

Biggest Ever Winter Schedule

This winter British Airways will operate its biggest ever programme from Gatwick as the airline continues to break passenger records for the tenth year running. Following on from a highly successful summer, where the airline carried almost 20% more passengers, British Airways will continue to fly its eight newest routes throughout the winter season. Compared to last winter,



ten more cities will be served from the Gatwick North terminal hub - a brand new weekly route to San Jose in Costa Rica starts October 27 and will join 'first-time' ever winter services to Cancun, Tobago, Denver, Trieste, Ljubljana, Dhahran, Abidjan and Vilnius. The resumed Lagos services will also operate throughout

the winter and feature a larger Club World cabin to serve the strong passenger demand experienced since the restart of daily flights last month. Frequencies on many existing services have also been improved. The longhaul highlights: Buenos Aires/Santiago flights become a daily, except Tuesday operation. Orlando moves to a daily service and a new weekly, non-stop flight is added to the Mauritius programme. Services from Baku have been re-timed to offer better onward connections to the airline's other oil destinations such as Houston, Dallas and Aberdeen. Services to the Caribbean also get a boost: Antigua flights switch to three non-stop weekly services supplemented by a Saturday flight via Barbados. San Juan will have an additional service, an increase from two to three per week. To maximise benefits from the Gatwick hub there are also changes and improvements to the shorthaul programme: Flights to Ljubljana and Trieste, launched just six months ago, have been re-timed to offer better connections and the new LOT codeshare flights to Gdansk and Krakow will fly from the North terminal where the majority of British Airways services are based. Flights to Geneva, Brussels and Riga all benefit from increases: Geneva gets three extra services per week; Brussels and Riga flights increase by two per

week. Domestic improvements include Manchester connections growing to seven per day and Aberdeen flights increasing to 5 per day. Martin Wyatt, British Airways General Manager Gatwick, said: "We are continuing with our strategy to deliver a growing network at Gatwick, in line with passenger demand. Whilst this winter programme will be our biggest ever, it also heralds a 'quieter' season for the local community as we start the phase-out of our older DC10 fleet and replace it with the new Boeing 777 aircraft."

Code-Share Agreement ...Signed with Emirates

British Airways and Emirates have signed a code-share agreement covering selected flights between Britain and the United Arab Emirates, offering travellers a wider choice of services and destinations. This agreement is subject to Government approval. From December 1, British Airways' flights between London Heathrow and Abu Dhabi will also carry Emirates' EK codes, and Emirates services between Manchester and Dubai will also bear the BA flight prefix. David Noyes, British Airways' Regional Director U.K, Middle East and Africa said: "This is excellent news for air travellers flying between Europe and the Middle East, offering them greater flexibility across the unmatched networks of two leading airlines committed to the highest levels of customer service." Tim Clark, Emirates' Chief Director Airline, said: "This code-share will open up new opportunities for both carriers to offer passengers the best possible connections and schedules."

'ONEWORLD' Links Five Leading Airlines to Provide World-wide Customer Service Benefits

Five of the world's leading airlines - American Airlines, British Airways, Canadian Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways and Qantas Airways - recently announced a new, customer-driven global alliance. The unveiling of the oneworld brand launches a multi-million pound programme designed to raise the standard of global air travel. From early next year, the five airlines will together phase in a wide range of initiatives designed to provide greater customer benefits, including

