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BRITISH AIRWAYS HOLIDAYS LAUNCHES EXCLUSIVE AIRPORT OFFER FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

British Airways Holidays has launched an exclusive offer for customers booking summer holiday packages, featuring complimentary airport experiences at London Heathrow Terminal 5. The offer applies to holidays with departure dates between 9 June and 30 September 2021, for those travelling in Euro Traveller, World Traveller or World Traveller Plus (economy and premium economy) as part of a Flight + Hotel and/or Car holiday package.

Customers will automatically qualify when spending a minimum of £1,500pp for two people or more, for a minimum of five nights. Existing bookings will also be eligible. Those travelling in Club World or Club Europe (business class) and spending a minimum of £2,500pp will also be eligible for First Wing check in and complimentary access to the Galleries First Lounge at London Heathrow Terminal 5, both of which are exclusive experiences for premium customers.

From tropical beach escapes to city explorations, the offer applies to all destinations and all holiday types, and it features:

Premium check-in: Skip the queues and enjoy a speedier check-in experience in a designated area of the terminal



Fast Track Security: Sail through security and relax on a smoother path with Fast Track Security
British Airways Galleries Club Lounges access: Enjoy complimentary food and beverage before departure, plus a tranquil and exclusive space to relax
Priority boarding (from 21 June 2021): Be among the first passengers to board the plane and get comfortable before taking off
Customers taking advantage of this offer can rest safe in the knowledge that their booking still falls under the British Airways Holidays Customer Promise*. With low deposits starting from £60pp, ATOL protection, and just three weeks' notice needed for free amendments or cancellations

in return for a voucher, all customers are given peace of mind in case their plans should change. Claire Bentley, Managing Director of British Airways Holidays, said: "After the last year, we know how much our customers are looking forward to getting away this summer. We want to make their experience extra special as we welcome them back to travel, by helping them to begin their holiday in style." "It's the first time we've offered something like this exclusively for British Airways Holidays customers – we believe it's a brilliant way to celebrate the joy of travel, while continuing to offer flexibility and security for peace of mind."

Canada condemns arrest of political candidates and civil society leaders in Nicaragua

The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today issued the following statement: "Canada joins the Organization of American States, the United Nations, international human rights bodies and members of the international community in condemning the arbitrary arrest of political candidates in Nicaragua. The Government of Nicaragua has failed to implement meaningful electoral reforms that are desperately needed and is now further eroding the democratic process with these arbitrary

detentions. "We stand with the Nicaraguan people in their aspirations for a more just and democratic future, which includes a fundamental respect for human rights, media freedom, and the opportunity to make their own democratic choices in free, fair and transparent elections. "The Government of Nicaragua needs to guarantee the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all its people in accordance with international law and its own constitution. International

human rights bodies must be allowed to return immediately to the country to monitor the situation and ensure the government is fulfilling these crucial responsibilities. "Canada calls for the immediate release of the arbitrarily arrested, imprisoned or detained political candidates, as well as the release of all political prisoners, and an end to the arrest and harassment of the independent media and civil society actors. We remain in close contact with our international partners.

JetPack Aviation VTOL Goes Green Zero Net Carbon Fuel Powers Personal Flight



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JetPack Aviation, JPA, developer of the world's first FAA-certified personal turbine JetPack announces today a cooperative supply agreement with Prometheus Fuels Inc., inventors of the Titan Fuel Forge, which makes zero net carbon "fuel from the air". Continuing its technology sprint towards environmentally responsible, personal flight mobility, JPA has made a commitment to using 100% carbon neutral fuel for its fleet of JetPacks and Speeder™ aircraft. Using solar and wind generated electricity, the Prometheus Titan Fuel Forge reclaims atmospheric carbon through a proprietary process that strips CO2 molecules from the air and "energizes" them into hydrocarbons which can be made into any type of fuel. "We are living in an age of extraordinarily rapid technical advancement for personal flight" said David Mayman, JPA Founder and CEO. "And along with that advancement comes increased responsibility for corporations to keep our planet clean, safe, and healthy for all its citizens. Our engineering team takes that obligation very seriously which is why we are so excited to be working with the visionaries at Prometheus Fuels." JetPack Aviation is currently in the advanced development phase of The Speeder™, an eight-turbine heavy-lift VTOL. The Speeder™ will save lives by reducing the

