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**Double S Travel Worldchoice - Celebrating Twenty Four Years of service
to the residents and businesses in the South Bedfordshire area 1985 - 2009**

Factsheet for 10 February 2009

Stop Press

Euro tourist sell rate today: £1 = 1.11001 better than last week.
US Dollar tourist sell rate today: £1 = 1.43181 better than last week.

Information lines for airlines during bad weather.

Aer Arran 0870 876 7676
EasyJet 0905 821 0905
Flybe 01392 268529
Monarch 08700 405040
Ryanair 08712 460000
SkyEurope 00 42 12 4850 4850
Thomson 0870 607 6757
Transavia 0906 680 0065
Wizz Air 00 48 22 351 9499

Be aware some of these numbers are Premium rate and some numbers are abroad!

Live flight arrival information is available on www.london-luton.co.uk/en/flights

Attractions in Europe.

Reasons to pre-book.

- There are many reasons why you should book your attractions before you travel. ----
- Often the tickets are exclusive to the UK market.
 - You secure your tickets in sterling and therefore can budget better.
 - Avoids disappointment by having entry tickets guaranteed rather than turn up to find it is full.
 - You don't spend time trying to find out where to purchase your tickets while you are on holiday.

What is available?

Half-day tours, full-day tours, tickets to theme-parks, river cruises,

Czech Republic

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Prague

- A river cruise with hot or cold international and Czech buffet dinner and live music to see Prague by night.
- A 3½ hour guided coach tour of Prague.

England

London

- Big Bus Company tour. Open-top bus tour of London with live commentary. Tickets valid for 24 hours.
- Hard Rock Café experience. Enjoy a classic menu with a side-order, a tour of the Private Vault. This enables you to explore the world-famous Rock-and-roll Museum. Also included is a souvenir photo and VIP fast-track entry.
- Madame Tussauds. Entry to the famous waxworks museum.
- Bateaux London, offering good food, good views. Lunch, dinner or Sunday Brunch. Over 15s only.
- London Eye and River cruise. A flight on the London Eye followed by a 40 minute River Thames cruise.

Stoke

- Alton Towers. Various tickets available. Home of adrenaline rides such as Air, Nemesis, Oblivion etc..

Chertsey

- Thorpe Park. Various tickets available for this adrenaline rush theme park. Home of Stealth, Nemesis Inferno, Colosussus etc

Chessington

- Chessington World of Adventure includes rides (Dragons Fury, Vampire etc.), Chessington Zoo (Trail of the Kings, Monkey and bird garden, Sealion Bay etc.) and Sealife Go through a 250,000 litre tank in a glass tunnel and experience the sea creatures up close.

France

Poitiers.

- Futuroscope. 'step into the future if you dare'. Located near Poitiers it offers a multitude of extreme thrills and interactive adventures for the whole family.

Paris.

- Parc Asterix. Is situated just 30km from Paris. Witness the crazy antics and adventures of France's favourite cartoon characters Asterix and Obelix.
- 56 Montparnasse, stroll around the 360 degree tower on the 56th floor and enjoy a glass of champagne.
- Cheese and wine tasting lunch. Enjoy a flute of champagne before being guided in the art of wine-tasting. Sample 5 wines and 5 cheeses. Cold meats, bread and fruit is also included.
- Bateaux Parisiens Dinner Cruise. Enjoy dinner as you cruise down the River Seine in a glass encompassed boat. 3 course dinner with aperitif, wine and mineral water.
- Illuminations and Cruise. A 90minute night tour followed by a 2 hour cruise on the Seine.
- Paris Express – see all the famous sights on this 2 hour orientation tour.

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- Moulin Rouge with French CanCan dinner. Have a meal whilst watching the show at the famous Moulin Rouge venue.
- Eiffel Tower, Seine Cruise and Illuminations. Visit the Eiffel Tower followed by a relaxing River Seine cruise.
- Disneyland. 15th Anniversary celebrations until 7th March 2009. From 4th April 2009 it becomes Mickey's Magical Party. Passes range from 1 day to 5 day with special UK only exclusive offers like 4 days for the price of 3 and 5 days for the price of 4.

Holland

Amsterdam.

- Candlelight Canal Cruise in a glass-encompassed boat along the canals of Amsterdam
- Panoramic two and a half hour city coach tour followed by a cruise on Amsterdam's canals.
- Flowerfields and Keukenhof. A half day tour of the bulbfields and Keukenhof gardens.

