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The is a strong coffee, designed for espresso and macchiato style coffee. The beans are sourced from the high altitude mountains of Colombia and Brazil, delivering a strong but smooth coffee of low acidity, balanced with a hint of mocha, with a long-lasting enjoyable aftertaste.

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This coffee is a blend of Arabica beans from South America and Ethiopia. Selected & roasted with personal passion by Master roaster "Pasquale". These beans receive a point score between 85 to 90 in Coffee judging jargon which in wine lingo exceeds Gold Medal quality. This coffee is perfect as a solo artist or with a band of milk.

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This FREE protection coverage will repay you all monies if an Airline, a supplier or we become insolvent. The tea in this bag is CASCARA tea from Bolivia, extracted from dried coffee cherries. This tea contains no caffeine and is reported to deliver health protection to the drinker of high levels of antioxidants. Nice to know that you get a double dose of health benefits, with this tea as well as our BOOK SAFE ®

BREW GUIDE: Enjoy a delicious unique cherry coffee taste. Use 5 g of Cascara tea per 200ml. Brew for 4 minutes in a French press or Tea kettle. Stir 3 times. Wait 3 minutes and drink.

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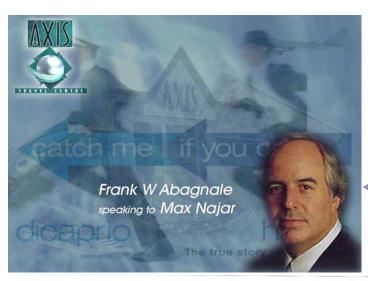
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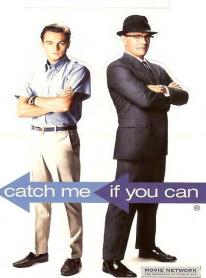




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Max combines his personal passions with an expansive skillset, developed over 40 years utilizing his priceless industry contacts,





TODAY...

Frank W. Abagnale is one of the world's most respected authorities on the subjects of forgery and secure documents. For over 20 years he has been a senior advisor to the FBI's Financial Crimes Unit, a faculty member of the American Bankers Association's Security Officers School and a secure document expert for The Standard Register Company. Mr. Abagnale sits on the board of directors of the nation's largest accounts payable auditing firm, Loder, Drew & Associates, Inc.

Frank Abagnale has been married for more than 20 years and is the father of three teenage boys.



It's a fraud

ne of the world's most famous impostors, Frank Abagnale, who, by the age of 21 had impersonated an international airline pilot, paediatrician, stockbroker, college professor and assistant attorney general, all while passing \$2.5 million in fraudulent cheques, visited Melbourne in March.

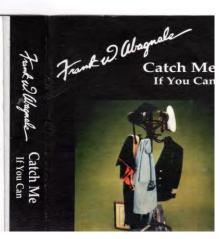
Now a leading authority on cheque fraud and secure documents, Abagnale addressed a dinner hosted by PaperCom Asia-Pacific and attended by members of the financial and communications industry. They came to hear his story of the time he served in French and Swedish jails before being released to advise the Federal US Government and agencies, including the FBI, on methods of dealing with white-collar crime.

Abagnale is now working with a number of Australian businesses on fraud prevention, including with Australia Post on the redesign of its

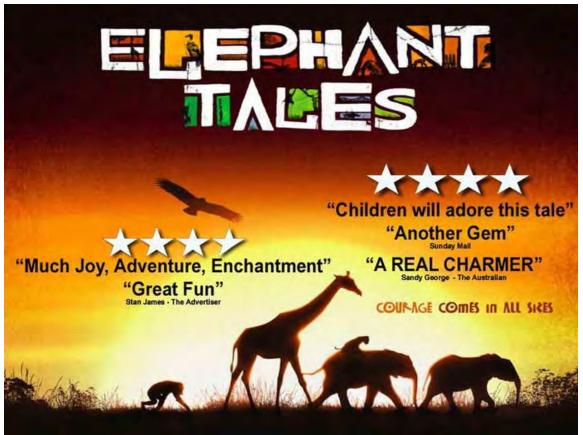


▲ Frank Abagnale

This cassette should astound you and make you laugh. The ending may make you cry. A superb listening, you Max Najar - @ AXIS TRAVEL CENTRE Pty Ltd