time EMS and First Responders take to reach and extract disaster victims. The Speeder™ is also uniquely positioned for urban and rural fire fighting, providing both a means to reach upper floors in high rise buildings and unprecedented accessibility to remote conflagrations including mountain forest fires and hazardous industrial sites. Unlike current experimental vehicles utilizing batteries for electric propulsion, The Speeder™ is capable of lifting 600lbs of cargo and/or passengers while maintaining an ultra small footprint requiring less than 10x10 ft of takeoff/landing space and flying at more than 250mph. This combination of extreme lift and small size is not achievable with current battery technology, and it is not expected to be so for many years. Turbine engines are proven, tested technology which combined with JPAs proprietary on-board engine-control computers will deliver critical support to these essential markets. "We're excited to be part of JetPack Aviation's innovation in the technology of high-performance personal flight," said Rob McGinnis, Prometheus Founder and CEO. "We want to enable human exploration, adventure, and achievement that doesn't harm the planet, and powering JPA's JetPack and Speeder with our zero net carbon fuels is the perfect embodiment of that goal."

ETIHAD GUEST PARTNERS WITH AIR ARABIA'S AIRREWARDS TO OFFER EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

Etiha d Guest Miles can now be redeemed for Air Arabia flights, meals and baggage. Convert Air Rewards to Etiha d Guest Miles for flights, Miles on the Go, car rentals, hotels and spend in the Etiha d Guest Reward Shop.

Etiha d Guest, the award-winning loyalty programme of Etiha d Airways, has partnered with Air Arabia's loyalty programme Air Rewards, to allow members of both schemes to benefit from reciprocal points and miles transfers. These could be spent on flights with Etiha d and Air Arabia, holidays, shopping and more.

Kim Hardaker, Head of Loyalty & Partnerships, Etiha d Airways, said: "This partnership will provide both Etiha d Guest and Air Rewards with the opportunity to significantly broaden the travel reach, rewards and programme benefits for our respective members. The collaboration is designed to both engage with new customers, while further improving the benefits for our existing loyalty members. When transferring miles, Etiha d Guest members will now receive 1 Air Reward Point for every 2 Etiha d Guest Miles. Air Rewards can be transferred to Etiha d Guest Miles at the conversion rate of 2 Air Rewards Points for every 1 Etiha d Guest Mile.

In response to the pandemic, both airline's loyalty programmes have implemented initiatives to protect member



benefits and further engage with their loyal communities. Etiha d Guest ensured that no member had their status downgraded by gifting monthly bonus Tier Miles, offering double Tier Miles promotions, reinstating expired miles and removing the GuestSeat change fee. Both airlines have demonstrated a commitment to providing the highest standards of health and wellbeing across the entire guest journey. Last year, Etiha d unveiled its Etiha d Wellness programme featuring Wellness Ambassadors available to reassure guests at every stage of the journey. The airline was the first airline in the world to require 100% of passengers to provide a negative PCR test result before departure, and then retesting on arrival. Etiha d also offers free Covid wellness insurance for all guests travelling on its network globally.

Air Arabia was amongst the first airlines to fully upgrade its customer experience in accordance with all international guidelines to fully safeguard the safety and wellbeing of its passengers at every step of their travel journey. Additionally, Air Arabia offers complimentary COVID-19 insurance cover with every ticket booked. Air Arabia was launched in October 2003 as the first low-cost carrier in the Middle East & North Africa. The airline established a number of joint ventures and currently has five international bases in the UAE, Egypt and Morocco. In 2020, Etiha d Airways announced its codeshare with the capital's first low-cost carrier, Air Arabia Abu Dhabi. To benefit from this partnership, customers should visit their Etiha d Guest or Air Rewards account online to link their accounts and easily transfer Points and Miles between the two.

Statements made by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs Spokesperson

Cuba – Meeting between Franck Riester and Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz, Deputy Prime Minister (June 8, 2021)

Franck Riester, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness, attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, met today with Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz, Deputy Prime Minister of Cuba, who is leading the Cuban delegation due to meet with the Group of Creditors of Cuba in Paris on June 9.

This meeting provided an opportunity to take stock of the implementation of the commitments made by our two countries in December 2020 at the 5th meeting of the Bilateral Joint Committee and the Strategic Steering Committee of the French-Cuban Counterpart Fund, implemented within the framework of the French-Cuban agreement relating to the treatment of Cuban debt and aimed at financing projects of common interest between France and Cuba, notably in the areas of infrastructure, tourism and health.

The minister delegate confirmed France's commitment to implementing the priorities for French-

Cuban cooperation and our determination to facilitate the development of economic cooperation projects with Cuba, despite the difficult context linked to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The minister delegate and Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz also discussed other aspects of bilateral cooperation in the scientific and technical fields as well as with respect to the issue of human rights in Cuba.

