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Tonga's Struggling Despite Potential

Tonga has huge potential for tourism but it's being hamstrung by challenges including a lack of marketing support from its national tourism organisation, say sources.

The Tanoa Hotel Group hosted a group of wholesalers to Nuku'alofa this weekend to celebrate the official opening of the Tanoa International Dateline Hotel.

Tanoa director of sales Nick Ridling says Tonga, with its unique experiences such as swimming with whales, has huge tourism potential.

However, with little or no marketing being done in New Zealand, its biggest market, the destination is struggling to compete against its island neighbours.

"The big frustration is the lack of involvement and funding by Tonga Tourism," says Ridling, who adds that having no flights on a Sun also makes things difficult.

The comments were a common theme among guests at the hotel over the weekend, which also hosted a meeting of the New Zealand Tonga Business Council.

Wholesalers too say the lack of co-operative marketing support from Tourism Tonga is an on-going frustration.

"They haven't been present with any funds that most of us have seen for some time now which is inhibiting the situation," says one. "Now we have the Tanoa and the Scenic, two rather good quality properties, along with the smaller properties there, the infrastructure is better than it's ever been but we don't have any co-operative marketing funds to promote the destination."

Tourism to Tonga has been hit by issues including changes in domestic air carriers and the MA60 issue, however while these have been resolved the destination has never really gained momentum again, say sources.

... Rather Stagnant

Tonga Tourism did not respond to requests for comment by press-time, however the newly appointed chief executive Fekita Utoikamanu told local media recently that the government has doubled its earning goals for the tourism sector.

Utoikamanu admitted the industry has been 'rather stagnant' and Tonga Tourism is looking to work more closely with the tourism industry to fix that.

For more on the new hotel, see p7.

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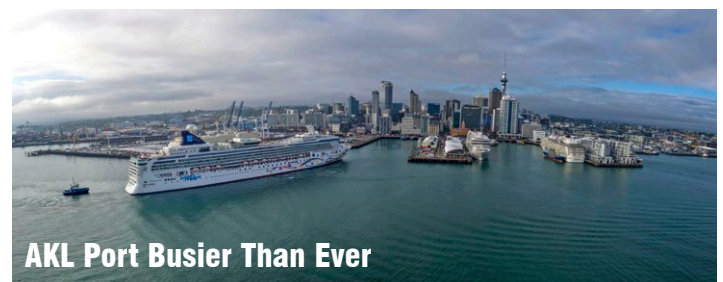
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Last week marked the busiest-ever week for cruise ship arrivals in Auckland, says Auckland Tourism,

Events and Economic Development. Since Mon 13 Feb, there has been at least one ship in port every day, with two or three ships docked for the day or longer for the majority of the week—while there were four ships docked in Auckland on Sat alone, marking a first.

See today's Cruise page for more cruise news.

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AR Mobile Check-in

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Brand USA's BIG Badge Bonanza!

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Air New Zealand is offering \$500 off return adult economy and \$1000 off adult premium economy and business premier fares to USA, Canada and South America for clients who book a return journey from any NZ serviced domestic airport. Valid for sales to 06 Mar, select travel dates apply for each destination.

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Upskill With Brand USA, Win A US Trip

Brand USA has launched what it says is its largest trade incentive to date, which gives participating agents the chance to upskill and win a trip for two to the West Coast of the US thanks to Hawaiian Airlines.

The NTO has today rolled out 16 new specialist training badges on its on-line training site including destinations such as California, Texas and Kentucky and product such as Universal Studios Hollywood and Macerich Shopping Centers and Fashion Outlets.

