



THE PULI HOTEL AND SPA - IN THE HEART OF SHANGHAI



The PuLi Hotel & Spa is the first luxury hotel of its kind in Shanghai. A new urban resort concept that blends the immediacy and convenience of being in Shanghai's most central location with the indulgences of a peaceful and luxurious resort. It's like being away from it all and right in the heart of it all at once. The quality of the hotel's facilities is contemporary and is accentuated with historic touches. Every room includes subtle décor references to the past, whilst having every modern amenity necessary to keep you living in luxury and comfort— a 32 inch LCD TV, Bose music system with iPod docking station, high-speed wireless internet, a Nespresso coffee machine and a rain shower for you to rinse away the stresses of your day. Whether you are travelling for business or pleasure this hotel is a must in Shanghai. Call your MP Consultant for details on 02 9993 9000.



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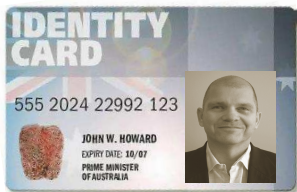


Photo identification will need to be produced by domestic passengers before they board flights as part of a major overhaul of Australian airport security. First and last names on ID must match the booking name. The recommendation is part of a parliamentary joint committee on law enforcement into airport tightening security. The report is expected to recommend that people who can't provide photo ID produce a signed statutory declaration confirming their identity before boarding.



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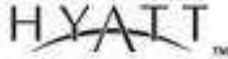
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**Park Hyatt Sydney
re-opening late 2011**



Emerging from a dramatic transformation, the newly redesigned **Park Hyatt Sydney** brings a new level of contemporary luxury to the edge of Sydney Harbour. All 155 rooms including 3 new rooftop suites, restaurants and bars have been luxuriously designed and decorated. Twenty four hour butler service, private wharf and complimentary morning CBD limousine are among many services available. Stay tuned for further opening updates....



Upgrade of the Qantas 747-400

The first Qantas Boeing 747-400 aircraft to be upgraded with new seats and state-of-the-art in-flight entertainment is available servicing the Brisbane - Los Angeles route from 19 October 2011. The newly fitted out aircraft will allow Qantas long haul customers to experience an inflight experience consistent with the airline's flagship A380 aircraft. Qantas announced in February last year the upgrade of nine Boeing 747-400 aircraft as part of a \$400million investment in its current fleet.



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**United and Continental Airlines
Changes to checked bag fees**

United and Continental have implemented changes to international checked bag fees for tickets for travel on/after August 15, 2011. From Australia, United is implementing a second checked bag fee. There will be no fee for the first checked bag of up to 23kg. Second checked bag between US, Canada, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Asia (except Hong Kong and Japan), Australia, New Zealand, Micronesia, Israel and the Middle East is USD70.

The service fee will not apply to elite customers and customers seated in First and Business class. United Airlines customers have the option to purchase a one-year subscription to the pre-paid baggage service—Premier Baggage. Call your MP Travel Consultant for other charges to other destinations and for further details on 02 9993 9000.

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2011 is the year that the first **Baby Boomers** turn 65!



..according to a recent survey ...

2011's TOP 25 DESTINATIONS IN THE WORLD

1. Cape Town, South Africa
2. Sydney, Australia
3. Machu Picchu, Peru
4. Paris, France
5. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
6. New York City, USA
7. Rome, Italy
8. London, United Kingdom
9. Barcelona, Spain
10. Hong Kong, China
11. Kyoto, Japan
12. Queenstown, New Zealand
13. Jerusalem, Israel
14. Siem Reap, Cambodia
15. Prague, Czech Republic
16. Venice, Italy
17. Buenos Aires, Argentina
18. Ko Phi Phi Don, Thailand
19. Honolulu, Hawaii
20. St. Petersburg, Russia
21. Florence, Italy
22. Cayman Islands, Caribbean
23. San Francisco, California
24. Petra/Wadi Musa, Jordan
25. Las Vegas, USA

香港 HONG KONG 香港



"I recently was given a fantastic opportunity to live the high life and shop in style in Asia's magnificent city of Hong Kong! For two nights, I ventured to Hong Kong travelling with Virgin Atlantic in their Upper Class Suites, and stayed at the luxurious Landmark Oriental Hotel.

The Landmark Oriental Hotel is an absolutely stunning 5 star luxury hotel, the best hotel I have personally ever stayed in! The hotel has 113 rooms across 15 floors and is located on Hong Kong Island. I stayed in one of the L600 rooms which are the most popular rooms. The bathrooms are huge and include a round spa bath and rainforest shower. The rooms are contemporary with 3 high-definition LCD TV's with enhanced surround sound. I was surprised at the fact I never once saw housekeeping including trolleys in the hallways. In the morning when I may have been gone for no more than 1 hour, I returned to my room which had already been made up spotlessly and never saw the housekeeping staff.



