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NEWS ITEMS



Paris gets Eiffel of Emirates' A380

Emirates A380 super-jumbo is to service Paris from 1st February 2010. Paris is the latest destination to be added to the growing list of gateways served by Emirates' popular double-decker. The A380 will replace the morning service out of Dubai. Emirates Airbus A380s currently serve Toronto, London Heathrow, Bangkok, Sydney and Auckland. The Dubai-based carrier operates services to destinations across six continents in Europe, North America, South America, the Middle East, Africa, the Indian subcontinent and Asia-Pacific.



Qantas International Online check-in

International Online check-in was launched on 18 June 2009. Passengers whose first sector of their itinerary is on a Qantas operated and marketed flight can check in and print their boarding pass between 24 hours and 2 hours prior to their flight departure. There are now dedicated Online check-in counters for bag drop and visa checks.

Qantas to increase A380 Services to London and Los Angeles

Qantas will increase its A380 services to both London and Los Angeles from 6 August 2009. This will increase Sydney-Singapore-London A380 services from 3 to 5 per week, and Sydney-Los Angeles services from 3 to 4 per week. By November Qantas will operate daily

A380 services to London and Los Angeles from Sydney and will increase Melbourne-Los Angeles services from 2 to 3 A380 flights per week. By the end of 2009 Qantas will operate 34 services per week between Australia and the UK and US with its A380 fleet.

Qantas Exit Rows available for purchase on international flights

Qantas passengers traveling in International Economy now have the option to purchase an exit row seat on most international flights. Exit Row seats can now be booked through your Voyager consultant. The cost one way is: Short Haul \$80 or 10,000 points and Long Haul \$160 or 20,000 points.



Commonwealth Bank Foreign Exchange Card

The Commonwealth Bank launched this month the

world's first ever multi-currency prepaid travel money card. Developed in conjunction with MasterCard, the card allows travelers to lock in the exchange rate of up to 6 currencies at once, and will be available at any Commonwealth Bank branch across Australia.

Its not linked to any personal bank account and can be loaded with US dollars, British pounds Sterling, Euros, Australian, New Zealand and Canadian dollars. The card attracts a flat ATM withdrawal fee of \$3.50, and there's no extra charge when its used in-store, online or over the phone or at point of sale. Transferring between currencies is also fee-free and it cost \$15 for the initial purchase of the card, which can then be pre-loaded with up to A\$25,000 or foreign currency equivalent. The card is valid for up to 3 years and be reloaded online via BPAY, over the phone or in any CBA branch. Users are able to keep track of their spending online, through the phone and SMS alerts. There's no requirement to be an existing CBA customer



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Virgin Blue and Emirates team up

Virgin Blue and Emirates have joined forces in a new interline agreement to provide a seamless, single ticket option for travelers flying between 13 destinations in Australia and destinations across all continents worldwide. This agreement allows seamless travel between the additional cities and regional towns that Virgin Blue flies to within Australia and Emirates extensive network of 100 destinations in more than 60 countries. Travellers will have streamlined ticketing and interline checked baggage through to the final Emirates destination. Interline guests transiting through Sydney, Brisbane and Perth will also be provided with free transfers between the domestic and international airports for

their convenience. Reciprocal Frequent Flyer programmes between Virgin Blue and Emirates also enables Virgin's Velocity and Emirates Skywards Members to earn and redeem Velocity or Skywards Points on both types of flights on a one-for-one point basis. This deal will significantly boost access to regional Australia for inbound tourists.

Virgin Blue to Launch Flights to Port Hedland

Port Hedland has been earmarked as Virgin Blue's newest destination, with the airline announcing plans to begin servicing the West Australian mining community with direct flights from Perth to Port Hedland from 4 August 2009. The decision to direct an aircraft on to the new route follows campaigning by the local council for Virgin Blue to bring its style of service to the people of Port Hedland, after the airline successfully began services to neighbouring mining communities Karratha and

Newman in October last year. Virgin Blue will operate a daily service between the Perth and Port Hedland using the modern executive style EMBRAER Jet aircraft which are tailored to suit the needs of non-metropolitan communities. Council has undertaken to upgrade the airport terminal facilities to accommodate Virgin Blue's infrastructure requirements such as check-in desks and offices.

New Federal Government Travel Secure Website

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government have created a new website resource known as TravelSECURE. The site is found at <http://www.travelsecure.gov.au/> The site is mainly providing information for travellers about Australian Airports and other security information. You will find information about: Prohibited items, passenger

baggage screening, liquids, aerosols and gels (LAG's) restrictions. Information about travelling with children, laptops, medicines and sports equipment. The site has also been translated into Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish.



Qantas boosts Spanish links

Qantas has a new codeshare arrangement with Spanish carrier Iberia which will see Qantas codeshare on flights from London and Frankfurt to Madrid. From 15 July Iberia will also for the first time offer flights to Australia, via a codeshare on Qantas service from Europe to Sydney. Qantas also announced a major boost to its codeshare partnership with American Airlines. This will see Qantas codeshare on selected AA services to Atlanta, Minneapolis, Memphis, Indianapolis, Tampa, Detroit, Cincinnati and New Orleans.