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SAA HAND LUGGAGE

The amount of hand luggage you may carry depends on which service class you are flying on SAA. Business – two pieces 8kg, each dimensions per piece 56cm(L) 36cm(W) 23cm(H), Economy – one piece not exceeding 8kg dimensions per piece 56cm(L) 36cm(W) 23cm(H). If your hand luggage does not conform to the size specified you may be denied entry into the departure area or sent back to check-in. All hand luggage must be of a size that fits under the seat in front of you or in one of the overhead lockers. Hand luggage must not obstruct emergency exits or aisles. One small e.g. small purse, small laptop case is also allowed. Larger laptop bags and standard/Bulkier briefcases will NOT be considered a personal item and will count as a normal piece of cabin baggage, which may not exceed one piece in the economy and two in the premium (subject to dimension and weight restrictions)

LUFTHANSA STARTS AUTOMATIC CHECK IN FOR EUROPEAN FLIGHTS

The latest technological innovation from Lufthansa automatically checks in passengers for their flight and issues boarding passes 23 hours before departure. This travel feature is currently available for domestic flights as well as selected destinations within Europe. The service is available to all passengers and those who are not Miles & More members or do not have a Lufthansa ID profile can register for automated check-in via a link in the booking confirmation. The boarding pass can be sent via email or text message and

provides an option for seat changes, check-in, cancellations and even the option to generate an electronic luggage tag.

ETIHAD INTRODUCES NEW BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Etihad Airways is to base its baggage allowance on total weight rather than the number of bags checked in. Passengers will be entitled to 23kg of checked baggage on Economy deal fares and 30kg on Economy Saver and Classic fares and 35kg on Economy Flex fares. Business class passengers get 40kg. There will be no restriction on the number of bags checked in as long as passengers do not exceed their weight allowance.

CATHAY PACIFIC LAUNCHES NON-STOP HONG KONG AND CAPE TOWN

Cathay Pacific will be launching a seasonal non-stop service between Hong Kong (HKG) and Cape Town (CPT) this November. The three time weekly service will launch on the 13th of November 2018 until the 18th of February 2019 and will run alongside Cathay Pacific's existing daily non-stop flights to Johannesburg.

OR TAMBO NEW LONG-TERM PARKADE

OR Tambo International Airport is offering travellers greater parking convenience. The old Super South area has closed and a new long-term parking area has opened in a new parkade just 500m from airport terminals. According to OR Tambo International the fees for using the new long-term parking facility will remain at current levels provided

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travellers book online. The new long-term parking area in the MSP2 parkade under the City Lodge hotel offers 4 300 parking bays over five levels. Previously travellers using the long-term parking area needed to wait for a shuttle bus which resulted in delays due to high traffic on roads around the airport.

SAA SCALES BACK ON JNB-PER ROUTE

SAA has cancelled some flights between Johannesburg and Perth during February, March, May and June due to low market demand and the requirement for aircraft rotations on other routes within the airline's network.

QATAR - NO LOUNGE ACCESS FOR UPGRADED PASSENGERS

Qatar Airways will no longer allow passengers who have upgraded using either money or loyalty points, 'Qmiles' or 'Qcredits', to enter the airport lounges befitting their upgraded status. Passengers may only access the lounges as per their originally ticketed cabin. This means for example the passengers who booked an economy-class flight and upgraded to business class would not be allowed to use the Al Mourjan business-class lounge in Doha or any other business-class lounges around the world. The same applies for business-class to first-class upgrades.

UMHLANGA BEACHES REOPEN

Durban's popular Umhlanga beaches have reopened to the public following a sewage spill, which caused an issue with the water quality in the area.