The day spa must be seen to be believed. It covers two floors of the hotel and acts as a perfect escape from the busy metropolis. It has absolutely everything from relaxation lounges, high-tech fitness centre, steam room, experience showers, indoor swimming pool and an extensive spa menu that includes exclusive Mandarin Oriental signature treatments. The day spa here simply can't be missed. There are two restaurants at the hotel—MO Bar located on ground floor and also Amber located on the 7th floor with executive chef Richard Ekkebus who has earned two Michelin stars, a hallmark of fine dining quality.



Hong Kong is certainly the shopper's paradise. With an abundance of choice including high end designer stores such as Gucci, Prada and Louis Vuitton, right down to the variety of local markets, then of course there is everything else in between with well known stores such as Marks and Spencer's, H&M and Zara to name a few. I decided to check out Stanley Markets in the morning and made the 30 minute journey on the double decker bus to view some beautiful scenery along the way. Hong Kong is a fantastic destination as either a stopover to Europe or as a destination on its own.

My travel tip: *make sure there is plenty of room in your suitcase for all the shopping you will be bringing home!"*

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA LOUNGE



Virgin Australia will apply lounge SINGLE entry passes, CASUAL entry visit, new membership purchases and renewals effective 1 August 2011.

SINGLE entry passes can be purchased and prepaid online and are \$55 while CASUAL entry passes purchased at the lounge are \$65.

LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT NEWS

Terminal 5C, the final phase of London Heathrow Terminal 5, has officially opened its doors to travellers. Terminal 5C is connected to Terminal 5A and Terminal 5B by a transit train and it is a 20 minute ride from Terminal 5A to Terminal 5C and 15 minutes from Terminal 5A to Terminal 5B. There are a number of shops in Terminal 5C, however there are no lounge facilities—eligible travellers can enjoy the Galleries Lounges in Terminal 5A or 5B before proceeding to Terminal 5C prior to departure.



DIARY DATES

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| Rugby World Cup NZ | 9 Sep –23 Oct |
| AFL Grand Final | 1 Oct |
| NRL Grand Final | 2 Oct |
| NSW/ACT/SA public holiday | 3 Oct |
| Perth public holiday | 28 Oct |
| CHOGM (Perth) | 28-30 Oct |
| Melbourne Cup | 1 Nov |
| London Olympic Games | 27 Jul-12 Aug 2012 |





Soneva Kiri by Six Senses is located on Koh Kood, a remote island situated on the east coast of Thailand, known for its pure waterfalls, crystal clear waters and traditional village life. Flights from Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport to Soneva Kiri Airport takes 60 minutes by private plane, and from there it is just 2 kilometres by speed boat to the resort's arrival pier. Koh Kood is the fourth largest island in Thailand, but one of the least developed. Soneva Kiri is developed with the principles of ecologically sustainable design adapted to protect the environment. Personal electric vehicles, together with bicycles are the mode of transport within the resort which comprises of 29 Pool Villas along the beachfront overlooking the Gulf of Thailand. Call your MP Leisure Consultant on 02 9993 9000 to receive **EXCLUSIVE VIRTUOSO benefits including upgrade on arrival. For stays of 4 + nights receive once during your stay the following— beach dinner for two, private island picnic, a cuisine cooking class for two and a 30 minute spa treatment.** Subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.

ULTIMATE LUXURY—A PRIVATE TOUR OF ITALY

Catch Italy in all its glory before the European summer ends or go when the crowds have dispersed later in the year. This luxurious itinerary is tailored especially for you and focuses on three of northern Italy's most famous cities: **Venice, Bologna and Verona.** You'll stay in a variety of palatial five star lodgings: Ca Sagredo has an enviable location right on Venice's Grand Canal; the prestigious Grand Hotel Majestic gia Balioni in Bologna is a converted 18th century palazzo and Due Torri Hotel in Verona is a medieval gem in the historic part of the city. All have the most exquisite service which ensures a memorable stay.

For travel: 1 November – 15 December 2011

Twin share: \$7,665 per person (includes saving of \$1,845 pp)

Single share: \$14,220 per person (includes saving of \$2,460 pp)

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IMPECCABLE TAJ EXOTICA RESORT — MALDIVES

Attention to detail and impeccable service are two of the Taj Exotica's trademarks. The third is the Jiva Grande Spa, a private island sanctuary, which offers an exquisite range of treatments based on the ancient healing rituals and wellness of India. The Spa is the epitome of privacy. Fanned around a central courtyard garden and surrounded by one of the largest lagoons in the Maldives are a series of themed treatment pavilions. Of the 60 elegant villas, most are overwater lagoon villas offering infinite views of the Indian Ocean. The beach villas are steps from the lagoon and styled with designer fittings, tropical outdoor showers and plunge pools. Taj Exotica is easily accessed from Male by speedboat around the clock.

7 NIGHTS Deluxe Lagoon Villa, breakfast daily, return speedboat transfers between Male airport/resort, local taxes & GST. BONUS: 2 complimentary nights!

For travel: 1 September-31 October 2011 AUD3130 pp

1 November-23 December 2011 AUD3740 pp

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