Gabon – Conversation between Jean-Yves Le Drian and his counterpart (June 4, 2021)

Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, spoke today with Pacôme Moubelet Boubeya, Gabon's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The two ministers expressed their determination to actively pursue cooperation between France and Gabon in the areas of environmental protection, education and defense. The minister notably paid tribute to Gabon's commitment to the protection of biodiversity and the fight against climate change.

This exchange also provided an opportunity to review the regional situation, notably in Chad, and to express France's support for the efforts of regional African organizations.

ETIHAD AIRWAYS AND THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME JOIN FORCES TO BOOST GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Etiha d is the first airline to sign an agreement with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme.

UNV will feature on the Etiha d Guest website for Miles donations.

Focusing on Arab Countries, Etiha d and UNV will collaborate to strengthen volunteerism globally.

Etiha d Airways, the national airline of the UAE, is the first airline to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme.

The MOU was signed by Dr Nadia Bastaki, Vice President Medical Services, Corporate Social Responsibility, Etiha d Aviation Group, and Mr. Toily Kurbanov, Executive Coordinator, UNV, remotely in Abu Dhabi. The collaboration between the two entities will

strengthen volunteering globally and expand the reach to customers of Etiha d. UNV supports volunteering globally and in the Arab countries and aims to engage Etiha d volunteers in advocacy events, increase awareness of volunteering opportunities, and accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals in the "Leave no one behind" agenda.

In addition, Etiha d will promote UNV and activities across Etiha d's own channels, including Etiha d Guest loyalty programme to encourage members to donate their Etiha d Guest Miles in support of UNV.

Dr Nadia Bastaki, Vice President Medical Services



Dr Nadia Bastaki, Vice President Medical Services Etiha d Aviation Group, and Mr. Toily Kurbanov, Executive Coordinator, UNV

and Corporate Social Responsibility, Etiha d Aviation Group, said: "Etiha d is proud to be the first airline to partner with UN Volunteers, to support their talent pool and global initiatives. Etiha d volunteers will have the chance to participate in the programme offering their unique skills and experience, and further extend Etiha d's humanitarian footprint across the world.

Furthermore, we're pleased to be able to offer our loyal Etiha d Guest members the opportunity to make a significant contribution by donating their Etiha d Guest Miles."

Mr. Toily Kurbanov, Executive Coordinator, UNV, states "At UNV, we are excited to have

Etiha d Aviation Group join our network of private sector partners who believe in the power of volunteering for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I hope this partnership will help grow awareness of the inspiring actions taken by UN Volunteers around the globe. Through miles donation, Etiha d Guest members will have a direct channel to back such actions."

Etiha d is committed to the communities it serves and works closely with its partners to raise funds and awareness for a better world for everyone. Its corporate responsibility programme has been built on four key pillars: humanitarian aid, global education initiatives, safe and stable housing for children in need, and empowerment through development. Since the start of the pandemic, over 3,000 Etiha d Airways' employees have volunteered to support a number of government entities and initiatives, including deployments to SEHA, Ma'an and Emirates Red Crescent. More than 800 staff volunteers have registered on the UAE Volunteers Platform, a community response to COVID-19.

ETIHAD AIRWAYS AND SAUDIA SOLIDIFY RELATIONSHIP WITH RECIPROCAL EARN AND BURN PARTNERSHIP

Etihaad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's national flag carrier, SAUDIA, announced a new reciprocal loyalty agreement, expanding on the existing codeshare deal between the two airlines.

Members of the Etihad Guest and ALFURSAN programmes can now earn and redeem miles on flights across both carriers' networks. Loyalty programme members from both airlines will also be able to earn Tier Miles and Tier Segments, helping them progress to the next tier level faster. In addition, members will be able to earn miles on Etihad and SAUDIA codeshare flights.

Terry Daly, Executive Director Guest Experience, Brand & Marketing, Etihad Airways, said: "As the aviation industry begins to restart and guests return to the skies, this partnership strengthens the airlines' commitment to growing inbound business and tourism in their respective markets. It complements Etihad's existing codeshare agreement with SAUDIA and opens more destinations for Etihad Guest members to earn and spend their miles through travel."

Khalid Al-Bassam, Chief Commercial Officer, SAUDIA, commented: "We are pleased to strengthen our partnership with Etihad through this latest agreement, which further builds on our shared history of successful collaboration. By offering our guests more opportunities to earn miles we are bringing greater value, flexibility and convenience to their travel experience, which



will help fuel growth in demand and contribute to our goal of enhancing the Kingdom's aviation and tourism sectors."

