



STANMORE BUSINESS TRAVEL NEWS UPDATE

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SECURE FLIGHT – NOW LIVE ON TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHTS

Secure Flight is a scheme being progressively introduced by the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to screen airline passenger names against their own "watch" and "no fly" lists. TSA aims to cover 100% of flights to/from and within the USA by the end of 2010, and with effect from 27th July we understand this covers all flights between the UK and USA.

Under Secure Flight, TSA pre-screens passenger name, date of birth and gender against government watch-lists for domestic and international flights. In addition to facilitating secure travel for all passengers, the programme aims to prevent the misidentification of passengers who have names similar to individuals on government watch-lists.

This means that all bookings must include the following Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD):

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Itinerary
- Redress Number – if applicable. (A Redress Number is a unique number given to a person who has previously been incorrectly identified as a watch-list match)

TSA requires airlines to provide mandatory SFPD no later than 72 hours prior to departure, and only when cleared by TSA will your airline be authorised to generate a boarding pass.

According to TSA: "99 percent of passengers will be cleared by Secure Flight to print boarding passes at home by providing their date of birth, gender and name as it appears on the government ID they plan to use when travelling. Individuals found to match watch-list parameters will be subjected to secondary screening, a law enforcement interview or prohibition from boarding an aircraft, depending on the specific case".

Our Business Travel Team already has the required data securely stored in the Traveller Profile of most of our regular travellers and will review it with you when making a reservation. This SFPD data collection is *in addition* to [APIS](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/inspections_carriers_facilities/apis/e_apis_information.xml) (http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/inspections_carriers_facilities/apis/e_apis_information.xml) and [ESTA](https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/esta.html) (<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/esta.html>) so please collate the required information (along with passport details) and have it ready to give to our Business Travel Team when you make your next booking. Click here: http://www.tsa.gov/assets/pdf/sf_trifold_brochure.pdf for handy info leaflet from TSA.

UNLUCKY 13 FOR VIRGIN ATLANTIC ECONOMY SEAT PRE-ALLOCATIONS

Virgin Atlantic have advised us that, with immediate effect, any “unclaimed” pre assigned seats in their Economy cabin will be released back into the seat map 13 hours prior to departure on all London Heathrow departing flights. This means that passengers with pre-assigned seat numbers, who have not checked-in online 13 hours prior to departure will lose their pre-assigned seat.

In the event that a passenger checks-in online less than 13 hours prior to departure, and finds that their seat(s) have been released, it will be possible to re-select from seats numbers that are remain available at the time of Online Check-In.

Passengers who have been unable to use Online Check-In will have seat numbers allocated at the airport check-in desk.

It is essential, therefore, that if you are flying with VS in economy class you should check-in online between 24 and 13 hours prior to departure in order to secure your pre-assigned seat number(s). Virgin Atlantic would also like us to remind you that, in any event, seat numbers are not guaranteed and remain subject to any operational aircraft changes.

BA “AFFORDABLE” CLUB WORLD FARES MORE USEFUL TO BUSINESS TRAVELLERS

For those of you who wish to travel in the Club World cabin with British Airways... Good News! BA has just relaxed the rules (a bit) on their C and D booking class advance purchase Club World fares:

C Class	Previous Rule	Now
Advance Purchase	7 days	3 days
Cancellations before departure	Charge of 20%	Charge of £200.00
Cancellations after departure	Non-refundable	Non-refundable
Reservation Changes	Not permitted	Charge of £200.00
Minimum Stay	N/A	N/A
D Class	Previous Rule	Now
Advance Purchase	14 days	7 days
Cancellations before departure	Non-refundable	Charge of £200.00
Cancellations after departure	Non-refundable	Non-refundable
Reservation Changes	Not permitted	Charge of £200.00
Minimum Stay	Saturday night	N/A

Our Business Travel Team will be delighted to give you the best Business Class pricing option with British Airways – along with a myriad of other fine airlines – for your next trip. Call them on 020 8731 1333.

DELHI T3 NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

British Airways have now moved their operations into Terminal 3, the brand new Terminal at Delhi International Airport.

Officially opened on July 14th, Delhi's new terminal boasts 78 gates, 97 automated walkways, 95 immigration counters, 20,000 square meters of retail space, an in-terminal transit hotel and parking for 4,300 cars, making it comparable to the aviation hubs of Dubai and Singapore.

All international flights arriving at and departing from Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, will eventually operate from Terminal 3. Domestic services of Air India, Jet, Jetlite, Jet Connect, Kingfisher and Kingfisher red will move to T3 on 27 August 2010.

An Airport Express Metro line is due to open in September improving connectivity to downtown New Delhi, with a journey time of just 18 minutes at speeds of up to 135 km/h in air-conditioned comfort.

According to BA's press release, “Baggage is expected to glide move quickly through the terminal, thanks to a five-stage baggage scanning system, capable of handling 12,800 pieces of luggage every hour”...



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