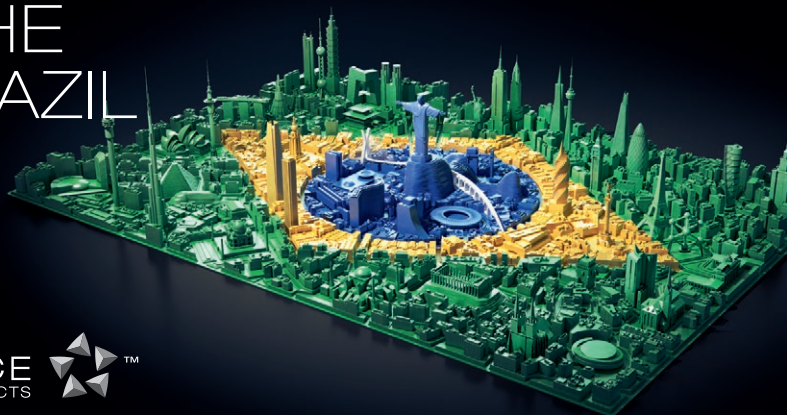
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THE WAY WE CONNECT THE WORLD WITH BRAZIL

Star Alliance welcomes Avianca in Brazil as it's latest member airline.

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Viva Commission Bonus

Viva Expeditions is offering agents 15% commission during Aug on any of their Patagonia small group tours for 2015/2016.

The tours are 'extremely popular' and there's limited availability across all departures, notes the company. They're aimed at over 40s with a maximum group size of 16. Trips include the 13-day Southern Explorer, from \$9795pp; 27-day Wild Patagonia, from \$4680pp; the nine-day Lakes District Discovery, from \$2450pp; and the seven-day Route 40 and the Carretera Austral, from \$1995pp.

St. Regis, Istanbul

St. Regis Hotels & Resorts, part of Starwood Hotels & Resorts, has announced the opening of St. Regis Istanbul. The residential hotel sits atop Macka Park and boasts floor-to-ceiling views of the Bosphorous from each of the 118 guestrooms and suites.

The hotel is home to the first international outpost of Wolfgang Puck's iconic Spago restaurant, the St. Regis Brasserie, the Iridium Spa, the Astor Ballroom and more. Visit stregis.com/istanbul for details.

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Tassie: From Historic To Hedonistic



The Tasmania famil is the latest itinerary to be released in the Air New Zealand/Virgin Australia Great Aussie Experiences line-up, which promises to showcase the island state in style.

The famil (11-17 Oct) utilises the combined NZ/VA Tasman network to fly into Hobart. Highlights include a visit to Mona (the Museum of Old and New Art) and a Seafood Seduction cruise (taking in the D'Entrecasteaux

Channel around Bruny Is.) where the catch of the day is combined with a local seafood feast complete with local produce and drinks.

Participants will also explore Port Arthur, the Freycinet Peninsula and drive through the wine country to Coles Bay, before heading to Cradle Mountain where they'll come face to face with a Tassie Devil. A hike though Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, is followed by a Cradle Coast Tasting Trail back to Launceston. From there the trip includes ziplining at Hollybank Treetop Adventure, and exploring the Tamar Valley Wine Route. To be eligible for one of the NZ/VA Great Aussie Experience famils, agents must complete the NZ/VA on-line training module to be eligible to apply for the trips. For details, see training.airnzagent.co.nz/login/ The itineraries are offered in conjunction with the Australian tourism state and territory partners.

ANZAC, Get In Early

Exotic Holidays has a 15% early bird discount for 2016 FEZ Travel ANZAC Tours paid in full by 25 Dec. Clients can choose from Trooper Tours which features 'cheap and cheerful' accommodation, whilst no entrance fees or meals are included in the price, allowing them to explore local eateries on their own. There's also the Classic Tours which include arrival transfers and four-star accommodation; Comfort Legend Tours which allows clients to add an orientation talk with Dean Hunter; and Premium Tours which include return airport transfers, four- and five-star accommodation, a breakfast box on ANZAC Day, a welcome dinner and an orientation talk with Dean Hunter. To secure the 15% discount for your clients, and 12% commission, e-mail info@exoticholidays.co.nz

Wyndam Expansion

The Wyndham Hotel Group is set to expand its presence in South Korea by more than 200% over the next three years, signing 12 new property franchise agreements so far in 2015. It says the new line-up includes agreements for three Howard Johnson hotels, marking the brand's entry into South Korea.



