

NEWSFLASH - APRIL 2014

New Website for Grayston Travel - We are excited to announce the launch of our new website. Please log on to www.grayston.co.za

Ethiopian Airlines to fly daily to London - The airline will fly daily between Addis Ababa and London from the 8th of July.

Mango increases security checks - Mango travelers must present the credit or cheque debit card used for payment of their flights at check-in or the boarding gates. After a rise in cloned and stolen cards, the airline is intensifying its efforts to combat bank card fraud and will be stepping up security checks. Passengers who are unable to present the relevant card or a verifiable copy will not be able to fly.

Virgin takes to the sea- Richard Branson has set his sights on conquering the cruising industry. The company has appointed US advisory firm, Allen & Co, to oversee the development of its cruising initiative. The new cruise line is expected to operate under 'Virgin Cruises' and, though still in the very early stages, will aim

to compete with industry heavyweights.

Lufthansa introduces Premium Economy Cabins - Lufthansa has unveiled its new premium economy cabins, which bridge the gap between economy and business class. The new service will be available from November on Boeing 747-8s flying to destinations such as Washington DC, California and Hong Kong. It is expected to be rolled out across the entire long-haul fleet by the end of next year and will comprise around 10% of the seat capacity on long-haul flights.

Revamped Vic Falls Airport to open next year - The Victoria Falls International Airport expansion project, which includes the construction of an additional terminal and runway, is currently on schedule and should be completed by April 2015.

London Heathrow's new Terminal 2 - Heathrow's new Terminal 2 may experience early operational challenges during its first week of operation, resulting in delays for passengers. The terminal will be opened in phases, which airline officials hope will

be helpful should challenges occur.

Blantyre's Chileka Airport Re-opens ahead of schedule - The maintenance work at Blantyre's Chileka Airport has been completed and the airport has been reopened. Malawian Airlines as well as Kenya Airways have resumed flights.

Ebola outbreak in Guinea spreading across borders - West Africa has been on high alert as the Ebola outbreak in Guinea has spread to Liberia and is threatening to cross the borders to Sierra Leone. So far at least 86 cases and 62 deaths have been recorded across Guinea and 5 deaths have been reported in Liberia. Ebola haemorrhagic fever is a severe viral disease with a mortality rate of 90%. The virus is spread by direct contact with infected blood or tissue, but not by casual contact. It therefore poses a low risk to travelers to the region, which is why the World Health Organization (WHO) has not issued any travel or trade restrictions to Guinea. There are no special precautions or directives for commercial flights, passengers or crew departing on flights bound for Guinea or returning from Guinea.

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