

New Japan Options



Choice Hotels' Japan has added 22 more properties to its Comfort brand portfolio. President & director of Choice Hotels Japan, Takeya Muraki said domestic and inbound demand was at all-time highs and that the new portfolio additions 'are strategically situated to complement the locations of our existing hotels'. In other Choice news, the company added the first Ascend Hotel Collection property in Asia, Hotel Around TAKAYAMA, in Aug last year and existing property Comfort Hotel Nagoya Meieki Minami received the Choice Hotels International's Best of Choice Award at the group's Annual Convention in Las Vegas in Apr. See more details [HERE](#).

NYC's New Tour Line-up For Foodies

Whether your clients are culinary connoisseurs, or just fans of great food, New York City Tourism + Conventions is highlighting a range of tours that have made a debut in the city this year exploring some of the best places to eat.

The first new addition is NYC Bagel Tours, a unique walking tour which explores three of the city's most 'elite' bagel shops while delving into the history of the iconic carb. The two-hour tour is priced from USD59pp. See details [HERE](#). Those seeking something sweet can check out the new Brooklyn Chocolate Tour from A Slice of Brooklyn Tours. Said to be the city's only chocolate bus tour, clients will spend four and a half hours sampling chocolates from some of the finest traditional and artisanal chocolates in Brooklyn, while learning about the history of chocolate and getting a glimpse at how it's made. Prices start from USD80; see details [HERE](#). The next new addition is MAD



Tours and Events' Culinary Tour in Washington Heights. It explores the neighbourhood known as one of Manhattan's Latino hubs, home to some of the city's best Dominican, Mexican and Cuban food. The four-hour experience is priced from USD95pp; see more details [HERE](#). Rounding out the list is Turnstile Tours' new Food Cart Tour: Jackson Heights. The two-hour walking and tasting tour takes clients to sample foods from around the world, from some of the city's best street vendors, while learning more about the people and organisations helping many of the city's street vendors continue to thrive. Prices start from USD75pp; see details [HERE](#).

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PortMiami's Shore Power

Cruising is now a little more environmentally-friendly at PortMiami, as it launches a shore power facility. This means cruise ships arriving into the port no longer have to use their engines for power while docked. Carnival Conquest was the first cruise ship to plug into the landside electrical facility. Carnival Cruise Line president Christine Duffy says it is an important milestone for the cruise line's hometown. "We continue to implement important initiatives that have kept us ahead of our ambitious goals to reduce emissions, and this new shore power capability will allow our ships to rely on the electrical grid to power our ships while in port." The shore power connections are available at five cruise berths.

The US Open 2024

The US Open will be held at Flushing Meadows Corona Park 26 Aug-08 Sep. Games will feature at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, with New York City Tourism + Conventions advising that ahead of the main event, there will be the US Open Fan Week, featuring events and activities. See details [HERE](#).

Industry Diary

JUNE

Viking 2024 Explorer Sessions
Invercargill: Wed 26, Ascot Park Hotel, 1000 & 1800.

USA Roadtrips Auckland
Central/East: Wed 26, Melba Lunn Ave, 0800 & 0930.

JULY

Viking 2024 Explorer Sessions
Rangiora: Mon 01, Artisan by Rangiora Bakery Boardroom, 1100. **Christchurch:** Tue 02, Rydges Latimer Square, 1000 & 1800. **Ashburton:** Wed 03, Hotel Ashburton, 1800. **Timaru:** Thu 04, Landing Service Conference Centre, 1200.

Silversea Expedition Client Events

Auckland: Tue 02, Sofitel, 1800-2000. **Tauranga:** Wed 03, Trinity Wharf, 1800-2000. **Christchurch:** Thu 04, The George, 1800-2000. **Wellington:** Sat 06, Intercontinental, 1000-1200 (High Tea).

Viva Rovos Africa Roadshow
Christchurch: Wed 17, Chateau on

the Park, 1730. **Wellington:** Thu 18, The Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt, 1730.

Asia Now Roadshow 2024
Christchurch: Tue 30, International Antarctic Centre, arrive 1730 for 1800. **Wellington:** Wed 31, Monsoon Poon, arrive 1730 for 1800.

AUGUST

Asia Now Roadshow 2024
Palmerston North: Thu 01, Café Local, arrive 1730 for 1800. **North Shore Auckland:** Mon 05, North Shore Golf Club, arrive 1730 for 1800. **Tauranga:** Tue 06, Macau Restaurant, arrive 1730 for 1800. **Hamilton:** Wed 07, Hamilton Gardens, TBA. **East Auckland:** Thu 08, arrive 1730 for 1800.

OCTOBER

Korea Tourism Roadshow
Auckland: Tue 22, 1700-2000. Venue to be advised for all dates. **Wellington:** Wed 23, 1700-2000. **Christchurch:** Thu 24, 1700-2000.

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