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WELCOME FROM AJ

Welcome to the October Travelling Times. This issue is packed full of information on a range of flight services, airports and airlines to help you keep up to date!



V AUSTRALIA NEW SERVICES



V Australia has announced a range of new services with Phuket and Johannesburg added to the network. It will operate twice weekly flights from Brisbane to Phuket from 22 November 2009 and weekly flights to Phuket from Melbourne from 3 December 2009. In addition, twice weekly Melbourne to Johannesburg flights will start from 13 March 2009. But in a further move, its Melbourne to Los Angeles flights, which were due to start in September 2009, have been pushed back to February 2010.

Source: Travel Today.

SYDNEY AIRPORT UPGRADE



A \$500 million upgrade and expansion of the Sydney International Terminal and facilities is underway and is due for completion in 2010.

The first stage was due to be completed on the 17th of September 2009 which will see Qantas and all Pier B airlines use a new Customs and Security Hall, entry opposite counter E plus a new dedicated Express Path for premium customers (First, Business, Chairman's Lounge and Platinum members) located opposite counter D.

Qantas and all other airline passengers will be informed at check-in of these changes.

QANTAS TERMINAL CHANGES - LONDON HEATHROW TERMINAL

BAA Heathrow

Effective 29th October 2009, Qantas services to/from Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Australia will move from London Heathrow Terminal 4 to London Heathrow Terminal 3. Terminal 3 will be the new home of Qantas and other oneworld carriers.

To ensure a seamless transition, Qantas will be progressively contacting all customers to advise of terminal changes, where forthcoming travel is held on services to and from London.

 sharp airlines

Sharp Airlines will launch new air services connecting Avalon & Adelaide and Portland & Adelaide on Monday 12 October, further expanding their network of services. They also have connections through to Essendon Airport. Sharp also fly to Port Augusta and Mildura from Adelaide. For Schedules log on to http://sharppairlines.com/airline_services/flightschedules.html

INTRODUCED US FEE



International visitors to the US - including Australians - will be slugged \$US10 (\$11.60) upon entry as part of new legislation introduced in the US Senate. The Travel Promotion Act was approved in the US Senate overnight, with lawmakers voting in favour of the scheme 79 to 19.

The money raised will be ploughed into the Travel Promotion Fund, which is aimed at boosting visitors. Visitors to the US under the visa waiver program will be charged \$US10 when they complete the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA).

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QANTAS FEES INCREASE

Qantas change fees for all Sale, Red e-Deal and Supersaver economy international fares are increasing to \$60.00. The fees are applied per passenger per booking for any date or routing changes. Changes to these fees will apply to tickets issued on/or after 15 October 2009.

AJT QANTAS CLUB CORPORATE SCHEME

Don't forget you can become a Qantas Club Member and receive the numerous benefits associated with the scheme for only a \$230.00 joining fee.

Plus annual fees (pro-rated until 30 June each year)

\$325.00	1 year
\$570.00	2 years



Meeting room



Melbourne Qantas Club

VIRGIN BLUE BAGGAGE FEES



Following a recent review, the baggage allowance fee had increased for all NEW Virgin Blue and Pacific Blue domestic bookings from \$8 to \$10 per person, per sector. Any existing bookings, made prior to the 28th of September 2009 will still be eligible to purchase their baggage allowance for \$8 per person per sector.

QANTAS EXPANDS ANY SEAT REWARDS

Qantas has just announced the expansion of Any Seat redemption options in its frequent flyer program to include 100 new destinations across Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Middle East.

Until now Any Seat awards, which allow booking of any seat based on a sliding scale of points depending on demand, were only available for Qantas and Jetstar services, with members wanting to fly onwards to other destinations having to make a separate booking.

"This enhancement means greater choice and flexibility for our members, it opens up an extensive range of new travel options and provides members with the opportunity to travel on Qantas and other selected airlines, entirely on points," said QF Frequent Flyer ceo, Simon Hickey.

Other changes also introduced will see members booking flights on www.qantas.com.au also presented with an additional option to use points or Points Plus Pay.