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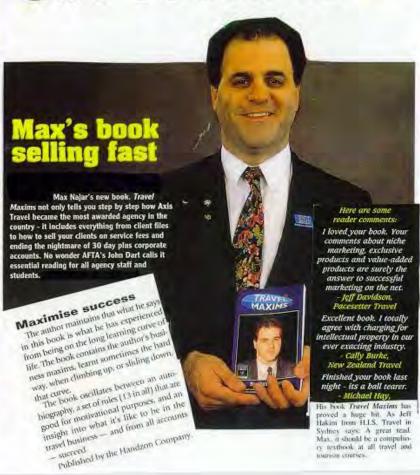
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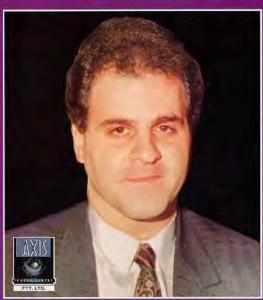
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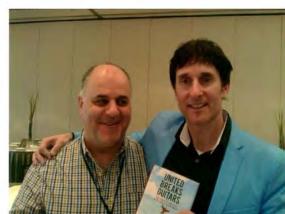
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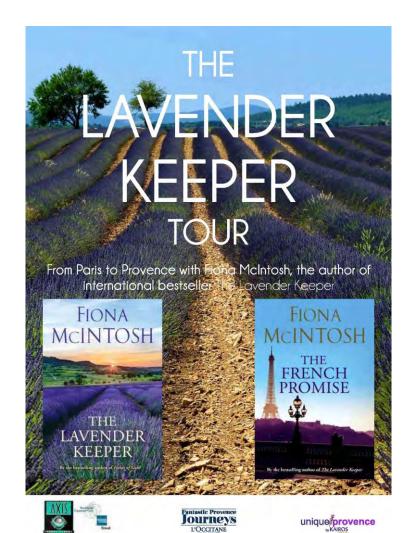
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MAX NAJAR, whose company is the industry's choice as Travel Agent of the Year in consultancy fees. He spoke to IAN MARSHMAN.

MAJOR AUSTRALIA-WIDE HEADLINES OF ADDITIONAL AWARDS AND NEW OFFICE.

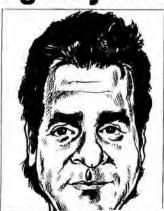
ning ways: the Max factor explained

Why do you think so many principals nomi-nated Axis Travel as Aus-tralia's Travel Agent of the Year?

I read it as a vote of confidence in innovation and the sales disciplines we practice. We work in harmony

We work in harmony with the artifluse and the wholesalers and that is not sometima we just dreaw-reed—we have been doing so for the last 15 years. Of course, underwriting all that is a commitment to professionalism and quality environe service which is much more than just hipservice.

Can you explain the philosophy behind your agency?



We'll compare one pro-duct against the other and give the client the best possible value, even if that means the best value is

offered by a non-preferred.
At the end of the day we are here to service to the

Yes, we have lost a few bit the ones we have lost certainly don't come any-where near the clients we have gained.

We have tended to lose people who are shopping around for the cheapest price, and they're the cli-

price, and they're the cli-ents who cause this industry so many problems.

industry generally enjoys that respect at present, but if our agency in any way shows the way, then the whole thing has been

worthwhile.

I think this is the way of the future. The travel surdents of today will lead this industry to a better stand customer service -they are committed to on-

going training and superior product knowledge. Without that profession-alism, clients will rip agents to pieces.



Max Najar on the future of agents

We are tooking at a future - and it is not too far away now - where interactive technology will put travel modules at the tools to benefit their clients and themselves.

There is no doubt that people want a personal opinion - agents are con-stantly asked, what did

THE TRAVEL industry has always supported the view that long journeys do not put clients off because they regard getting there as half the fun.

At Axis Travel Adelaide Australia's Travel Agent of the Year - owner Max Najar has taken the concept a step further and made buying the holiday an experience in

From the moment clients walk in the front door of the agency's purpose-built building opened earlier this year, the style of service is unlike that of



class' experience, for those invited into Mr Najar's office it becomes 'first class' with a choice of several different teas and coffees (all made with imported water) and music.

