

# TRAVEL FYI

The latest from all over the show.

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Omarama Clay Cliffs, Waitaki.

## THE WAY SOUTH

Eight southern regional tourism organisations have joined forces to showcase the exceptional experiences to be had on the mainland. Designed to inspire visitors to slow down, explore more and meet the locals, the website and itineraries include highlights of Waitaki, Wānaka, Queenstown, Central Otago, Dunedin, Clutha, Southland and Fiordland. [southernway.nz](http://southernway.nz)



## ROOM UPGRADE

The Coral Coast's Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort has completed phase one of its multi-million-dollar transformation, updating its 253 rooms and suites, and communal areas. Sixteen premium bures have been renovated and there's a new "premium ocean view" room category in the heart of the resort, each with a fresh contemporary design, ocean views, and the resort's signature Talai Butler service. [outrigger.com](http://outrigger.com)

## WILLING AND ABEL

Abel Tasman Sea Shuttles specialises in taking people to and from locations along the coast of beautiful Abel Tasman National Park. Come winter, they roll up their sleeves to help restore and maintain the park by providing free transport for volunteers doing conservation work. It may be "off-season", but winter is a seriously good time to visit; free of crowds (both human and sandfly) and with crisp, bright, clear days. [abeltasmanseashuttles.co.nz](http://abeltasmanseashuttles.co.nz)



## This just in...

*Fresh from Queensland*



# 1

### K'GARI

One of Queensland's major natural attractions has had its traditional name reinstated. K'gari, formerly known as Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island, is a heritage-listed natural wonder offering nature tours, whale watching, wildlife, freshwater lakes, fishing and eco-tours.



# 2

### MOUA

Townsville's The Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA), an underwater gallery designed to highlight reef conservation and restoration, has launched the *Ocean Sentinels* installation by sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor, 2.2m-tall figures five metres under water. [moua.com.au](http://moua.com.au)



# 3

### THE LEX

Three Blue Ducks moved on and The Lex grill opened last month in Brisbane's W Hotel. New York-style hospitality and flavours meet locally sourced produce – think herb and macadamia crusted cobia or dry-aged wagyu steaks – in this hotspot with city and river views. [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)