

Travel Updates as of 9 Apr 2009 - Sunway Travel

1. TEMPORARY VISA ARRANGEMENT - Formula One (F1) Grand Prix in Bahrain (12-26 April 2009)

The Formula One (F1) event in Bahrain will be held between **24-26 April 2009**. The General Directorate of Nationalities, Passports and Residence (GDNPR) within the Ministry of Interior has arranged specific F1 visa for all members and their families. This include support staff as well as drivers and management. This special visas arrangement can be obtained either through this website (www.evisa.gov.bh) or on arrival in Bahrain, provided passengers are holding the following documents:

1. Valid tickets (or passes) to the F1 Grand Prix events
2. Official membership identification or an invitation letter from Bahrain International Circuit (BIC)
3. Valid confirmed onward ticket to leave Bahrain

Passengers who are granted with a visa via internet, must require to present the printout of the visa approval together with the above document. GDNPR therefore guarantee entry into the Kingdom of Bahrain for these members prior to and during the F1 event. The F1 visa is valid for 2 weeks from the date of first entry and is a multiple re-entry visa. Passengers can only use this visa for entry into Bahrain between 12-26 April 2009 inclusive. For those visitors who are not attending the F1 event in Bahrain, current (visa) travel requirements apply.

[source CX]

2. TEMPORARY TICKET DESK AT LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT

The ticket desk facility at London Heathrow Airport has temporarily been moved to Terminal 3 forecourt (adjacent to the Costa Coffee outlet) by the Zone E/F door. Within the next 12 weeks, a new ticket desk and facility will be constructed in the same location in Zone B. The new facility will be ready and open in the beginning of June 2009

3. REVISION OF UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) PASSENGER SERVICE CHARGE

Please be advised that for all tickets issued on/after 01APR2009, for travel on/after 01 May 2009, the Passenger Service Charge (AE) will be increased for all international departures from Dubai / SHJ / Abu Dhabi from AED 30 to AED 75

[source SQ]

4. REVISION OF SINGAPORE AIRLINES (SQ) FUEL SURCHARGES (YQ)

Please be informed that effective for sale/ticketing on/after 01 April 2009, SQ Fuel Surcharges has been revised. Kindly refer to your travel agent for further information

[source SQ]

5. QATAR AIRWAYS TO PROVIDE PASSENGERS WITH INFLIGHT INTERNET & TEXT MESSAGING SERVICES Passengers To Be Able To Browse Internet, Send SMS Messages And Emails

Qatar Airways and OnAir today announced an agreement to install Mobile OnAir inflight passenger communications services on board the airline's single-aisle fleet.

The agreement will see airline install the technology on all 22 single-aisle Airbus A319, A320 and A321 aircraft in the fleet as well as several new aircraft on order. The aircraft currently operate routes across the Middle East, India, Sri Lanka and across Europe. Passengers will be able to stay connected inflight using their own mobile phones or BlackBerry-type devices to send and receive text messages and emails, and access the Internet. They will also be able to access the Internet using their own laptops fitted with GSM data cards.

[source QR]

6. QANTAS INTERNATIONAL INFANT E-TICKETING

Effective 7 April 2009, e-ticketing for infants for International travel will be available. Infants not occupying a seat and travelling free of charge on Qantas for wholly

Domestic itineraries within Australia and New Zealand do not require a ticket. An infant e-ticket should be issued when an infant is travelling Internationally on flights operated by any of the following airlines:

- Qantas
- British Airways
- American Airlines
- Lufthansa
- Air New Zealand
- Royal Jordanian

[source QF]

7. ADVANCE PASSENGER / CREW INFORMATION (API) REQUIREMENT BY CATAHY PACIFIC

With effect from **04 Mar 09**, Advance Passenger Information (API) will be an official requirement for flights arrive or transit BAHRAIN.

API in SSR element is required for booking with flights involved. Details as below:-.

1. Document Type
2. Issuing country/state
3. Document number
4. Nationality
5. Data of birth
6. Gender
7. Document expiry date
8. Surname

[source CX]

8. SECURITY HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED AT ALL MAJOR AIRPORTS ACROSS INDIA

Security has been heightened at all major airports across India, including Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Chennai. Passengers are advised to reach airport at least 4 hours before departure for international flights, and 2 hours for domestic flights, as delays due to intensified security checks are likely. Before leaving for the airport, passengers should have all travel documents ready for extra security checks.

[source CX]

9. E-CHANNELS AVAILABLE FOR HONG KONG & MACAU RESIDENTS AT BEIJING CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Bureau of Exit and Entry of the Ministry of Public Security in Beijing has announced that in order to improve efficiency and shorten passengers' queuing time, in effect from 20 January 2009, passengers holding "Returning Resident Permit For Hong Kong/Macao Residents" (Home Visit Permit) can make use of the immigration **E-channels** located on both sides of the arrival immigration counters at Beijing Capital International Airport.

[source CX]

10. SELF PRINT BOARDING PASS ROLLS OUT IN 11 PORTS

After a successful launch in Hong Kong in early November 2008, the new Self-Print Boarding Pass (SPBP) facility is now being rolled out in a number of outports. The service, which enables passengers using Online Check-In to print their own boarding pass and eliminate queuing at the airport, is introduced in the following ports from Tuesday, 6 January: - London , Amsterdam , Paris , Frankfurt , Rome , New York , San Francisco , Vancouver , Toronto , Bahrain , **Kuala Lumpur**. Self-Print Boarding Pass (SPBP) from these ports is currently only available for single-sector flights to Hong Kong. More ports will get the Self-Print facility in the near future as Cathay Pacific ramps up its efforts to improve self-servicing for passengers

[source CX]