The partners are also re-launching their codeshare cooperation beyond each other's hubs. Under this extensive commercial partnership, which has seen more than 110,000 passenger journeys facilitated over the past two years, SAUDIA has added its 'SV' code to 15 destinations on the Etihad network in Saudi Arabia, Asia, the US and Europe. In addition, Etihad has added its 'EY' code to SAUDIA destinations in the Kingdom and Pakistan. This facilitates growth and recovery for both airlines, provides greater choice, convenience and flexibility for guests and freight customers, and further strengthens the ties between the two nations.

In other areas of cooperation, Etihad Airways Engineering has been collaborating with SAUDIA since 2016 at its MRO (Maintenance, Repair

and Operations) facility in Abu Dhabi.

Etihad has been operating to Saudi Arabia since 2004, and prior to Covid pandemic, were operating up to 77 weekly flights between Abu Dhabi and Riyadh, Dammam, Jeddah and Medina.

The airline is presently operating direct flights to Riyadh, Dammam and Jeddah and guests transiting through Abu Dhabi from the Kingdom have access to Etihad's USA pre-clearance, the only United States Customs and Border Protection facility in the Middle East. This allows passengers bound for the United States to process all immigration, customs and agriculture inspections in Abu Dhabi before they board their flight to Chicago, New York or Washington D.C.

Etihad remains committed to the Saudi Arabian market and looks forward to increasing service levels as and when current border and travel restrictions are eased.

SWISS concludes Airbus A220 fleet renewal with 30th delivery

SWISS took delivery of its thirtieth new Airbus A220 at Zurich Airport this evening to mark a further milestone in the biggest fleet renewal programme in its corporate history. SWISS was launching carrier and first operator of the new short- and medium-haul twinjet, which was designed and developed from scratch. The Airbus A220 emits over 20 per cent less carbon dioxide than comparable aircraft types. SWISS's thirtieth A220, a -300 model



Daher congratulates Margrit Waltz' aviation milestone: her 900th ferry flight, which was performed in a TBM 940 very fast turboprop aircraft



Margrit Waltz (standing next to the TBM 940, at left) celebrates the completion of her 900th ferry flight after arriving at Delaware County Airport near Muncie, Indiana. Celebrating the milestone with Waltz are personnel from Muncie Aviation and members

Daher today recognized Margrit Waltz for her 900th ferry flight, which she achieved this month on a France-U.S. transatlantic trip with one of the company's TBM 940 very fast turboprop aircraft.

As one of the world's most experienced ferry pilots, Waltz departed Daher's Aircraft Division headquarters and TBM production site in Tarbes, France on May 11, arriving three days later at Delaware County Airport near Muncie, Indiana. The milestone journey was completed in a flight time of 15 hours and 38 minutes, involving stopovers at Wick in the UK; Keflavik, Iceland; and Canada's Goose Bay; followed by initial U.S. landings at Bangor, Maine and Scranton in Pennsylvania.

Upon her arrival at Delaware County Airport to complete the trip, she was welcomed by personnel from Muncie Aviation – one of the oldest authorized TBM distributors, which serves the states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Also on hand to mark Waltz' achievement were members of Daher team, several who flew in from the company's U.S. headquarters at Pompano Beach, Florida.

This 900th ferry flight marks 45 years of activity at the service of general aviation for the German-born ferry pilot, who lives in Pennsylvania's

In 1991, Waltz was one of the first pilots to ferry a TBM-family airplane across the Atlantic Ocean for Daher. Since then, she has delivered more than 200 TBMs to the North American continent, while also flying others to Africa, Asia and Australia.

"It's highly symbolic that Margrit flew her milestone trip with a TBM 940, as her ferry flight services on behalf of Daher during the past three decades have contributed to the TBM program's success," stated Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher's Aircraft Division. "Her career – which began before GPS was reliably available for aviation's use, and prior to many advances in avionics that we take for granted today – mirrors the values which have made our very fast turboprop aircraft a leader in its category: a focus on safety, supported by a team spirit; along with the passion for speed and performance."

In recalling her experience with the TBM, Waltz said: "It was love at first sight, as the TBM was a cut above the aircraft I was flying at the time. Today, it still is one of my favorites. I want to thank Daher for its confidence during the past 30 years, along with the incredible support from the factory in Tarbes, as well as from the community of TBM owners and operators."

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Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) received its thirtieth new Airbus A220 (formerly known as the Bombardier C Series) at Zurich Airport at 21:00 this evening. Aircraft HB-JCU, which is an A220-300, had flown directly from Airbus Canada's Montreal Mirabel works. Its arrival concludes SWISS's acquisition programme for this advanced short- and medium-haul twinjet with its lower carbon emission credentials.

