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Emirates resumes A380 flights from Dubai to Tokyo

Emirates will resume A380 services between Dubai and Tokyo on March 26th 2017 meaning UK passengers can fly the whole way aboard the carrier's flagship aircraft with a stop in Dubai. Emirates operates nine A380 services a day from London.

Flybe Edinburgh and Aberdeen flights to Heathrow

From March 26th 2017 Flybe will offer 25 flights a week from Edinburgh and 15 from Aberdeen. There will be four services a day from Edinburgh Monday to Friday, with returns departing Heathrow a little under three hours later. On Saturdays there will be two Heathrow-Edinburgh services and three on Sunday. The Aberdeen-Heathrow services will operate three times a day on weekdays, once on Saturdays and twice on Sundays.

Ryanair adds nine Stansted Summer routes

Nine new routes are being added by Ryanair from Stansted this Summer, including daily flights to Naples and Nice. A three-times-a-day service to Copenhagen is being introduced along with a three-times-a-week service to Cagliari from April 2017 and to Beziers and Grenoble from July 2017. Clermont and Strasbourg twice a week from July 2017 and Nîmes four times a week from April 2017.

Wow Air to fly daily from Gatwick to Toronto and Montreal

Icelandic carrier Wow Air are to increase the frequency of flights from Gatwick to Toronto and Montreal via Reykjavik this summer. The carrier will move from five flights a week to daily on both routes, to Toronto from May 1st 2017 and to Montreal from June 13th 2017. Wow also operates daily to New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles via Reykjavik and will add services to Miami from April 2017 and to Pittsburgh from June 2017. The airline flies from Gatwick to Reykjavik daily, with twice-daily flights on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. They also fly to Reykjavik from Edinburgh and Bristol.

Oman Air – Manchester to Muscat direct link

Daily flights from Manchester to Muscat begin on May 1st 2017. The Heathrow-Muscat service has increased from daily to twice daily with 36 onward destinations from the Omani capital. Oman Air has also upgraded its baggage allowance to 30kg for all passengers. First and business-class passengers can check in a second 30kg bag for free, as can economy passengers with gold or silver Sindbad loyalty cards.

Brussels Airlines New Economy Privilege

Next to its Business and Economy Class, Brussels Airlines now offers a new choice on its intercontinental flights: Economy Privilege. Economy Privilege travellers sit in the first 4 rows of the Economy Class cabin, can enjoy more leg room and can relax in an Economy seat that reclines 20 degrees instead of 8 degrees for optimal comfort. Before their meal they get treated to a glass of champagne and luxury items like an amenity kit, a hot towel, a linen pillow and a Neuhaus chocolate giftbox. To travel in Economy Privilege, passengers can pay a supplement of €120 per one-way. This price is available to everyone, even if they bought the lowest Economy Class fare. On every Airbus 330 aircraft, the airline offers 32 Economy Privilege seats on the first 4 rows of the Economy Class cabin, or 18,000 seats on a yearly basis.

Norwegian to halve fares on New York flights

Norwegian has announced plans to launch flights from Edinburgh to New York for less than £60 each way. The one-way fares will be starting summer 2017. The fares will be available on the airline's six new fuel efficient Boeing 737MAX aircraft, which are due to come into operation early this summer. Norwegian also plans to reduce prices by using secondary airports in New York state, rather than JFK. It already flies to Newark Liberty International Airport from the UK. Norwegian currently operates flights twice a day from Gatwick to New York starting at £125 each way. But like other low-cost airlines, it adds on extra charges for hold luggage and seat selection.

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