Agents who complete five badges by 16 Apr will be entered into the draw—and the regional experts badge is essential and counts as one of the five badges. Those who complete additional badges will earn a bonus entry into the draw for each extra badge they complete.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for agents to further enhance their US destination knowledge with a total of 32 specialist badges on offer on the Discovery Program,” says Brand USA’s New Zealand representative Wayne Mitcham. “Brand USA’s investment in a world class training site demonstrates commitment to the New Zealand travel trade to ensure that they have the tools they need to sell the USA to their clients.” Agents who complete five badges or more will be in the running to win a trip for two to any of Hawaiian Airlines’ west coast US destinations, including an upgrade to extra comfort economy AKL-HNL, and lounge passes at AKL and HNL airports. “It’s a great opportunity for us to be

involved, and enables us to showcase the value and the benefit of our 10 gateways across the US West Coast—which can of course be dual destination open-jawed and offer a free stopover in HNL,” says HA New Zealand manager Russell Willis. “We also offer direct services from our Maui hub to the mainland US, and from this week clients travelling AKL-NYC in business class will have our new flatbed product all the way.” There are now 32 models in the suite of specialist badges in the program. The incentive is only open to travel trade representatives in New Zealand who are registered users of the Discovery Program. For details, see usadiscoveryprogram.co.nz

Qantas Global Sale

Qantas is holding a Global Sale with flights to destinations in Asia, North America, South America and South Africa on sale until 06 Mar. Fares include Honolulu from \$799, Santiago from \$1099, Dallas from \$1099, New York from \$1399, Johannesburg from \$1599, Beijing from \$599, Denpasar from \$769, London from \$1824, and Frankfurt from \$1972. See GDS or qantas.co.nz/agents

DL Most Admired

Delta Air Lines has been named as one of *Fortune* magazine’s most admired companies for what the carrier says is the fourth consecutive year. DL was named *Fortune*’s Most Admired Airline, the sixth time in the last seven years that it has taken the spot. The rankings are based on a global survey of industry executives, boards of directors and analysts.



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Western Med Bookings Rebound

While the western Mediterranean market was, in general, 'really volatile' last year, bookings for this year are climbing, and fast, says MSC.

Due to a combination of the fallout from a series of terror attacks over the past few years, as well as a marked trend in clients choosing to embark in Barcelona, the west Mediterranean market was 'slightly erratic' in 2016, says MSC's managing director Australia and New Zealand Lynne Clarke. Clarke notes that the line still went to Marseille, France, following the Nov 2015 attacks in Paris, and that they did not have anyone say they would not go on any of their cruises. However, there has been less demand for the western Med, she says—but this is changing. Since Aug last year, bookings have been on the up, and aren't showing any signs of slowing. "This year it is an extremely fast market and bookings to the Mediterranean are fantastic," she says. "In fact, Europe for MSC is booming."

Assisting with the bookings is this year's (Jun) launch of the all-new MSC Meraviglia, adds Clarke, with many clients booking in to return to the region purely for the ship experience. "People are excited for her and everything onboard, the airfares are amazing, everything is right for it," she adds.

... TTC Commitment

Also committed to the region is The Travel Corporation, who, after the Nov 2015 events, faced a decision on whether to proceed with the building of the SS Joie de Vivre for Uniworld. After more than 70 years of bringing travellers to Paris, however, the company decided 'it was more important than ever to show its continued support for both the city where their guests have always enjoyed great experiences, and also to the Parisian people'. The ship, which will sail Uniworld's Paris and Normandy itinerary, will be christened 27 Mar.

New Ships For NCLH

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings has ordered four next-generation ships for its Norwegian Cruise Line brand, to be delivered in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

On order with Fincantieri S.p.A, the ships will each accommodate approximately 3300 guests and will debut a range of 'first at sea' features, says NCLH. The ships, expected to cost EUR800 million each, will be designed with the aim of optimising fuel consumption and reducing the impact on the environment. Full details will be announced at a later date. NCLH has the option for two additional ships to be delivered in 2026 and 2027.

New Viking Itinerary

GO Holidays advises agents of Viking Ocean Cruises' new Australia and New Zealand itinerary. Cruising onboard Viking Spirit ex Sydney, clients will call at Melbourne, Hobart, Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Napier and Tauranga before ending in Auckland. The 14-night cruise is priced from \$8889pp t/s for sales to 30 Jun, with a 16 Dec 2018 departure.