Guided Myanmar

Trafalgar is introducing Myanmar as a new guided holiday option as part of its 2016 Asia guided holiday programme—which also features Japan, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Local general manager Scott Cleaver says the company is 'delighted to now be offering Myanmar, a destination that is on many travellers' bucket lists'.

The 11-day Secrets of Myanmar tour includes travelling from Yangon to Bagan Mandalay and Inle Lake. It is priced from \$5150pp s/t, with savings of up to 10% for bookings prior to 30 Sep.

Meanwhile, new Insider Experiences from the Asia programme include a cycle ride around the X'ian ancient City Wall; meeting a local artisan to make washi paper in Gokayama; and a Be My Guest in Hue at the former home of Princess Ngoc Son.

... On-line Reviews

Cleaver encourages agents to direct clients to Trafalgar's unedited on-line reviews. "With over 10,000 guest reviews now on Trafalgar.com, we urge agents to use these to help build your client's confidence on their chosen Trafalgar holiday to help close sales," he says.

Maroochy River Flights

Paradise Seaplanes offers three new adventure flights on the Maroochy River that showcase the unique Wilga80 aircraft. Paradise Seaplanes has Australia's only Wilga80 on floats. See paradiseseaplanes.com.au

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India Regains Rating

India has complied with international safety standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and has been granted a Category 1 rating under the FAA's International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program, advises the agency. A Category 1 rating means that the country's civil aviation authority complies with ICAO standards and permits India's air carriers to add flights to the United States using their own aircraft and carry the code of US carriers on their operations. India first achieved a Category 1 rating in Aug 1997. A Dec 2012 FAA audit identified some deficiencies in the DGCA from ICAO-set global standards for oversight of aviation safety which led to a Category 2 designation. Subsequently, the FAA began a reassessment of India's compliance with ICAO standards under the FAA's IASA program.

New For Turkey



Adventure World has released two new trips to Turkey that it says will get travellers 'beneath the skin' of the destination.

On the eight-day escorted Wonders of Turkey, clients will see the country at a leisurely pace including Istanbul, the rock formations of Cappadocia, the calcium pools of Pamukkale and wandering the ancient sites of Hierapolis and Ephesus. It's priced from \$1325pp including hotel accommodation, transport by air-conditioned deluxe

vehicle, many meals, entrance fees and internal flights.

The 10-day Highlights of Turkey small group journey visits Istanbul, Cappadocia, Konya, the ancient city of Hierapolis in Pamukkale, the ancient ruins of Ephesus on the way to Kusadasi, the healing centre of Asklepion and the Red Basilica in Pergamon and a scenic drive to Gallipoli. It's from \$1749pp including hotel accommodation, sightseeing, entrance fees, many meals, and English speaking local guides.

Dubai's Popularity Soars

Dubai's ongoing efforts to position itself as a premier leisure and business hub have resulted in growing visitor numbers as well as higher rankings on various global traveller and meeting indexes. Recently MasterCard announced Dubai has risen to fourth out of 132 top destinations for international travellers in the MasterCard Global Destination Cities Index, behind London, Paris and Bangkok. It also retained its top ranking in the Middle East for international association meetings, and climbed 19 places to 44th in the 2014 International Congress & Convention Association World Rankings. Meanwhile in a report published by the Union of International Associations, Dubai jumped to 14th for the number of international meetings hosted. It hosted 146 meetings in 2014, compared to 80 in 2013. Officially, the city welcomed 13.2 million international overnight travellers in 2014, up 8.4% on 2013. The purpose of visits, although dominated by leisure at 59%, saw over 21% visiting for business, and another 17% VFR.

Industry Diary

AUGUST

Bula Marau Fiji Roadshow – Around Viti Levu

Christchurch: Mon 3, Novotel Christchurch, 1730-2030.

Wellington: Tue 4, InterContinental, 1730-2030. **Auckland:** Wed

5, Stamford Hotel, 1730-2045.

