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Destination of the month



Let Jamaica reveal its swaying, golden secrets

Ever since Errol Flynn cavorted here with his Hollywood pals in the 1930s and '40s, travelers have regarded Jamaica as one of the most alluring of the Caribbean islands. Its beaches, mountains and carnal red sunsets regularly appear in the sort of tourist brochures that promise paradise.



Unlike other nearby islands, it caters to everyone from beach bums to newlyweds: you can choose a private villa with your own secluded beach; laugh your vacation away at a party-hearty resort; or throw yourself into the thick of the island's life while experiencing the three Rs: reggae, reefers and rum.

Jamaica is a year-round destination: winter is usually warm by day and mild to cool by night; summer months are hot. The rainy season extends from May to November, with peaks in May and June and in October and November. Rain usually falls for short periods (normally in the late afternoon), and it's quite possible to enjoy sunshine for most of your visit during these months. In Portland parish, however, it can rain for days on end.

Tourism's high, or 'winter', season runs from mid-December to mid-April, when hotel prices are highest. Many hotels charge peak-season rates during Christmas and Easter.

Jamaicans, in general, have a large interest in sports. Cricket, [Football](#), [athletics](#) and horse-racing are several popular sports. The [Jamaican national cricket team](#) competes regionally, and also provides players for the [West Indies](#). The [national football team](#) qualified for the 1998 [FIFA World Cup](#). Jamaican athletics have been well represented at the [Olympics](#), World Championships and other major athletics events over the years with leading athletes obtaining medals. [Asafa Powell](#), world record holder in the 100m for men at 9.74s is among a rich heritage of Jamaican athletes to compete on the world stage. The [bobsled](#) team was once a serious contender in the [Winter Olympics](#), beating many well-established teams.

Kanoo Holidays wins India Tourism Award

Kanoo Holidays UAE has been announced the winner of The Prestigious National Tourism Award for the year 2006-2007 as the **Best Overseas Tour Operator to India** for West Asia and South African regions. National Tourism Awards are awarded by Ministry of Tourism, India annually to various service providers from the field of tourism trade and industry.

Weather Report

courtesy weather.com



[Manama](#), [Bahrain](#), [Dammam](#), [Yenbo](#), [Medina](#), [Mecca](#), [Taif](#),
[Tabuk](#), [Riyadh](#), [Dubai](#), [Abu Dhabi](#), [Sharjah](#), [Jeddah](#),
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Aviation News

Air Arabia to launch service to New Delhi

Air Arabia has announced that it is launching services to the Indian capital New Delhi on March 31. The flights will initially operate four times a week between New Delhi and Air Arabia's hub in Sharjah. The service will become daily in May. New Delhi is Air Arabia's 11th destination on the subcontinent and this is the largest destination network in India of any Middle East-based carrier. Currently, Air Arabia provides direct services to Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Kochi, Kozhikode, Mumbai, Nagpur and Thiruvananthapuram.

Cathay offers daily Dubai-Mumbai

Cathay Pacific Airways is now offering daily flights between Dubai and Mumbai. The airline provides a total of 17 non-stop flights a week departing from Dubai, which includes 7 non-stop flights to Mumbai and 10 non-stop flights to Hong Kong. The first daily flight landed in Dubai on 29th February.

Etihad flies more this summer

Etihad is launching an expanded summer schedule beginning 30th March. The airline will operate a total of 728 weekly flights, 47% larger than the same period last year. It will also increase the frequency of its flights to a number of key destinations within the GCC, Middle East, Europe, Indian sub-continent, Africa and the Asia Pacific region.

Emirates to fly to Guangzhou

Emirates Airlines has announced that it is adding a route to Guangzhou, China. Slated to play an important role in the 100-plus destinations on Emirates' route map, Guangzhou will be Emirates' fourth gateway in China, after Shanghai, Beijing and Hong Kong. The carrier will fly non-stop to Guangzhou four times weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, beginning July 1, and will add service on Fridays beginning October 1. From December 1 the airline will fly daily to the Chinese city.

Singapore Airlines adds flights to Dubai

Singapore Airlines plans to add four weekly non-stop flights between Singapore and Dubai starting from May 1, reported Khaleej Times. The move will bring to 14 the company's weekly non-stop flights between the two cities, said Subhas Menon, vice-president for West Asia and Africa at Singapore Airlines. The carrier also has three weekly non-stop flights between Singapore and Abu Dhabi, and four weekly flights to Istanbul and three weekly flights to Moscow from Dubai. Menon said the airline is 'very bullish' about the market, especially Dubai.

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Let's get to know them



Kadhem Al Hamad - Business Development Manager, Bahrain

With over 30 years experience in the Gulf travel industry, Kadhem now overlooks new business development opportunities in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He has held many managerial ranks within the company including the areas of

Operations, Sales and Airline affairs.

His prime responsibilities also include maintaining close relationship and key account management of Corporate Accounts, Ministries & Government related institutions.



Mazher Syed - Regional Travel Manager, Western Province KSA

Mazher takes overall responsibility in the Western Province of Saudi Arabia as the Regional Travel Manager.

With 12 years service at Kanoo Travel, Mazher brings along immense experience and knowledge to the region. His previous roles include National Sales Manager KSA, Sales & Marketing Manager EP – KSA and a Supervisory role at BAE Travel Services in Tabuk.

Other Links

The Kanoo Group

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Bahrain F1 Grand Prix 2008

For more info: click <http://www.bahraingp.com.bh/gulf-air-bahrain-grand-prix.html>

Skywards Members Earn Triple and Double Miles Through March 2008



Between 1st and 31st March 2008, members of Skywards, the frequent flyer programme of Emirates, can earn Triple Miles when flying First Class, and Double Miles when flying Business Class on more than 100 flights across the Emirates network.

