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***British Airways to axe free food and drink on short-haul flights**

British Airways' short-haul travellers will soon have to pay for food and drink on-board, after the airline announced it will scrap its complimentary catering options. The airline will remove the free service for its economy passengers from January 11, 2017. Business class passengers will continue to receive the complimentary service, with revamped options being introduced from Spring 2017. This move reflects the business models of low cost airlines such as Easyjet and Ryanair. The new food will be provided by Marks and Spencer and include sandwiches priced at £3-£4.75, soft drinks from £1.50 and alcoholic drinks from £4. Customers will have the option to pay using Avios (if they are an Executive Club Member), credit or debit card. Cash payments cannot be accepted.

British Airways – Direct Middle East Routes

British Airways is cutting two hours off its flights to Doha and Muscat by flying non-stop to the Middle East cities. From this month, October, its services will no longer stop off in Bahrain en-route to Doha, and Abu Dhabi en-route to Muscat. Instead it will operate daily flights between Heathrow and Abu Dhabi, Doha and Bahrain and a five-times-weekly service between Heathrow and Muscat.

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La Compagnie to stop Luton service to New York

French all-business-class carrier Le Compagnie has suspended flights between Luton airport and New York. The final service ran on 24th September 2016. The airline which launched the service in April 2015 has blamed 'the new economic climate in Europe, fuelled by Brexit'.

Cathay Pacific returns to Gatwick with Hong Kong flights

Twenty-three years after its last flight from the airport, Cathay Pacific has launched flights from Gatwick to Hong Kong from 2nd September this year. The four times a week scheduled service by the state-of-the-art Airbus A350 is only the third from the UK, and Gatwick's third, to China. The new service is in addition to Cathay's five flights a day from Heathrow to Hong Kong. Cathay already operates four times a week between Manchester and Hong Kong.

Wow Air to fly New York from Gatwick and Bristol

Low-cost carrier Wow Air is to launch a service to New York from Gatwick and Bristol, both via Reykjavik. The daily, year-round service to New York Newark airport will start on November 25th 2016.

Saudi Arabia Introduces New Visa Application Fees

The Saudi Embassy has today issued a circular detailing the implementation of a new visa fee structure for travellers wishing to apply for a visa from Sunday 2nd October 2016.

The Saudi Press Agency has reported that these new fees are to be introduced as part of a larger scheme to boost revenue from sources other than the oil industry, which has recently experienced a drop in value.

The new fees can be seen in the table below:

Visa Type	New Fee
single entry visit visa	SAR 2000 = £410
6 month multiple entry visit visa	SAR 3000 = £615
12 month multiple entry visit visa	SAR 5000 = £1,025
24 month multiple entry visit visa	SAR 8000 = £1,640

The new fees are significantly higher than the current fees, which employers should take into account when arranging visas for foreign nationals. Matrix Travel will ensure that all impacted applicants are notified of the changes on a case by case basis to talk through available options.

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