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12 hours in Amsterdam

Where to start and what do you do, when you only have 12 hours in a city like Amsterdam?

Check out the absolute must-sees of the Dutch capital, because to actually see the Anne Frank House and the Sunflowers painting by Van Gogh is an experience you can only obtain in Amsterdam.

Rent a canal bike or take a trip on the 17th century canals by canal boat. It's the best way to see the city; looking up at Amsterdam's facades from water level is breathtaking.

Amsterdam is a sparkling city, especially when you visit one of the



factories of the Amsterdam Diamond Group. Not only can you see diamonds being cut, crafted and polished, but if you are 'lucky' you can buy one too!

Shop till you drop at the Bijenkorf or Magna Plaza, department stores in the city center. Holland is home to some great young fashion designers and you will marvel at the Dutch styles. For more information [Click here](#)

Kanoo opens new travel office in Burj Dubai >



As part of their ongoing expansion plans, Kanoo Travel, the largest travel company in the Middle East, today announced the opening of their latest office at the Burj Dubai Business Square. The new office, located in Building 1, will cater to the travel and holiday requirements of companies and residents in and around the prestigious Burj Dubai Downtown complex, Sheikh Zayed Road and Zabeel areas.

With the opening of this new office, Kanoo Travel further strengthens its presence in the Middle East region.

"The travel industry in the Middle East is growing at a rapid pace in both the consumer and corporate segments. To keep up with this growth, we have been expanding our network by opening new offices around the region," says Mr. Mishal Kanoo, Deputy Chairman of The Kanoo Group. [More >](#)

Qatar Airways prepares for Indian expansion >



Qatar Airways is busy preparing for its second route launch of the year with its latest Indian gateway being added to an ever-growing international route network from June 15th 2008.

The southern coastal city of Kozhikode, formerly known as Calicut, will be the airline's 83rd route with daily non-stop scheduled flights from Doha. It also heralds further expansion into Kerala State for Qatar Airways, which already operates to Cochin and Trivandrum.

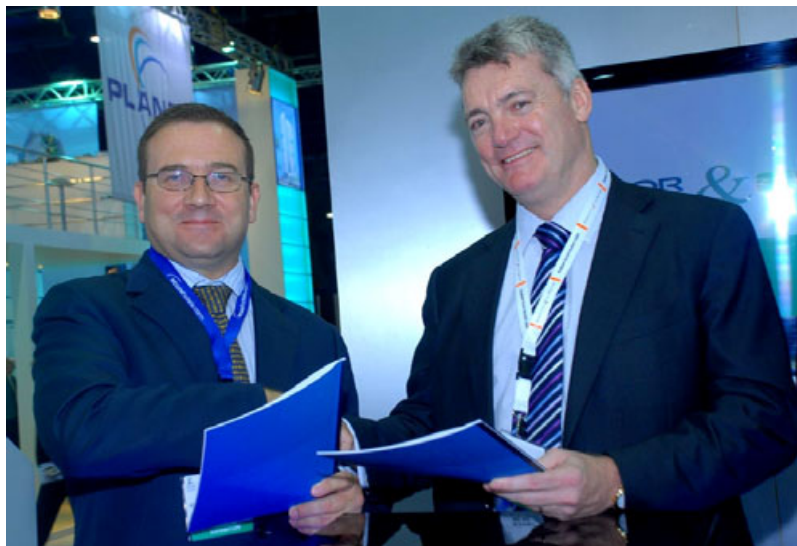
The new route marks Qatar Airways' commitment to the Indian market, becoming the airline's ninth destination in a country enjoying tremendous growth. Kozhikode is Kerala's third largest city with a population of almost 500,000 people and home to serene beaches, historic sites, lush green scenery and world-renowned Ayurvedic health treatments – a haven for holidaymakers seeking adventure and relaxation. [More >](#)

Kanoo Travel appointed GSA for SAMA Airlines in Bahrain



Mr. Nabeel Kanoo, Mr. Jeremy Hale and the late Mr. Ali Kazi pictured during the GSA signing ceremony held at the Arabian Travel Market 2008 in Dubai.

Kanoo enters strategic business relationship with Accor Group of Hotels



Mr. Julian Knott – Divisional General Manager Kanoo Travel (right) pictured during the signing ceremony held at the Arabian Travel Market 2008 in Dubai.

Kanoo, Dnata Cargo and SDV International Logistics form a joint venture



Dnata Cargo, Kanoo and SDV International Logistics, France, have joined forces to create what is anticipated to become one of the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) largest logistics solutions providers.

Mishal Kanoo said: 'Dnata and Kanoo have enjoyed working together for a number of years under the Dubai Express - FreightWorks banner. The formation of SDV-UAE allows us to move onto a new level and we are looking forward to taking our partnership forward into this very promising international dimension.' [More>](#)

Emirates offers special packages

Emirates Airlines is offering special packages to first and business class passengers flying to or via Dubai from July 1 to August 31. First class passengers receive two nights at The Palace - The Old Town or The Harbour Hotel and Residence. Business class passengers receive one night's stay at Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel or The Harbour Hotel and Residence. Each person will also get \$100 credit at the hotel to be used towards food and beverage and/or spa facilities and a 96-hour visa.