"With today's delivery of our thirtieth Airbus A220, we have marked another milestone in the history of our company," says SWISS CEO Dieter Vranckx. "We are proud to now have 30 of these innovative aircraft in our fleet ranks. The Airbus A220 helps give us

one of Europe's most advanced aircraft fleets," he continues. "This in turn enables us to live up to our environmental responsibilities. And SWISS will continue to invest in advanced aircraft and technologies. To do so, though, we must be able to operate within parameters that allow us to maintain both a competitive edge and an investment capability."

SWISS now operates nine of



the smaller Airbus A220-100s (seating 125 passengers) and 21 of the larger Airbus A220-300s (with 145 passenger seats). The airline was both launching carrier and first operator of the A220, which has been designed and developed from scratch. SWISS thus performed the first commercial flight in the world of an Airbus A220-100, from Zurich to Paris on 15 July 2016.

New benchmarks in environmental care
The innovative short- and medium-haul Airbus A220 has set new benchmarks in terms of both its environmental credentials and its operating cost-effectiveness since it entered SWISS service in July 2016. Its carbon dioxide emissions are more than 20 per cent lower than those of predecessor aircraft types. "We have set ourselves the goal of halving our carbon emissions from their 2019 levels by 2030 and being entirely carbon-neutral by 2050," explains CEO Dieter Vranckx. "Investing in the latest aircraft technologies and in synthetic aircraft fuels are two of the most effective levers in reducing our carbon emissions. The Airbus A220 also emits 50 per cent less nitrogen oxide, and is substantially quieter, too,

which is appreciated not only by our passengers but also by local airport residents." 30th Airbus A220 named 'Davos'

SWISS's latest Airbus A220-300, HB-JCU, was formally named 'Davos' just after its Zurich arrival in a ceremony attended by Davos Mayor Philipp Wilhelm, Destination Davos Klosters CEO Reto Bransch, SWISS CEO Dieter Vranckx and SWISS pilot and A220 Programme Leader Peter Koch. "As a native of Davos," Koch said, "I am especially delighted that our thirtieth A220 now bears my home town's name and will carry it to cities and leisure destinations all over Europe." Davos's representatives were equally pleased. "Aircraft connect the world's nations and bring people to the country of congresses and vacations that Switzerland is," said Reto Bransch. "As a byword for holidays, sport, culture, congresses, education and research, Davos is one of the world's most multi-faceted destinations. And we're proud that SWISS has now named one of its newest and most advanced aircraft after our town."

Mayor Wilhelm agreed: "Davos is a place where, for generations now, people from

Stefan Vasic named new Head of Marketing at SWISS



Stefan Vasic has been appointed as SWISS's new Head of Marketing. He will take up his new duties on 1 July. Vasic is presently the company's Head of Sponsoring & Events, Social Media and Tourism Partnerships.

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) has appointed Stefan Vasic (34) as its new Head of Marketing. In his new function, which he will assume on 1 July, Vasic will be responsible for SWISS's marketing communications in Switzerland and for implementing all marketing actions within the overall framework of the Lufthansa Group's global marketing strategy. He will report to Head of SWISS Brand Experience Caroline Drischel, who took up her new position in charge of the amalgamated departments of Brand Management & Marketing Communication and Product Management, with overall responsibility for the customer experience throughout the travel chain, on 1 February. Stefan Vasic has held a range of positions at SWISS since 2007. He is presently Head of Sponsoring & Events, Social Media and Tourism Partnerships, with responsibility for the SWISS sponsorship portfolio, partner management, event logistics, newsletter marketing and social media strategy. Prior to this he served as a SWISS media spokesperson for a

number of years.

"With his broad and lengthy communications experience, Stefan Vasic is the ideal appointee to this demanding position," says SWISS Chief Commercial Officer Tamur Goudarzi Pour. "I am convinced that with his keen commitment and his extensive expertise, Stefan will take our SWISS marketing in new directions. I look forward to working with him, and I wish him every satisfaction and success in his new capacity."

A native of Switzerland, Stefan Vasic holds a Master of Science degree in Corporate Communications from Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Bernhard Christen, who has led SWISS's national and international marketing for the past eight years, will be devoting himself to new professional challenges. "I would like to offer Bernhard my deepest thanks for his many years of service and dedication," Goudarzi Pour continues. "With his profound marketing knowledge and his pronounced customer focus, Bernhard has tangibly

Strengthened our positioning of SWISS as a premium carrier. And together with his team, he has played a key part in making our company one of Europe's most successful airlines."

Save the date: Glee returns as an in-person event