The Skywards Premium Class Bonus Miles Offer is applicable to over 60 popular cities such as London, New York, Paris, Shanghai and Perth.

With this fantastic offer, all new and existing members will earn bonus Miles on eligible flights, even if just part of their overall itinerary. For instance, a member flying from London to Sydney in Business Class still earns Double Miles for an eligible London-Dubai sector. There is no limit to the number of Miles that can be earned, with every eligible flight earning members the bonus and allowing them to reach their desired rewards even faster.

To qualify for this offer, **members must register prior to travel** through the Skywards website or by calling their nearest Skywards service centre. The registration code is GPBMR. For a complete list of the cities included in this offer and full details, please visit www.skywards.com

Members can then book their flights on www.emirates.com, via Emirates reservations or contact their local travel agent.

The Skywards Global Premium Class Bonus Miles Offer represents an exceptional opportunity to experience the unsurpassed luxury, comfort and service of Emirates' premium cabins.

Through Heathrow Terminal 5



These notes will help make your traveling more enjoyable and calm. Please keep them handy for when you next fly from Heathrow Terminal 5.

Online Check-in - This is the easiest way to check in when you're flying and also ensures that you are able to get the best seat available. You can do it from the comfort of your home, office or hotel from 24 hours before your departure.

It also saves you time because, when you arrive at the terminal, you can pass straight on to Security. If you have more than hand luggage, you can drop it off at any of up to 96 Fast Bag Drops.

So from the moment you arrive to passing through Security, it should only take around ten minutes.

Ready to fly - To ensure we deliver the service you expect and avoid delays, you must pass through Check-in and Security and be ready to fly at least 35 minutes before your flight departs. If you miss this deadline, you will not be allowed onto your flight.

Passport and Visa Check for customers with hand luggage only - If you're flying long haul or taking a short haul flight to Moscow, St Petersburg, Prague or Kiev and you've checked in online or at a Check-in kiosk at the terminal, you will need to go to one of the Passport and Visa Check desks before going to Security. This helps keep the flow of people through Security running smoothly as any problems will have been dealt with beforehand. If you have luggage for the hold, your passport and visa will be checked at a Fast Bag Drop or Customer Service Desk.

UK Domestic flight security checks - To allow both international and UK domestic customers at Terminal 5 to enjoy the wonderful array of shops and restaurants on the concourses, there is now a new biometric check for domestic customers. Quick and safe, your fingerprints will be scanned electronically at Security and then again as you board. After this, all records are deleted, so you don't need to worry about them being kept on file.

Take a virtual tour of Terminal 5 - For a preview of our exciting new home, visit travelpartnerst5.ba.com
With light, crowd-free concourses, elegant shops and delightful restaurants, Terminal 5 brings the joy back to travel.

Feel calm again...

What do these images remind you of???



You would be forgiven for thinking this is one of the region's new 5* resorts. In fact, these are photos of the **QATAR AIRWAYS PREMIUM CLASS TERMINAL** – the world's 1st dedicated passenger terminal for First and Business Class passengers – located at Doha International Airport.

The Premium Class Terminal offers passengers the opportunity to relax and unwind in a bright, luxurious and modern environment and, for the business traveller, the time can also be used to conduct meetings in very conducive surroundings. In fact, the Terminal has something to offer for all types of passenger and operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Lounges are located on Level One and, as you arrive at the top of the escalator, you will find yourself in the Atrium area where you will be greeted by one of Qatar Airways' friendly and courteous members of staff who can assist with check-in procedures and advise you on the facilities available.

In the Atrium area you will find the following:

A **Business Centre** with secretarial services as well as 3 Meeting Rooms (equipped with phone and video-conferencing facilities). The largest Meeting Room can accommodate up to 10 passengers.

The whole Terminal building has wireless internet access.

There is a Children's Play area and nursery (with nanny service on request)



and... for the big kids among us... a Games Room with simulator games and Sony PlayStation 2 and 3!

It is also comforting to know that there is a 24-hour Medical Clinic. Prayer rooms can also be found in the Atrium area.

There are two separate lounges off the Atrium area, one for Business Class Travellers and another for First Class Travellers. Both offer fine dining with a wide choice of hot and cold Arabic and international cuisine. (Alcohol is also available).



The seating areas of both Lounges are spacious and bright with a well-thought out seating layout. The water features in the Lounges help to create a relaxed ambience. There are also separate Family Areas and, as the Lounges are primarily non-smoking areas, there is a separate Smoking Room.



First Class passengers are spoiled for choice. In addition to all the above, both male and female First Class passengers can completely pamper themselves before their flight by having a soothing massage or sauna; there's even a Jacuzzi.....no swimsuit? No problem...Qatar Airways will provide you with one!

For complete relaxation, you may avail the use of one of the comfortable bedrooms which are available on a first-come-first-served basis if your transit time is 4 hours or more.

All the above are available free of charge.

With so much to do, time will fly, so be careful not to get too comfortable and miss your flight! Before you leave the Terminal, allow yourself a little time to browse around the duty-free shopping area which stocks many leading international brands – with an emphasis on high-end labels and the latest designs.

With dedicated First and Business Class check-in desks (as well as self-service check-in kiosks for passengers traveling with hand baggage only), 5 boarding gates and 24 hour assistance from some of Qatar Airways' most courteous and knowledgeable staff, your experience at the Qatar Airways Premium Class Terminal will be hassle-free, memorable and one you will certainly want to repeat!



My thanks to Qatar Airways for inviting me to indulge in the Premium Terminal 'experience'.

For more information, please contact either Kanoo Travel or browse the Qatar Airways website at www.qatarairways.com

- Maria Jackson, Sales Development Manager, Kanoo Travel - Bahrain

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