Special Med Offer

Azamara Club Cruises has released a Buy One Get One Half Price offer on a 31-night Mediterranean cruise, while it is also offering up to USD3100 onboard spending money. As an added bonus, those who book in Oceanview Staterooms or above will receive unlimited internet access for one device. Departing Athens 05 Jul, the voyage will visit 24 ports in eight countries—Italy, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Slovenia, Monaco and Montenegro. Highlights include a three-night Venice visit, timed for the annual Redentore Festival. Fares start from \$16,579 for the first guest and \$8519 for the second, for bookings by 31 Mar.

Mercy Ships Fundraiser

The 500 industry members attending CLIA Australasia's recent Annual Cruise Industry Awards raised more than \$5000 for Mercy Ships, CLIA's global charity of choice. Mercy Ships operates floating hospitals that cruise around the world providing free healthcare services to the developing world; and also provides training for medical professionals.

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Niue's Campaign For Adventurous Kiwis



Niue Tourism's first major brand campaign, which was launched on-island over the weekend, is set to roll out via print and social media, in a bid to attract more Kiwi visitors.

With New Zealand its primary market, and visitation up in 2016, the 'No where like us' campaign will highlight the Pacific Island nation's appeal—particularly its 'untouched' offering that clients can discover themselves or with a guide, but one which is not over-commercialised, says Niue Tourism chief executive Felicity Bollen. Bollen adds that the campaign is targeted at more niche travellers—particularly adventurous families, active travellers, those aged 45+ and Niueans living in New Zealand. And this, she says, follows extensive research, in which the tourism body uncovered

that past travellers were those who didn't want to 'just sit by the pool or visit malls', but were more interested in adventures.

Bollen adds that the new brand campaign will shape how Niue is promoted going forward. "There's nothing fake about Niue. It's a genuine experience with real nature and real people; its lack of touristy add-ons makes it stand out," she says.

The campaign will see a series of 45-second films promoted via print media and across digital platforms, initially over the next six weeks, with further content to be released over the next two years.

A series of short 360-degree films have also been developed for use online, or at trade shows and expos.

To watch the first campaign video, [CLICK HERE](#)

Western Front Events

Innovative is inviting agents and their clients to attend special WWI travel and information evenings in Auckland and Christchurch next month. Information will be available on Innovative Western Front tours, commemorating the battles of the Somme, Flanders and Passchendaele, Beersheba and Crete, and the El Alamein 75th commemorations. For details on the events see industry diary, and to RSVP e-mail info@innovative-travel.com

Meet BB8 At Disney



BB-8, the loyal droid from *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, will begin meeting guests at the Star Wars Launch Bay at Disney's Hollywood Studios this northern spring. BB-8 will appear in addition to Kylo Ren and Chewbacca, two characters who guests regularly encounter at Star Wars Launch Bay.

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South Sea A Winner

South Sea Cruises was named Best Tour and Transport Operator at the Fiji Excellence in Tourism 2016 Awards over the weekend.

“This award is a tribute to all staff who on a daily basis provide our customers with the best possible service and safety and an experience to remember,” said chief executive Brad Rutherford. South Sea Cruises operate a range of day cruises, resort transfers and tailor-made offerings. Also part of the South Sea Cruises portfolio is Blue Lagoon Cruises; Awesome Adventures Fiji; Yasawa Islands Holidays; and Vinaka Fiji. Later this year it will open the Malamala Beach Club Fiji.

For more on the FETA winners, see *Travel Today* this week.



Boeing Debuts 787-10 Dreamliner



Boeing has debuted its 787-10 Dreamliner, the third member of the Dreamliner family, at an event in South Carolina attended by dignitaries including President Donald Trump.