One of the most extraordinary things about the agency is outside in the form of a huge sign featuring the company's futuristic logo in vibrant colour.

It is made of a rubber compound imported from Germany and is itself up for a major award in

the outdoor-advertising industry.

But it is not just the physical structure

view on page 7 of the main Traveltrade

Mr Najar claims the structure and style of the agency are in readiness for a rapidly approaching new age in which travel agents will have to justify higher prices than those available to clients booking through interactive media

"Agents will have to go far beyond where we are today to make sure we use technology to provide the best possible information," he said, "because we will soon have to justify the argument that it better that the is better to buy from a human being than from a television in the client's loungeroom.



TO THE MAX: Travel Agent of the Year Max Najar

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Max Najar decided to
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The plummeting profitability
of the travel business.

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Air New Zealand begins its second Adelaide - Auckland service on October 29.

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Early sales for newcomer Achille Lauro have been slow.



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CHOOSING A NEW HARDWARE / SOFTWARE PLATFORM

Max Najar researched for 18 months before choosing Axis Travel Centre's new hardware and software platform with advanced networking. Amadeus with add-ons was chosen as the res system with database/accounting provided by Serco Retail. Hardware and networking will be provided by Logitech South Australia.

ou should see technology as an investment - not a cost. My first advice is to invest your time and that of a colleague or professional person investigating the CRS/GDS that best suits your needs and client base today and for tomorrow.

If your current CRS/GDS can meet that need-stay where you are but remember that most CRS companies do very, very similar things. Invest in searching for the best hardware to carry the new system. If your hardware is Pentium 3 or 4-that should suffice the next 3-5 years. Travel Industry staff need strong, fast, robust CRS units that can work efficiently. We are not desk top publishers or architects requiring flamboyant CRS



capabilities. Ensure that you have good internal cabling and networking connections running @ 100mps speed (and not the old 10mps). Ensure that any new connections are able to interconnect with USB ports and maybe even Blue Tooth or Infra Red devices. This is called future-proofing your Office.

Consider the CRS/GDS company as only part of the equation as the peripheral booking engines, software add-ons and hardware/networking support can easily sway you from one supplier to another.

Install a file server (I will not talk about the ASP solution here-more about that later) that has ample HDD (say 40 gig plus), a CD rom and floppy unit with at least seven auto backup tapes, APC style power surge unit, firewalls and auto

virus-scanning to protect all office staff units. I like PCililon Virus Scanning and the included Microsoft SBS firewall technology with Windows XP Professional.

Install staff CRS units that have DVD and CD rom readers (not burners) with no floppy disk drives running @ highest RAM (512k +), 40 gig HDD, Pentium 4 @ 2.4 speed. Save money and stop office time loss and floppy disk drive viruses by investing in one floating floppy drive that only management can authorise use of and a floating CD/DVD burner if required. This can protect office time and possible staff loading viruses. Get a hardware printing company or your local Installer to compare your monthly printing costs and old-fashioned faxing costs with a better solution. We did. We removed seven printersreplaced them with one mother beast, added a new colour Printer and networked faxes from Windows XP Professional and are saving \$120 a month already. It causes staff to walk three metres more to get their print jobs but this prevents them complaining about any RSI style burn ulcers. Also our future reliance on hardcopy paper prints and faxes has diminished anyway. Ensure all office CRS can e-mail and e-fax from their desks. This saves time, is faster, saves paper, saves power, saves Inkjets and looks more professional at the recipients end.

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Naturally, conditions apply with restrictions on some dates and availability.

This major Prize is valid for use anytime up to Dec 31st 2005 with conditions applicable, but ticket is transferable to family or friend.

The more bookings made - the more chances you get to win.

What type of bookings are eligible?

Any domestic Australian or International Air travel bookings, Hotel bookings, Car rentals, Cruises, Travel Insurance, Frequent Flyer tickets, Rail/Bus bookings, Package Tours and Coach Tours.

