



CORPORATE TRAVEL NEWS

ESTA mandatory

It is now mandatory for all Australians travelling under the Visa Waiver Program to the United States, (for business or pleasure) to complete the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA), before they depart. Passengers without an ESTA will not be issued with a boarding pass and will therefore not be allowed to travel. ESTA was introduced by the US Department of Homeland Security last year and is used to determine the right of visitors to enter America.

Please visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta> should you require this free service for travel to the US.



Emirates to now fly Melbourne to Kuala Lumpur

EMIRATES will alter its three-time daily services

between Melbourne-Dubai to operate via Malaysia from February 2010. Emirates will continue to offer a one non-stop MEL-DXB service.



CO lifts bag charge

CONTINENTAL Airlines has raised its checked luggage fees on domestic US services. Continental Airlines is now charging economy class passengers US\$25 for their first checked bag and US\$35 for a second checked bag, for passengers who book flights after 09 Jan, 2010.



Major redevelopments to Perth Qantas Club & Chairman's Lounge

The Qantas domestic terminal at Perth airport is undergoing significant development including the upgrading of the Perth Domestic Qantas Club and Chairman's Lounge experiences.

Perth Domestic Qantas Club
The Perth Qantas Club will undergo expansion and redevelopment to provide greater space and comfort, with over 120 additional seats planned.

Members will still be able to access the Qantas Club whilst these improvements take place, however members will experience some reduced seating capacity inside the lounge and the Qantas Club Lounge will not be able to allow access to guests of members between 18 January and 31 May 2010.

Chairman's Lounge
A new Marc Newson designed Chairman's Lounge will be constructed in a new location during the redevelopment period. Featuring increased space and comfort, the lounge will host improved facilities such

as private work suites and a fully equipped meeting room. The new lounge is expected to open mid-April 2010. During redevelopment, Chairman's Lounge members will still be able to access the existing Chairman's Lounge. The development work on the Qantas Club will however mean that there may be some building works affecting the Chairman's Lounge entrance.



China Airlines to add Taipei to London Heathrow

CHINA Airlines is adding a thrice weekly direct service between Taipei and London Heathrow, effective 28 Mar. The route will be serviced by a China Airlines A340-300 aircraft.

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Inter-terminal bus transfers BNE

A new inter-terminal transfer system for Brisbane Airport has been launched - TBus. Customers travelling Qantas with connecting services between Brisbane Domestic Terminal and Brisbane International Terminal and visa versa can use the TBus transfer service free of charge when presenting a connecting Qantas boarding pass.

The new offering replaces the existing AirTrain Arrangement.

The new product will provide a seamless transfer option for Qantas connecting passengers with increased frequency and timetable options. It includes a dedicated drop off and collection point for both terminals which are conveniently located near the check-in area.

IMPORTANT VISA UPDATES

Chinese Visas

Effective early December 2009, the Chinese Consulate in Sydney changed its procedures and now no longer accepts applications for visas as they are outsourcing their front of house to "China Visa Application Service Centre". The new process means visas will still be issued by the Chinese Consulate however they will be delivered and collected at the service centre. Therefore, additional service fees will be charged which are: \$38.50 for standard issuing delay, \$71.50 for 48 hour urgent and \$93.50 for 24 hour urgent. These fees are charged on top of the visa fee and are per person. This system will be rolled out across the other China Consulates in Australia in the coming months
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Indian Visas

****CHANGE OF INDIAN VISA FORM PROCESS.**

The Indian Embassy has introduced a new online visa form. All applications lodged from 1/1/10 must be in the new format. Manually completed application forms will no longer be accepted from this date.

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