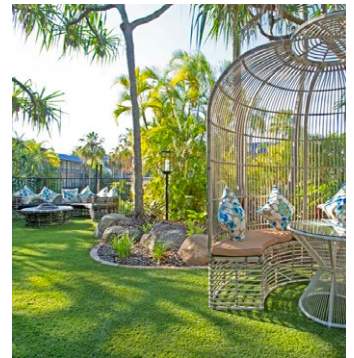
The 787-10, built exclusively at Boeing South Carolina, will now be prepared for its first flight in the coming weeks. Boeing will start delivering the 787-10 to airlines in 2018, and has won 149 orders from nine customers across the globe.

“We know our customers, including launch customer Singapore Airlines, are going to love what the 787-10 will do for their fleets, and we can’t wait to see them fly it,” says Boeing Commer-

cial Airplanes boss Kevin McAllister. The 787-10 is the longest Dreamliner so far, and will grow the non-stop routes operated by the -8 and -9 ‘with unprecedented efficiency’, says Boeing. As an 18ft (5.5m) stretch of the 787-9, it will deliver the 787 passenger experience and long range with up to 10% better fuel use and emissions than the competition.

Short-life LA Fares

Air New Zealand has released a new shortlife fare to Los Angeles, with economy from \$509 one-way for sales to 01 Mar. Business premier fares are also available. See your GDS or airnzagent.co.nz



Mantra Club Croc Reborn

Mantra Group has today officially opened the new-look, rebranded Mantra Club Croc hotel, following an AUD5 million refurbishment to bring a fresh design and upgraded facilities to the Airlie Beach hotel. Situated close to the beachfront and Abell Point Marina, the hotel is housed in a traditional Queenslander-style building, and is now home to stylish accommodation with coastal-inspired décor, as well as a range of new and improved facilities such as a large lagoon pool with adjoining spa and locally-inspired cuisine and the hotel’s new poolside restaurant and bar. To celebrate the opening, the hotel is offering rates starting from AUD109 per night in a garden deluxe room, for a minimum two-night stay. See mantra.com.au for more.

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The Langham's Win

The Langham, Auckland has been named as the Best Hotel in New Zealand in *DestinAsian Magazine's* 2017 Reader's Choice Award.

Two For One Africa Deals



On The Go Tours has brought back its two for one deals on all African overland safari tours. Prices start from \$1370 per couple, with the collection of African overland safaris encompassing highlights such as the Masai Mara in Kenya to Cape Town in South Africa. All 18 overland safaris are available for the offer, but must be booked by 28 Feb for travel this year and next.



New Hotel Ups Tonga's Game

Tonga welcomed the re-opening of its iconic International Date-line Hotel over the weekend following a two-year refurbishment, with the property now under the Tanoa Hotel Group.

A two-year refurbishment of the property has brought it up to Tanoa's standards and Tanoa director of sales Nick Ridling says bringing an international brand in-market usually means the rest of the industry

will up their game to match.

The fully-refurbished hotel was once a focal point in the town, and the Tanoa group is hopeful it will once again become a key place to meet for everything from corporate lunches through to Fri night drinks. Wholesalers were impressed with the new-look hotel, which offers 122 rooms—about half of the hotel inventory in Nuku'alofa. The property also features two swimming

pools, restaurants and bars, 24-hour reception, gym, and conference and meeting venues including a festival lawn.

While around 50% of guests are corporate, wholesalers noted that the hotel is conveniently located for guests who want to have the comfort of internationally-branded hotel standards, but can still take day trips to nearby islands or to swim with whales.



1 The swimming pool area. **2** Kiwi singer Stan Walker entertained guests at the hotel opening. **3** Shelley Gutry, Our Pacific; Shona Bray, House of Travel; Hylde Bloomfield, Air New Zealand; Gareth Waddington, helloworld; and Sharon Martin, Lifestyle Holidays. **4** Shona Bray, House of Travel; Sharon Martin, Lifestyle Holidays; and Gareth Waddington, helloworld. **5** Tanoa Hotel Group's Nick Ridling and Shona Bray, House of Travel explore the Anahulu Cave.