Hamilton: Thu 6, Novotel Tainui,

1730-2030.

ServiceIQ Business Breakfast Series 2015

Rotorua: Thu 06, Novotel Rotorua,

Hamilton: Fri 07, Novotel Hamilton,

Nelson: Tue 11, Grand Mercure

Nelson. **Wellington:** Thu 13, Rydges

Wellington. **Christchurch:** Thu 20,

Novotel Christchurch. **Queenstown:**

Fri 21, Novotel Queenstown.

Auckland: Thu 27, Novotel Ellerslie.

Dunedin: Fri 28, Mercure Dunedin.

All timings are from 0700, with

presentations at 0730.

World of Accor

Auckland: Thu 06, the Pullman hotel,

1600-2000.

Play Melbourne and Beyond Trade Mission 2015

Auckland: Mon 10, Crowne Plaza

Hotel, Session One: 0800-1200,

including breakfast, Session Two:

1330-1700. **Rotorua:** Tue 11 Aug,

Holiday Inn, 12.30pm-3.00pm.

Wellington: Wed 12, InterContinental

Hotel, 8.00am-12.00pm incl breakfast.

Queenstown: Thu 13 & Fri 14

Aug, Crowne Plaza. Thu 13 Aug

will commence with a light lunch

from 1300, and go through with

appointments until 1700, Fri 14 Aug

will start at 0930 and go through until

1200.

Philippines Philippine Department of Tourism & Philippine Airlines

Auckland: Thu 20, Crowne Plaza,

1730.

Anaheim Roadshow

Auckland: Mon 24, The Hilton, 1730.

South Pacific Association of National Tourism Offices

Napier: Tue 25, the Crown Hotel,

1730.

Cruise WA

Auckland: Wed 26, the CICC

building, 100 Beaumont Street, 2

sessions - 1430 and 1800.

TAANZ National Travel Industry Awards 2015

Auckland: Fri 28, the Aviation Hall,

MOTAT, from 1800.

SEPTEMBER

Insight Vacations Launch Breakfast with CEO John Boulding

Christchurch: Mon 07, Function

Room, Ilex Botanic Gardens, Hagley

Park, AM (TBA).

Samoa Roadshow

Dunedin: Mon 07, Heartland Hotels

Lounge, Forsythe Bar Stadium, 0730-

0900. **Christchurch:** Mon 07, Pavilion,

Hagley Oval, 1730-2000,

Wellington: Tue 08, 1730-2000, venue

tbc. **Hamilton:** Wed 09, Brooklyn 1,

Claudlands, 1730-2000. **Auckland:**

Thu 10, Maritime Room, Viaduct

Harbour, 1730-2000.

TAANZ AGM

Auckland: Wed 09, Heritage Hotel,

from 1500.

A Day in WA, with ATEC and Tourism Western Australia

Auckland: Thu 10, the CICC

building, 100 Beaumont Street.

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

Auckland: Fri 11, the Pullman hotel.

Globus/Cosmos Europe 2016 Launch

Hamilton: Tue 15, pm.

Christchurch: Tue 15, pm. **Auckland**

Nth Shore: Wed 16, am. **Tauranga:**

Wed 16, pm. **Dunedin:** Wed 16, pm.

Napier: Thu 17, pm. **Invercargill:**

Thu 17, pm. **Auckland East:** Thu

17, am. **Lower Hutt:** Tue 22, pm.

Wellington: Tue 22, am. **Whangarei:**

Tue 22, am. **Nelson:** Wed 23, pm.

Palmerston North: Wed 23, pm.

Kerikeri: Wed 23 am. **Queenstown:**

Wed 23, am. **Wanganui:** Thu 24,

am. **New Plymouth:** Thu 24, pm.

Blenheim: Thu 24, pm. **Pukekohe:**

Tue 29, pm. **Timaru:** Wed 30, am.

Venues tba.

The Travel Corporation 2016 Launch

Hamilton: Mon 21, PM. **Tauranga:**

Tue 22, AM. **Auckland:** Tue 22, PM.

Christchurch: Wed 23, PM. **Dunedin:**

Thu 24, PM. **Nelson:** Mon 28, AM.