All you need do is book your travel with Axis Travel, either ONLINE or OFFLINE

How to win:

- After you complete your travel booking ONLINE or OFFLINE with Axis Travel our computer will automatically issue a unique Booking number to give you an opportunity to win.
- This number is automatically placed into our monthly draw.
- The month of booking finalisation will determines the Month of draw.



But wait there is still more......with two ways to increase your chances to win I

BONUS GANTASTIC POLIBLE CHANCE TO WIN!

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Net bookers return to agents for better service

RETAIL

Retail corporate travel agencies say

their clients are returning in droves after deserting them in favour of booking on the internet.

Australian Business and Conference Travel senior corporate manager Allen Elias says most of his clients tried the internet, but returned to his agency after they found online bookings offered false savings.

"Basically, people book on the internet and have no idea what they're booking," Elias says.

"It ended up costing them more in the long run, when they found they couldn't change their flights without paying extra."

Elias estimates up to 99 per cent of his clients have now returned after failing with online suppliers.

"What business travellers need is flexibility and that's what they can't get from the internet."

Recent studies by the National Business Travel Monitor in the US show 32 per cent of business travellers use travel agents, an increase of seven per

cent from the previous year.

BTI Australia operations manager NSW Geoff Fairall also says he's found a similar trend occurring in Australia. although the US is generally a little further ahead in the travel market.

"We are definitely seeing the consumer is seeing value in having a travel management consultant."

AFTA CEO Mike Hatton says the return to agencies was "bound to happen".

"Companies are now saying to themselves, 'A good secretary is paid \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year these days, why should I be paying this person all this money to spend hours on a computer trying to find me a cheap airfare when I can pay a fee to a travel management company'?'

Hatton says the lack of support from internet suppliers is also a key factor.

"In an after-hours situation they want to be able to ring somebody to get something fixed but the end supplier is often not available.

"I always say if something goes wrong, who are you going to ring?"

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"I always say if something goes

Axis Travel has been around since 1978, so you would expect principal

Max Najjar would know the ins and outs of international travel.

That's true to the point that Axis has developed a unique facility with incentives that by rights should be the domain of airlines.

"Frequent flyer schemes aren't loyalty schemes," Max says, flatly. The workings of international travel and accommodation are far too complex for customers to get real benefit, he believes.

The concept is simple. For a nominal fee, Axis puts its inside knowledge to use for corporate clients. First, Max suggests how to arrange spending on frequent flyer plans to maximise points. Then, Axis leverages the best deal possible and buys tickets, etcetera on the client's behalf - which requires special licensing.

The scheme extends to all facets of individual holiday travel, corporate account bookings and cruises.

"We are one of only a few licensed travel agents that can manage and advise you of how best to acquire, redeem and issue frequent flyer tickets," Max says. "We have our own Frequent Flyer department that 'deconfuses the confusion' called Redeem2go."

For instance, it's routine to save enough on a flight to London to redeem a free flight from Adelaide to Sydney also. Because travel deals change daily it demands product knowledge of "air flight permutations, routes, cross-pollination of alliance partner deals" that are often promoted internationally - but not within Australia.

"Our staff are privy to airline redemption codes, yield management peaks and troughs, where and when to redeem and transfer points from a card base to an airline/hotel scheme, plus when bonus and reduced point deals apply," Max says.

Nine years ago, when Max was (discreetly) active on both Ansett and Qantas advisory boards, he watched the birth of frequent flyer schemes and the way they would develop.

As the schemes matured, he saw his chance.

"The airlines say 'What are you doing?! And we say we are here to satisfy the client's needs, not yours," Max says.

"I'd venture to say that in Redeem2go we have one of the biggest schemes in Australia, if not the biggest. About 60% of the participants don't live in SA.

"There may be 136 ways to get from Adelaide to London and it's the travel agent's job to get find that best way from A to B to C."

Max asserts that travel agents in the US and Canada are seeing clients returning because web services simply can't cover all the possibilities. Nor can they make the wide range of connections to land transport and accommodation that travellers inevitably need.

Direct ticketing services where operators are required to turn over transactions within a certain time don't allow - and sometimes don't want - to explain all the alternatives.

Nominal service fees apply to the Redeem2go service, but Axis assumes the usual liability for dotting 'i's and crossing 't's. That's important.

