

## Travel Talk



+++ I cannot wait for the launch of **Air New Zealand's** new Boeing 777s, which will debut on long-haul routes from the end of this year.

It will feature new oven technology which will allow food to be cooked from scratch rather than being reheated.

And to top it off, the new aircraft will offer a digital, in-seat meal ordering service across all of its cabin classes.

+++ The world's official leading airline, **Etihad** is offering a fabulous free stop over – if you have the money to travel first (diamond) or business (pearl) class.

Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara, set in Abu Dhabi's spectacular Liwa desert, is one of the region's most luxurious and authentic resorts and you can stay there for free for three nights if you travel first class and two nights if you book a pearl class. This offer also includes limousine transfers.

Etihad offers over 600 hours of entertainment on the largest screens in the sky.

+++ The underground of the **Colosseum**, which has remained a mystery for centuries, will soon open. After months of work to make the area safe, officials have announced that the public will be allowed to tour the section starting late European summer. Tourists will be able to see the spaces where gladiators prepared for fights and lions, tigers and bulls were caged before entertaining a blood-thirsty public.

+++ For those who enjoy a domestic holiday in Australia, **Sydney's Fish Market** will soon become a major tourist attraction when it undergoes a \$40 million facelift. Works include a new boardwalk across the water front, new parkland, outdoor dining, public foreshore access and sea wall improvements.

+++ And if you want the venture a bit further inland, a riverside eco-resort has been proposed for **Wilcannia** to give the town a boost, and meet fast-growing demand for accommodation along the popular and iconic Darling River Run.

It is an initiative of Sydney-based tourism and hospitality entrepreneur couple, Scott Smith and Cassandra Caldwell who are planning to invest \$1.5 million. The resort will comprise a restaurant, bar, produce garden and eventually 15 lodges - five of them of a luxury standard.

The resort will be the base for guided day tours to destinations including White Cliffs, Menindee and the Kinchega and Mutawintji National Parks.

It will also offer yabbying in dams and fishing expeditions on the river.

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