

AOT Product News

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PRODUCT NEWS – AUSTRALIA



O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat & O'Reilly's Mountain Villas, QLD – Road Works

From Luiza Falconi, Revenue & Sales Manager:

Effective immediately, road works are in progress along a 19km section of Lamington National Park Road starting approximately 17 kilometres from Canungra.

The road to O'Reilly's will be closed Sunday to Thursday between 8:00pm and 6:00am for night works to be carried out, as operationally required.

Delays and changes to traffic conditions are expected on the road to O'Reilly's from Monday to Friday between 6:00am and 6:00pm and some Saturdays.



Hamilton Island Reef View Hotel, QLD – Removal of Spa

From Michelle Burns, International Account Manager:

Effective 8 January 2019, the spa located on the balcony of the 2 Bedroom Terrace Suites will be removed.

Further information of refurbishment works will be advised at a later date.



Mercure Canberra, ACT – Refurbishment

From Greg Holt, Director of Sales and Marketing:

Effective immediately, refurbishment works have commenced which are expected to be completed by 07 August 2018.

Accommodation rooms will be refurbished including painting, new carpet, and installation of USB ports, TV and new curtains. Sections of 8 - 10 rooms will be worked on at a time and will be closed off to guests. The conference and public spaces will receive new carpet. Some noise is expected as drilling is required for the TV installation.

Work will take place daily between 7:00am and 4:00pm.



Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne – Refurbishment Update

From Natalie Romaniuk, Sales Coordinator:

Further to our Product Newsletter on 28 September 2017;

Refurbishment to all rooms has been delayed and is now expected to be completed by mid-July 2018 (previously 31 May 2018).

Lobby and restaurant works are expected to be completed by 30 September 2018.



Spicers Hidden Vale, Regional QLD – Temporary Closure Extension

From Kylie Stever, Group Sales Director:

Further to our Product Newsletter on 13 April 2018;

The property will be open for new bookings from 01 July 2018 onwards (was previously 07 May 2018). The property will continue to honour existing bookings until 30 June 2018.

During this period, alternate dining arrangements will be offered using the Barn and Courtyards.

Whitsunday Apartments, Hamilton Island - Paint Works

From John McFadden, Resort Manager:

Paint works in the Breezeways (the corridors that run along the back of the resort and allow guests entry into their rooms) will commence from 12 July and is to be completed on 06 August 2018.

There will be a large number of builders at the property while the work takes place which may cause some disruption to guests.

Work will take place from Monday to Saturday between 08.00am and 5.00pm.



Breakfree Diamond Beach, Gold Coast – Noise works

From Mantra Sales Team:

Effective immediately, Breakfree Diamond Beach have advised that construction of a high rise residential building on the adjoining property at 272-274 Hedges Avenue has commenced. The excavation of the site is expected to take around 3 – 4 months and will involve heavy machinery.

Works will take place from Monday to Friday between 6:30am and 3:00pm. Some noise is expected during these hours.

ibis Adelaide – Stay/Pay Special

Stay 2 nights and receive the 3rd night free (maximum 1 free night)

Conditions:

- Valid New bookings only
- Offer not combinable
- Option Codes: HTLNSA, HTLNSE, HTLNSE, HTLNSE
- Black-out Dates: 04SEP18 to 06SEP18

Validity:

- Sale: 25MAY18 to 30JUL18
- Travel: 25MAY18 to 03SEP18 and 07SEP18 to 30SEP18

Rates can be found on the online tariff.



Destination Feature - Australia

Melbourne, VIC

The world's most liveable city, Melbourne, is the coastal capital of the south eastern Australian state of Victoria. There's always something new to discover in Melbourne's hive of bustling, creative laneways, with their covert boutiques, famed restaurants and hole-in-the-wall cafes and bars. Head out any day of the week and enjoy a night of live music or performing arts. There's always a gig, comedy hour, or theatre show taking place in performance spaces, band rooms and theatres across Victoria. Discover the next big thing at a local music venue; see theatrical blockbusters in all their glory, or catch stage productions and concerts at regional cabaret halls.



Holiday Inn Melbourne on Flinders

Holiday Inn Melbourne on Flinders is a 4 star, friendly hotel conveniently located on Flinders Lane in Melbourne city. Close to Etihad Stadium, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank casino and entertainment complex, as well as city shopping and many transport options.



With 170 rooms, each Superior room has floor to ceiling windows feature pillowtop beds, full HD TV, integrated media hub with HDMI and USB connectivity and full blackout blinds. The modern bathrooms feature a large mirror with built in lighting and an oversized shower. For the perfect night sleep choose your ideal pillow from the pillow menu.

Rates can be found on the online tariff.



Searoad Ferries

Sail on the all-weather car and passenger ferries on Melbourne's spectacular Port Phillip Bay between Sorrento and Queenscliff 365 days a year with Searoad Ferries. The ferries carry more than 800,000 people annually.

