



## Explora gives credit

EXPLORA Journeys has introduced its exclusive 'an invitation to discover' offer, which for a limited time will provide guests with \$1,500 worth of shore excursion credit per suite.

The promotion is available to guests who reserve their journey between 17 Sep and 14 Oct.

Credit is provided to the first and second traveller listed in each suite - call 1800 595 257 for info.

## Going large on small

INSIDEJAPAN has launched a record small group tour program for next year.

The expanded schedule has been introduced following rising demand this year, with more departures than ever before on offer for travellers.

These include additional shoulder and off-peak options.

InsideJapan said it has seen a 21% increase in travel to the country from Jul 2024-Jun 2025.

## Take an AI crash course

TRAVEL.COM.AU co-founder and Chief Executive of ITbyus Dave Upton (pictured) is inviting travel agents to close the AI skills gap and learn more about how the ubiquitous technology can benefit the daily workflow.

Upton has launched a new AI Crash Course - a hands-on program designed to empower agents and owners to harness the potential of AI, such as by automating mundane or repetitive tasks.

The course features numerous real-world industry-specific case studies and ways AI technology can improve efficiency and other general travel industry needs.

Advisors will also learn practical solutions that can be applied to their business, with participants gaining access to a library of evaluated AI tools, which can be easily implemented without any formal coding knowledge.

"The focus is on augmenting



rather than replacing travel professionals' expertise, allowing them to boost productivity, personalise the customer journey, and future-proof their businesses," Upton said.

Mini-courses include modules on understanding AI fundamentals, a quick reference guide to AI terminology, and a handy resource comparing tools designed to do similar tasks.

Individual agents can take the course for a one-time payment of US\$399, while teams of 10 can access the course for US\$1,197.

Agents interested in learning more can **CLICK HERE**. ML

## Vale Rose Wright

ROSE Wright, the founder and Managing Director of tourism business Regionality, passed away last Fri after a battle with cancer.

Wright was known as a pioneering leader in agritourism, culinary tourism and regional food systems in Australia.

"Over more than 30 years in business, she worked alongside farmers, agritourism operators and regional communities to help shape stronger, more sustainable futures," Wright's family wrote.

She was also a member of the Australian Regional Tourism Ltd (ART) Board, an Auxiliary Committee Chair of the Global Agritourism Network, and an alumna of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.



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