"I was amazed. Over the Christmas period fully 10% to 15% of tickets issued by the carriers were wrong - people booked to fly on the wrong day and the like. We went back to the carriers and

had the tickets reissued," Max says.

"The client doesn't see any of that. It's more than just a cheap international ticket."

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want to be able to ring somebody to get something fixed but the end supplier is nternet suppliers is also a key factor. wrong , who are you going to ring? " often not available. AFTA CEO Mike Hatton says the return NSW Geoff Fairall also says he's found a themselves, 'A good secretary is paid consumer is seeing value in having a to agencies was "bound to happen". similar trend occurring in Australia, although the US is generally a little further ahead in the travel market. travel management consultant." "We are definitely seeing the

\$60,000 to \$70,000 a year these days, BTI Australia operations manager

cent from the previous year.

Elias estimates up to 99 per cent of "What business travellers need is

flexibility and that's what they can't get Business Travel Monitor in the US show rravel agents, an increase of seven per 32 per cent of business travellers use his clients have now returned after Recent studies by the National failing with online suppliers. from the internet."

"It ended up costing them more in couldn't change their flights without the long run, when they found they

Net bookers return to agents for better service

paying extra." travel agencies say Retail corporate their clients are returning in droves after deserting them in favour of

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Australian Business and Conference Travel senior corporate manager Allen Elias says most of his clients tried the internet, but returned to his agency after they found online bookings booking on the internet. offered false savings.

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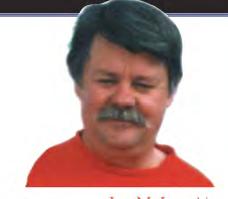
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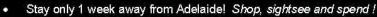


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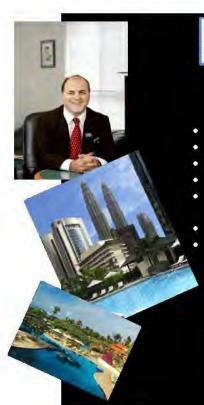
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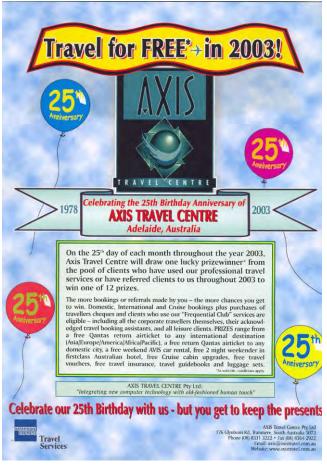
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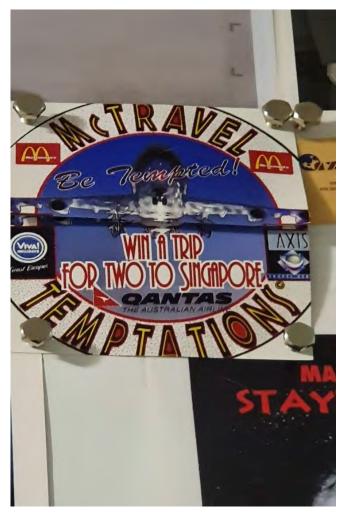
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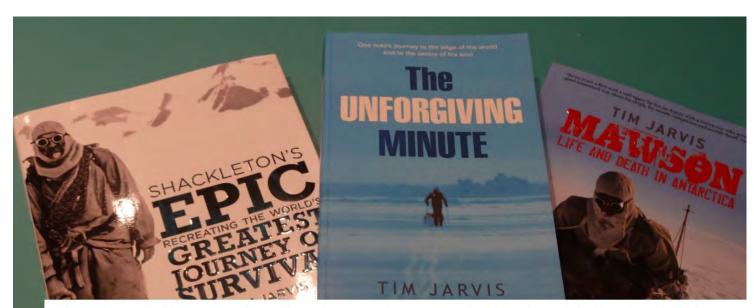












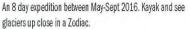
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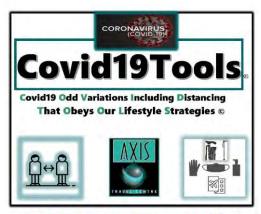
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