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Discover Turkey

Turkey is a paradise of sun, sea, mountains, and lakes that offers the vacationer a complete change from the stress and routine of everyday life. From April to October, most places in Turkey have an ideal climate that is perfect for relaxing on sandy beaches or enjoying the tranquility of mountains and lakes.

Turkey also has a magnificent past, and is a land full of historic treasures from 13 successive



civilizations spanning 10,000 years. Even if you spend only a short time in Turkey, you can see a lot of this great heritage.

There is no doubt that one visit will not be enough, and you will want to come back again and again as you discover one extraordinary place after another. All of them, no matter how different, have one thing in common: the friendly and hospitable people of this unique country. [Click here for more information](#)



Kanoo Holidays bags 'Best Tour Operator' awards at ATM 2008

Kanoo Holidays, the specialist leisure and holidays division of Kanoo Travel, announced that it had won two awards for being the "Best Tour Operator" in the Middle East and South Asia region from India Tourism and Sri Lankan Tourism at two separate award ceremonies during Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2008. Kanoo Holidays, one of the select few companies to win these prestigious awards, was recognized for its outstanding contribution in promoting India and Sri Lanka as popular tourist and holiday destinations in the region.

"India and Sri Lanka are incredible countries with so many diverse cultures which need to be seen with the heart and experienced with the soul. India has become one of the most popular tourist destinations over the last few years. Kanoo Holidays is delighted to win the India Tourism award for the 'Best Tour Operator' in the Middle East and South Asia and the Sri Lanka Tourism award for the 'Best Tour Operator' in the Middle East. Kanoo Holidays is one of the few tourism companies in the region to have an exclusive India-specific holiday brochure.

It is our privilege and honor to receive these coveted awards and look forward to winning many more such accolades in future," said Nabeel Kanoo, senior general manager of Kanoo Travel.

Kanoo Holidays offers customers an exciting choice of holiday packages and destinations with the best value in terms of travel, accommodation and related services. From exotic new destinations to special holiday packages ranging from the exclusive to the popular, Kanoo Holidays caters to the special interests of customers such as shopping, culture, relaxation and adventure.

At ATM 2008, Kanoo Holidays is promoting exciting new holiday packages, introducing their latest brochures, signing up new partners and meeting travel agents, trade partners and potential customers.

Weather Report

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Korean Air and Kanoo Travel announce strategic partnership

Kanoo Travel and Korean Air have signed up as strategic partners in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Kanoo Travel will represent Korean Air as their GSA in the Kingdom.

With its large network of travel shops across the region and its large corporate customer portfolio, Kanoo is confident that Korean Air will be able to achieve its business results in this key Middle East market.

The sign up took place at the Kanoo Stand at the recently concluded Arabian Travel Market in Dubai.



Varghese Daniel, Dy. Travel Manager and Aubrey Heldt, Operations Manager Kanoo Travel Dubai pictured with the Outstanding Performance Award presented by Lufthansa and SWISS

BA's Middle East flights well placed to survive global downturn

British Airways' review of capacity, costs and its network are not likely to impact its Middle East routes, the airline's Middle East commercial manager Paul Starrs has confirmed.



Even though the airline has described the coming year as challenging due to fuel price hikes and an uncertain global economic outlook, the carrier, which recently reported a year-on-year increase in pre-tax profits, would "weather the storm" said Starrs.

"BA is well positioned going into a recession because it has a lot of cash on its books," he said. "We see this as an opportunity, particularly for what I see as shorter long-haul destinations such as the Middle East.

"There is more opportunity for these routes and less for longer haul unprofitable routes. When you fly aircraft over long distances, it is difficult to make a profit - we are talking 12 or 13 hours' flight time." [More > click here](#)

New Kuwaiti airline to launch in January

Kuwait's new airline Wataniya Airways will begin flying in January next year, reported Gulf News. The carrier, which will be the second privately owned airline in Kuwait and the fourth in the region, will offer direct services from Kuwait to destinations south and west of the country in the Gulf and the wider region using the A320 aircraft. It will directly compete for local passengers with the country's flag carrier Kuwait Airways and budget operator Jazeera Airways.

Etihad ups Qatar flights

Abu Dhabi based carrier Etihad has announced that it will increase the number of flights from Qatar to two per day as part of its summer flying schedule. The move brings the total number of weekly flights through the UAE's capital to 728.

Air Arabia to fly to Dhaka

Low cost carrier Air Arabia has announced that it will begin flights to Dhaka in Bangladesh. The route will operate four times per week and is the airline's second destination in the country, with the first being a service to Chittagong. Flights will begin from 8 June.

Qatar Airways to fly to Calicut

Qatar Airways plans to operate scheduled flights to the southwest Indian coastal city of Kozhikode, the airline's third gateway in the state of Kerala, beginning June 15. Formerly known as Calicut, the city is Kerala's third largest with a population of almost 500,000 people. Qatar Airways will operate daily non-stop services between Doha and Kozhikode using an Airbus A320 aircraft. The airline already serves Cochin and Trivandrum in Kerala and a further six cities across India.



United Airlines & Hertz offer exclusive 'Fly & Drive' packages

(Abdulla Abu Khamseen with Marcel Fuchs - Managing Director of United Airlines, Atlantic Division and representatives of HERTZ and United Airlines Saudi Arabia at ATM Dubai)



BITE 2008 14th - 17th May a roaring success for Kanoo Holidays

Kanoo Holidays & BATELCO launch an exclusive 'Free Phone Card Promotion' at the recently concluded BITE exhibition held at the Bahrain Exhibition and Convention Center. The promotion covers destinations such as London, Paris, Malaysia, Egypt, UAE and Oman. Passengers purchasing travel packages from Kanoo Holidays during this summer will get a free roaming phone card enabling the passengers to call Bahrain for free! (Offer valid in Bahrain only)

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Kanoo Holidays wins Award for Best Tour Operator to India



Mr. Abdulla Abo Khamseen, Executive General Manager of Kanoo Travel (centre) receiving the 'Best Tour Operator for Middle East and South Asia' award from Mr. L. K. Das, Director of India Tourism and Mr. Gangadhar, Assistant Director of India Tourism. [Click here for full story](#)

Kanoo Travel eyes new partnerships

Manama: Mon, 05 May 2008

The largest travel agency in the Middle East Kanoo Travel is participating in a much bigger way in Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2008.



The company plans to use the event as a platform to launch its new retail travel and foreign exchange offices in the UK and France, promote its portfolio of services, sign new partnerships and meet customers and trade partners. [Read full story](#)

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