Wellington: Mon 28, PM. **Hawkes**

Bay: Tue 29, PM **Palmerston North:**

Wed 30, PM. Venues tba.

OCTOBER

The Travel Corporation 2016 Launch

New Plymouth: Thu 01, PM

Venues tba.

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

Invercargill: Mon 05, Kelvin Hotel,

0730-0830. **Queenstown:** Tue 06, The

Exchange Cafe, 0730-0830.

Bula Marau Fiji Roadshow – Luxury & Couples

Nelson: Mon 12, Grand Mercure

Monaco Resort, 0730-0930.

Christchurch: Mon 12, Peppers

Clearwater, 1730-2130. **Wellington:**

Tue 13, Amora Hotel, 1730-2030.

Auckland: Wed 14, Pullman Hotel,

1730-2045. **Hamilton:** Thu 15, Novotel

Tainui, 1730-2030.

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

Wellington: Tue 13. Venue & time tbc.

South Pacific Association of National Tourism Offices

Tauranga: Tue 20, 1730.

Rotorua: Wed 21, 1730. Venues tbc.

Sunshine Coast Roadshow

Auckland, Tue 27, 1730-1930

Hamilton, Wed 28, 1730-1930

Christchurch, Thu 29, 1730-1930

Venues TBC

FTM Celebrates 30 Years

A who's who of the Auckland-based travel industry turned out to celebrate 30 years of Francis Travel Marketing on Sat night.

Company founder Sue Francis joined current owner Tony Smith for a night of reflection and celebrations. Smith credited his 'dedicated and quality staff' as well as his wife Sally for the success of the business. He also acknowledged the support of his children Brayden, Jessica and Daniel who

have grown up with the company.

"I like to think Francis Travel Marketing is well-received in the industry and I was very proud when we were advised we are one of the three finalists in the wholesaler category at the upcoming TAANZ Awards," Smith told those at the event.

Smith said FTM was looking forward to the next 30 years—although he hoped to be retired by the 60th celebrations.

On a serious note, Smith said he was excited to be leading the company into the next phase. "...we have some projects to work on, which include better technology and booking engines, more representation, more product in the market and a range of other initiatives."

The FTM boss also thanked those at the event for their ongoing support and partnerships. "Thank you for believing in us," he added.



1 Francis Travel Marketing's Tony Smith with FTM founder Sue Francis. 2 Grant Burrell, Rod Salt, guests; with Victoria Sedykh, FTM accounts; and Amin Baksh, partner. 3 Linda Halliday, House of Travel; Tony Smith; Leanne Schou, Our Cruising; Steve Parker, Bon Voyage Travel; and Alison Clayton Reed, Cruise Factory. 4 Yvonne and Denis Payne, House of Travel. 5 Tony Smith with Barb Finlayson, guest. 6 Tony Smith with Melissa Roberts, FTM business development exec, and Bill Sheppard, Best Travel, Hastings. 7 Sam Fowler, Cruise Connections. 8 Ex QF colleagues, Sue Francis and Kevin Blackford. 9 Gerard Murphy, Bon Voyage Travel, with Trish Ryder, United Travel Manly. 10 Ross Manson, Mondo (left) and partner Jo Brown (right), with Tim and Jill Butcher, Travel Directions (centre).



Park Hotel Singapore To Open This Year

Park Hotel Alexandra in Singapore is set to open later this year, advises Singapore Tourism. Situated about 15 minutes away from the city, the hotel boasts 442 guest rooms and suites, as well as a business centre, complimentary Wi-Fi, currency exchange, limousine service, in-room dining, an outdoor swimming pool and more. Plus, located within the hotel's building is a three-storey shopping mall. To find out more see parkhotelgroup.com/Alexandra



Hamilton Island Race Week

The Great Barrier Reef will soon be abuzz with sailors, food lovers, business leaders and more for the Audi Hamilton Island Race Week 15-22 Aug. The event will feature a line-up of cuisine, fashion and sailing events and activities, from general admission and ticketed to invite only. Highlights include the Piper Heidsieck champagne lunch, the NET-A-PORTER.COM cocktail reception, gastronomic experiences by a number of top Australian chefs, and of course, the regatta itself. For details, see audihamiltonislandraceweek.com.au