Operations began with a single vessel in 1987, capable of transporting up to 300 passengers and 30 cars. Just a few thousand visitors and vehicles then travelled each year between Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula and Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The bay crossing is now a 'must do' attraction and a highlight of the Victorian coastal travel experience, connecting the Great Ocean Road to the Mornington Peninsula and beyond to Phillip Island. The 40 minute crossing is a great alternative to the 200km drive around the bay, on toll roads, freeways and in city traffic.

Ferries depart both Queenscliff and Sorrento every hour, on the hour from 7am to 6pm daily. An extra twilight service operates at 7pm from 26 December to 31 January, every day; in February and March on weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sundays) and on Public Holidays as well as the Easter Long Weekend (Friday – Monday).

This family owned tourism business, Peninsula Searoad Transport Ltd, operates without any government funding and employs more than 70 full time and part time staff.

Rates can be found on the online tariff.



PRODUCT NEWS – NEW ZEALAND

Barclay Suites, Auckland – Roadworks

From Central Reservations, Reservation Manager:

Barclay Suites have advised that there are currently roadworks in front of Barclay Suites. The council is building a City Rail Link (underground rail route) in front of the apartments and the roadworks will be ongoing for the next 2-3 years.

The roadworks are in operation Monday to Friday from 7:30am-6pm.



From the motorway

1. From Nelson Street you will turn right to Victoria going down to Queen Street
2. Turn left to Queen Street
3. Left to Albert Street
4. And then left to Wyndham Street (Barclay is in your left side after Habitual Fix)

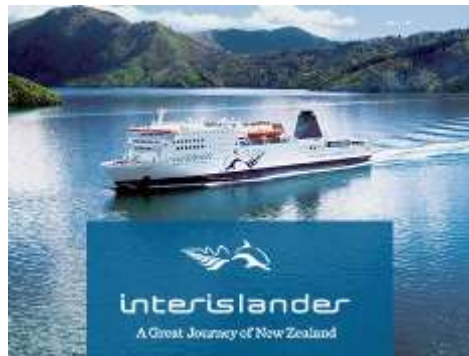
From Britomart (Waterfront)

1. You will need to go from Queen Street
2. Right to Wyndham Street
3. And left to Albert Street (Barclay is in your left side after Habitual Fix)

Interislander – Bookings Open for 2019

From The Great Journeys of New Zealand:

Interislander have released all sailings to June 2019. Bookings that were waitlisted will be confirmed shortly.



Huntaway Lodge, Northland – Hotel Name Change

From Te Koha Lodge:

Effective immediately, Huntaway Lodge has been renamed Te Koha Lodge.

Destination Feature – New Zealand

TONGARIRO

Tongariro National Park – covering almost 80,000 hectares – was gifted to the nation by Maori chief Te Heuheu Tukino IV in 1887. Just over a hundred years later, the park was awarded dual World Heritage Site status.

Emerald lakes, alpine meadows and hot springs surround the largest volcanoes in the North Island, offering an environment of stunning diversity.

All three volcanoes are very much alive, with Mount Tongariro erupting as recently as August 2012. But this doesn't deter people from skiing down the slopes and hiking to the craters – a monitoring system provides early warning of eruptions.

The park's most celebrated activity is the 'Tongariro Alpine Crossing', a one-day trek that traverses the otherworldly terrain along the slopes of all three mountains.

Steaming craters, old lava flows and thermal lakes make the walk an unforgettable experience.



Chateau Tongariro Hotel

Surrounded by the sacred peaks of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro, Chateau Tongariro Hotel exudes a timeless elegance deeply rooted in New Zealand's heritage. Occupying a prime spot in Tongariro National Park, the hotel honours the gracious gift of tribal land to the people of New Zealand in 1887.

With refined decor that reflects the hotel's history, the rooms and suites at Chateau Tongariro cover a variety of floor plans, and most have Dual Heritage National Park views.



Family Rooms in the Heritage Wing have an open floor plan with a queen-sized bed and 2 singles, while Spa Suites in the Tongariro Wing feature fireplaces and separate sitting areas. Standard, Heritage and Family rooms vary in size and features based on location and configuration. All rooms have en-suite bathrooms, high-speed WiFi and 24-hour room service.

The standalone self-catering units at Fergusson Motel offer kitchenettes and one or two bedrooms. For the ultimate experience, ask about the special McLaren and Te Heu Heu Suites.



Within the main hotel, **the Ruapehu Room** serves classic New Zealand cuisine such as lamb, seafood and a delicious signature chateaubriand for two, while a lavish breakfast buffet sets guests up for the day. A few minutes' drive from the front door, guests can hike the Tongariro Alpine Crossing or hit the slopes at the Whakapapa and Turoa ski areas. When it's warmer, trout fishing, mountain biking or river rafting are a must do.

If you have any queries on the features above, please contact AOT's Product Departments.

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