Sama flies to Sharm El-Sheikh

Sama Airlines has commenced services to Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt. Three flights are scheduled every Wednesday and Friday from Riyadh, and every Saturday, Tuesday, and Thursday from Jeddah. Sama flies to 10 international destinations, including Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Amman, Damascus, Latakia, Aleppo, Beirut, Alexandria, Asiat and Sharm el Sheikh.

Etihad passes IATA safety audit

Etihad has received its clean bill of safety from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) after it has been examined in detail for safety procedures and processes. The audits are mandatory for all IATA member airlines and require meeting 926 separate standards in areas including organisation and management, flight, cabin, ground and cargo operations, maintenance, flight dispatch and security.

Emirates adds 3 flights to Cairo

Emirates Airline in Egypt said it has added three flights to Dubai for the month of June. The flights, will run on the 25th, 29th, and 30th and will depart Dubai at 0800hrs and arrive in Cairo at 1050hrs. On the same days, from Cairo, the flight leaves on the same days at 1205hrs and arrive in Dubai at 1640hrs.

Air Arabia adds flights to Beirut and Amman

Air Arabia, the largest low-cost carrier in the Middle East and North Africa, is adding three additional flights per week to Amman, Jordan, and Beirut, Lebanon, respectively from the carrier's hub in Sharjah, UAE. Air Arabia currently flies daily to Amman and Beirut.

Emirates ups flights to India

Emirates has announced plans to advance its Indian operation with 18 additional flights per week, effective 1st July 2008. The Dubai-based airline will step up its frequencies to the country's capital city, New Delhi, and IT hubs, Bangalore and Hyderabad, progressing its Indian footprint to 132 flights per week - the highest ever frequency for an international carrier in the Indian skies.

Lufthansa daily from Dubai to Munich

Lufthansa German Airlines will increase the frequency on its all business class Dubai-Munich route to daily service, from July 15. The Lufthansa Business Jet service commenced on May 1st with six flights a week. With this new service, Lufthansa passengers can avail of a year-round connection from Dubai to Munich complementing the flights from Dubai to Frankfurt, which are scheduled for all days of the week.

Etihad adds flights to Geneva

Etihad Airways is boosting its summer service to Geneva from June 22 as a result of increased demand from travellers wishing to visit Switzerland's second biggest city, according to a statement. Presently, Etihad operates four flights a week from its Abu Dhabi home-base to Geneva which will increase to five a week with an additional flight operating every Sunday until September 7.

Saudia to open women-only branches

Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) is to soon open exclusive ladies branches in Jeddah, Madinah and Dammam, reported Gulf News. The new branches will offer all the services being provided by other Saudia offices, including reservations and issuance of e-tickets, according to Khalid Al Molhem, director general of the airline. He said the carrier plans to open branches for women in other cities in the kingdom in the near future.

Kanoo Travel appointed franchisee for Srilankan Holidays >



Srilankan Airlines appointed Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Travel Agency as its Franchisee to arrange and co-ordinate ground arrangements to service the Airline's Passengers participating in the "SriLankan Holidays Programme" in the western province of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Picture shows Abdulla Abu Khamseen – Executive General Manager Kanoo Travel and Zaeem Gama – Asst. Manager Franchise Programs with senior management of Srilankan Airlines Holidays at a recent signing ceremony held in Colombo.

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Kempinski to open in Bahrain

Kempinski Hotel is set to open at Bahrain City Centre in Manama by the 2nd quarter of 2009. The facility is expected to add a further 200 rooms, including 40 suites in Bahrain's hospitality facilities. The hotel is the second hotel which Kempinski manages on behalf of MAF Hospitality after the Kempinski Hotel Mall of the Emirates in Dubai.

Fairmont to launch hotel in Makkah

Fairmont Hotels and Resorts plans to operate a new hotel in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. The Makkah Clock Royal Tower hotel will have 76 storeys be 577 metres high, and will feature a 40-metre clock that be more than five times larger than Big Ben. The hotel, which is scheduled to open in September, will be the focal point of the Abraj Al Bait complex, part of the King Abdul Aziz Endowment Project.

Al Habtoor to build Trump hotel

The Al Habtoor-Murray and Roberts Joint Venture has won the Dhs2.9bn contract to build Trump International Hotel and Tower in Dubai for Nakheel. Trump International Hotel & Tower Dubai is a mixed-use development comprising of 378 hotel rooms and suites, 385 condominiums, 12 exclusive townhouses, 45,000 square feet of retail and 60,000 square feet of office space.

Doha expects 22 new hotels

Qatar Tourism Authority said a total of 22 new hotels will be opened this summer and over the next four years, cited The Peninsula. Qatar expects more than \$100bn in infrastructure and investment projects will be completed by 2012 from Four Seasons, Hyatt, Hilton, Inter-Continental and other multinational hotel corporations.