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Oakland Ale Trail

Visit Oakland has joined the city's craft beer industry to debut the official Oakland Ale Trail, as part of SF Beer Week taking place throughout the Bay Area.

Alongside the craft beer trail is a new passport programme, which encourages beer drinkers to visit the nine tasting rooms in the city. Visitors can collect a stamp from each of the nine tasting rooms to redeem a free Oakland Ale Trail growler at the Oakland Visitor Center in Jack London Square. "Oakland is an emerging beer destination and branding the collective breweries under the Oakland Ale Trail allows visitors to navigate the breweries and the city to support the makers' creative spirit," says Visit Oakland boss Mark Everton.

For details see visitoakland.com/things-to-do/oakland-ale-trail/



Ukulele Tour To Mexico, Cuba With Viva

Viva Expeditions' Jo Saunderson is set to lead her next Ukulele-inspired tour in Oct, this time travelling to Mexico and Cuba, following the success of her recent music tour to Hawaii. The Sounds of Mexico and Cuba tour departs 07 Oct and runs for two weeks, with prices from \$6976pp t/s. E-mail jo@vivaexpeditions.com for further details.



Charting Europe's Aviation Course

IATA has set an agenda for a 'stronger, safer, more secure and sustainable' aviation industry for Europe, saying it's not an easy place to do business and this is only going to become more challenging.

Speaking to the European Aviation Club, IATA boss Alexandre de Juniac called on policy-makers in the area to prioritise four areas—regulating smartly, reducing costs, reinforcing security and removing infrastructure bottlenecks.

With 8.8 million jobs and EUR620 billion in GDP linked to aviation, it's vital that everyone works together to chart the right course for its future, de Juniac said.

"For airlines, Europe is not an easy or cost-efficient place to do business. As global competition further intensifies it is only going to get more challenging—potentially costing European jobs, hindering European growth and reducing the European quality of life," he said.

... Bans, Walls

De Juniac also called the current political rhetoric 'deeply concerning'. "It points to a future of restricted

borders and protectionism. We see it in travel bans, border walls and trade agreements that are being called into question," he said.

"Durable peace, prosperity or security have never been achieved through provocation, exclusion and division. The world has grown wealthier with people travelling and trading. That has helped to lift over a billion people from poverty. Aviation is proud of the role it plays in making this happen. Ensuring aviation's power to connect people has never been more important."

In-room Lux Shopping

Dallas' Hotel Crescent Court has launched a new Dressing-room to Guest-room service, allowing clients to shop from their hotel room, reports *Conde Nast Traveler*. In a partnership with department store Stanley Korshak, the service will see the hotel deliver a selection of couture clothing to a client's room—while an on-call tailor is available to make sure the designer pieces fit perfectly.

Clients must book in advance, after which they will be provided with a stylist who will get in touch to determine their measurements, favourite fits, cuts and looks. A minimum spend of \$3000 with Stanley Korshak is required.

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Club Raro Offers

The Cook Islands' Club Raro Resort has released a range of specials for clients who stay a minimum of five nights, advises Coconuts Travel Marketing. Those who book for travel to 31 Mar will save 40%; those who book for travel 01 Apr-31 May or 01 Oct-31 Mar 2018 will save 35%; and for travel 01 Jun-30 Sep clients will save 30%. The offers are valid for bookings to 28 Feb.

Industry Diary

FEBRUARY

Wendy Wu Tours Movie Night

Wellington: Thu 23, Embassy Cinemas, 1800.

Canada Roadshow 2016: Adventure World, Rocky Mountaineer, Air New Zealand & Francis Travel Marketing

Auckland, North Shore: Mon 20, The Postman's Leg, Glenfield, 1800.

Tauranga: Wed 22, Trinity Wharf, 0730.

Hamilton: Wed 22 Feb, Joe's Garage, 1600.

Palmerston North: Thu 23, Joe's Garage, 1800.

Brand USA's Discover America

Trade Expos

Wellington: Mon 27, Shed 6, Queens Wharf, 1700-2130.

