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#### NEWSFLASH - OCT 2016

#### **EMIRATES INTRODUCES SEAT SELECTION FEE**

Emirates will introduce advance seat reservation charges for economy class passengers. Seat charges are applicable on all fare types. Seat selection can be done on or after ticket purchase. For any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Grayston Travel.

#### **AUSTRALIAN VISA UPDATES AND CLARIFICATIONS**

The Christmas rush is about to start and the Australian High Commission would like to highlight a few issues. Christmas processing times: applicants are advised to apply well in advance for their visas if they want to travel over the peak period. The Australian High Commission suggest that applicants lodge their visas on-line at: [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au). The visa processing time is 20 working days or 1 month. Incomplete applications may be refused and late lodgments will cause delays and the Australian High Commission will not give any guarantees that visas will be finalised on time. A confirmed airline ticket is not a visa requirement. Biometrics is a standard requirement for applicants, appointments are to be made to do their biometrics. ETA passport holders who can lodge on-line are exempted from biometrics. Immiaccount issues: Do not choose the "postal option" when loading applications onto the immiaccount. The immiaccount is an on-line system and no documents are generated and sent to postal addresses. Please ensure that biodata is captured correctly on the immiaccount.

#### **KENYA AIRWAYS LAUNCHES AIRPORT SHUTTLES**

Kenya Airways has introduced shuttle bus services from Nairobi city centre to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The buses depart from Nairobi's Central Business District at 06h00, 11h00 and 17h00 while the service from the airport to the city departs at 09h00, 14h00 and 21h00. Passengers are allowed two pieces of luggage plus hand-held items.

#### **NEW ZEALAND INTRODUCES VISAS FOR SOUTH AFRICANS**

Effective of the 21<sup>st</sup> of November all South Africans visiting New Zealand must apply for a visitor visa before travelling. Currently SA travellers are granted a visitor visa on arrival. As a result of the change all SA passport holders will have to apply for a visa before departure.

#### **CANADA EXTENDS ETA REQUIREMENT PERIOD**

Canada has extended the period for travellers of visa-exempt countries to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). According to the Government of Canada's website, travellers will be allowed to board flights without an eTA until the 9<sup>th</sup> of November from the 10<sup>th</sup> of November passengers flying to or transiting through the country are required to apply for an eTA before their flight. The eTA allows Canadian officials to screen these travellers before they board their flight. Travellers can apply for their eTA online and are advised to do so before booking their flight. Applicants will receive an eTA approval by email. In most cases this approval process takes minutes.

#### **LUFTHANSA UPDATES BAGGAGE REGULATIONS**

Lufthansa economy-class passengers can now check in two pieces of luggage of 23kg each with a total dimension of 158cm. The new allowances apply to one-way and return tickets purchased in and departing from South Africa.

#### **NIGERIA SCRAPS CONTROVERSIAL REPATRIATION FEE**

Nigeria recently scrapped the controversial R6 000 repatriation fee for first-time South African travellers to Nigeria. The fee was originally introduced as a guarantee to the government of Nigeria that first-time travellers would return to South Africa.

#### **SA EXPRESS**

SA Express will introduce Boeing 737 between Johannesburg and Lubumbashi. The Boeing 737 has 12 Business Class seats and 102 Economy class seats. The Business Class offering has a baggage allowance of 40kg.

#### **CHANGES TO QATARS TRANSIT VISAS**

Passengers transiting through Qatar will now have access to a 96-hour transit visa. The visa is available on arrival at Hamad International Airport at no charge to passengers who have a minimum layover of five hours. Passengers do not need to apply ahead of time, but will need to present confirmation of their onward journey and completion of passport control procedures on arrival.

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CHRISTMAS	FR R34,999 <sup>PP</sup>
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