

Wendy Wu Fly Free

WENDY Wu Tours is offering free flights to China or Japan in conjunction with more than 20 different itineraries departing during 2018.

Agents booking their clients on the offer can earn up to \$130 in Bambu Rewards points, as well as a chance to head to China on the Wu Dynasty Famil - for more details see the **cover page**.

New IATA SWP chief

MATTEO Zanarini has been appointed as area manager South West Pacific for the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Zanarini, who was previously IATA SWP aviation solutions manager, steps into the role vacated by Ian Lorigan, who is heading to Singapore to become director of IATA's Global Delivery Centre Asia-Pacific.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has four pages of news and photos, including a front cover page for Wendy Wu Tours plus full a page from:

- AA Appointments jobs

TC touts independence

TRAVELLERS Choice managing director Christian Hunter has entered the fray over the controversial takeover of Magellan Travel Group by Helloworld (TD 02, 03 Jan), saying his group's unique structure ensures 100% member control.

Speaking to TD from overseas over the weekend, Hunter particularly highlighted Express Travel Group's offer of a new trust deed to Magellan members so they can maintain their independence (TD 04 Jan), saying "this is something we've had for the last forty years".

Travellers Choice operates under an unlisted public company structure, where the only shareholders are members.

In addition, each member has a single vote regardless of their shareholding, and the Travellers Choice board must have a majority of members as directors.

No executives hold shares, with the group's cooperative principles enshrined in the Travellers Choice constitution.

"The concept that there is only one independent group out there

is incorrect," Hunter told TD.

"Travellers Choice will continue to provide a truly independent option for current and future members," he added.

It's understood that Magellan members are continuing to meet to discuss their options in light of the shock HLO takeover announcement prior to Christmas. Magellan chairman Andrew Jones has acknowledged concerns by a "minority of members," committing to provide full details of the HLO transaction at a series of roadshows next week.

CA back to CPH

AIR China has opened reservations for its new services from Beijing to Copenhagen.

The Star Alliance member will operate the route four times weekly from 30 May 2018.

Topdeck pax in Egypt balloon crash

TOPDECK has confirmed 12 of its guests were on board a hot air balloon that crashed near Luxor in Egypt on Fri, leaving one Sth African passenger dead and several Australians injured.

"We are working with our local destination management company and the local authorities at this time," the company said.

"We have a dedicated team of Topdeck representatives also on hand to provide support," it said.

Intrepid \$1 deposit

INTREPID is allowing passengers to book holidays by paying a deposit of just \$1.

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