Auckland: Tue 28, ANZ Viaduct Events Centre, 1700-2130.

MARCH

Innovative Travel WWI Travel & Information Evening

Christchurch: Thu 02, Papanui RSA, 1730-1900.

Auckland: Wed 01, Point Chevalier RSA, 1730-1900.

2017 Adventure World Roadshow

Auckland: Mon 06, Heritage Hotel, 1800.

Bay of Plenty: Tue 07, Mills Reef Winery Tauranga, 1800.

Wellington: Wed 08, Mac's Brewbar & Restaurant, 1800.

Christchurch: Thu 09, Novotel Christchurch, 1800.

JAWS Roadshow 2017

Dunedin: Mon 06, Kingsgate Hotel, 1700-2000.

Christchurch: Tue 07, Rydges Latimer Hotel, 1700-2000.

Nelson: Wed 08, Rutherford Hotel, 1700-2000.

Whangarei: Tue 14, Forum North, 1700-2000.

Auckland North: Wed 15, Spencer on Byron, Takapuna, 1700-2000.

Napier: Mon 20, Napier Sailing Club, 1700-2000.

Wellington: Tue 21, Rydges Wellington, 1700-2000.

Ireland Food Festivals In 2017

Ireland is hosting a range of food festivals this year, from internationally renowned events to small festivals celebrating local food, farmers and fisherman.

Top picks include the Galway Food Festival (13-17 Apr), an annual five-day event featuring open-air markets, food trails, talks, tastings, demonstrations and workshops involving over 100 restaurants, food outlets and food producers. See galwayfoodfestival.com

The Ballymaloe Food & Drinks Literacy Festival (19-21 May) is considered one of the best food festivals in the world, and has an emphasis on food 'literacy', responsibility and sustainability. See litfest.ie

The Taste of Cavan (11-12 Aug) sees a stellar line-up of chefs and over 120 stalls showcasing the best of local and regional produce, see thisiscavan.ie

From 25-27 Aug, Taste of Donegal sees over 100 food and drink exhibitors, hotels and restaurants showcasing produce, tastings and high profile cookery demonstrations, see atasteofdonegal.com

Other top events include the Hillsborough International Oyster Festival (05-09 Sep); A Taste of West Cork (08-17 Sep); and Savour Kilkenny (26-30 Oct).

Milestone Wellness

London's five-star Milestone Hotel has added yoga, pilates, personal training and nutritional planning to its existing facilities and has launched a new Wellness at the Milestone package.

The two-night package is available until 30 Apr and includes accommodation in a Deluxe King room for two, a skinny cocktail upon arrival, breakfast daily, a one-hour consultation with a personal trainer and nutritionist and more.

See milestonehotel.com for full details.

E-Cig Causes STN Chaos

Passengers were reportedly evacuated from Stansted Airport in Essex on Fri after a traveller lit up an e-cigarette in a bathroom stall. The airport's entire departures hall had to be shut down after fire alarms went off, causing chaos during rush hour.



Expansion For Disney's Coronado Springs

Disney has announced an expansion of its Disney's Coronado Springs Resort over the next two years, including a new 15-story tower that will add 500 rooms, featuring suites and concierge level services. The resort will also refurbish its current rooms and transform its landscape with floating gardens and an island oasis that connects the resort through a series of bridges. The new tower will overlook Lago Dorado, the resort's lake, allowing guests to experience rooftop dining with panoramic views of fireworks from nearby Disney parks. Also during this time, Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort will receive new additions to its marketplace, Centertown, including new waterfront dining and retail shopping areas.



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Lonely Planet Kids has launched a new World's Cutest Animal colouring book, and Travel Today has a copy to give away. The book is illustrated by Lulu Mayo and while it's aimed at kids, stressed-out agents might find also some light relief in colouring the animals on its pages.

E-mail your details by 1700 on Fri 24 Feb, to giveaways@traveltoday.co.nz with 'Colouring Book' in the subject line

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