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### **Tauck – Australian Tourism Charter Contract Extension**

- Alliance extends Australian tourism charter contract with Tauck
- Extension of contract for the next three years – 2019 – 2021
- In excess of 70 tours within Australia per year

Alliance today signed a three year contract extension with United States luxury tour provider Tauck. The contracted flights support Tauck's Australian itineraries including Melbourne, Uluru, Cairns and Sydney.

Since 2014 when four flights were operated, the tours have grown significantly in popularity with in excess of over 50 charters operated during 2018 in both Australia and New Zealand.

The first year of this contract extension will see a minimum of 70 charter flights operated in Australia. With such significant growth planned for the Australian market from 2019, both with the current tour schedule and potential new tours with Tauck, Alliance has elected not to extend the current New Zealand contract beyond 31 December 2018.

Lee Schofield, Alliance's Chief Executive Officer, said "Alliance is very proud that we continue to grow the number of charters we operate for Tauck to some of Australia's and the world's great tourist attractions. The proof of this success is that we will be operating a minimum of 70 tours next year."

Mr Schofield further stated, "Tauck is one of the world's leading tour operators providing enriched travel experiences to every corner of the globe. Both organisations are in discussions to provide new charters to new Australian destinations."

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### **About Alliance**

*Alliance Aviation is Australasia's leading provider of contract, charter and allied aviation services currently employing in excess of 530 full time staff in Australasia and Europe.*

*The Company provides essential services to mining, energy, tourism and government sectors and holds IATA's IOSA certification and Flight Safety Foundation "BARS Gold" status, the first such carrier in Australia to be so recognised. In addition a wide range of specialised aviation services including wet leasing, airport management, aircraft trading, parts sales and engine leasing are provided in Australia and internationally.*

*The Australian business currently operates a fleet of 21 Fokker F100, 10 Fokker 70LR jet aircraft and five Fokker 50 turboprops with additional fleet units scheduled to enter service during the remainder of 2018.*

*Alliance has world leading operational performance, a key attribute sought by its customers.*

*The Company has operational bases in Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin, Auckland and Bratislava.*

### **About Tauck**

*A world-leader in upscale guided travel, Tauck is dedicated to the belief that "How You See The World Matters." Family-owned and operated, Tauck is the only three-time winner of both Travel + Leisure magazine's annual "World's Best Tour Operators & Safari Outfitter" award and its "World's Best River Cruise Line" honour.*

*Tauck offers over 150 inspiring land journeys and small ship cruises to some 70 countries and all seven continents. Each reveals the rich, engaging, cultural "story" of the featured destination, showcasing both must-see attractions and authentic, off-the-beaten-path experiences unavailable to most travellers. Tauck also delivers tremendous value. An independent traveller duplicating a Tauck itinerary would spend up to 40% more on their own than they would by traveling with Tauck.*

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