Hungary

Budapest

- Danube bend tour. A full day excursion visiting Visegrad, Esztergom, Szentendre. Includes a three course lunch and a boat trip back to Budapest.
- City tour. 3 hour guided tour via the Parliament, Royal Castle, Fishermen's Bastion, Heroes' Square and the Opera.
- 4 hour tour of this 'Paris of the East'

Iceland

Reykjavik

- Blue Lagoon. Walk in the surrounds of the unique geothermal spa with an opportunity to experience the spa treatments or to bathe in the milky-green warm water.
- Northern Lights. A Sept to April only, weather dependent tour to hunt down the elusive Northern Lights.
- Gullfoss Geysir, a 6 hour visit to the geologically unique spot where the two tectonic plates joining Europe to America meet, also visiting the Gullfoss Waterfall and spouting hot Geysir and Stokkur. Also visit the colourful volcanic crater.

Italy

Rome

- Panoramic open-top bus tour (90minutes)
- Vatican City tour. 3 hour guided tour of the city, Sistine chapel, and museum.
- Day trip to Naples with lunch at Pompeii followed by a tour round the famous Pompeii site.
- Rome by night with dinner. 2 hour tour of the city followed by a meal at a typical Roman restaurant with drinks included.

-Prestige Colosseum tour. A 3 hour guided tour of one of the most significant Roman sites in Rome. The tour ends at the temple where Julius Caesar was cremated.

Venice

-The secret trail of the Doges Palace. Go behind the scenes at the most famous of all Gothic palaces.

-Historical walking tour. Discover St Mark's Square, Ducal Palace, House of the Doges, Bridge of Sighs etc on this 2 hour tour.

-Ghost walking tour. 90 minutes of walking Venice by night along narrow alleys and cemeteries.

-Gondola serenade. With or without dinner. Float along the Grand Canal for 45 minutes.

-Grand Canal tour. One hour tour along the Grand Canal.

Florence

-3 hour afternoon City tour including the old city, Piazza Signoria, Galleria del Uffizi.

-5½ hour trip to Pisa through the Tuscan countryside, with a walking tour round Pisa.

Sorrento

-Capri. Day trip to the island of Capri.

-Pompeii and Vesuvius. An 8 hour tour which includes a narrated tour round Pompeii followed by a visit to Vesuvius where you can walk to the top to the smouldering crater.

Spain

Costa Dorada.

-Port Aventura. Situated on the Costa Dorada, Port Aventura is a world-class theme park resort that has something for everyone. For those who want an adrenaline rush there are roller-coasters and for those who want shows, or water splashes (the tallest water-chute in the world) there is plenty for them too. There is a new children's area as well.

Tenerife.

-Siam Park is in Costa Adeje on Tenerife. This is Europe's brand new state-of-the-art waterpark. This has plenty for the 'adrenaline junky', a magical children's play area, a tropical adventure river, and a huge white sandy beach surrounding the Wave Palace.

-Loro Parquus. On the north coast of Tenerife. Visit the largest penquinarium in the world, watch the Orca whales, the dolphins and the sea-lions. For little ones there is Kinderlandia. Also at the park is Chimpland, Tiger Island and Gorilla Jungle.

Barcelona.

-Highlights of Barcelona via GoCar. A 1 hour sightseeing tour in your very own GPS guided GoCar! Takes you to all the main sights.

-Panoramic City Tour. A coach tour of the city including the Cathedral, Gothic Quarter, Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas and the port area.

-Dinner and Flamenco. A traditional evening out with a buffet style dinner included.

Madrid.

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-Panoramic City Tour. See the city by coach from it's Arab origins to its Philip II court day right up to the present.

-Dinner and Flamenco. Sample some typical cuisine and red wine, coffee and cava whilst watching the show.

Benidorm.

-Terra Mitica. A million square metres of entertainment and non-stop excitement. Re-live the ancient civilisations of the Mediteranean.

Thrill rides, shows and fun for all the family.

-Terra Natura. Embark on a journey round the world – over 1500 animals – this park is more than just a zoo.

-Benidorm Palace. Enjoy a show with plenty of singing and showgirls. Then dance the night away.

-MundoMar. True paradise for nature lovers in the heart of Benidorm. Seals and sea-lion show.

Majorca.

-Pirates. Set sail for a buccaneering night out with action, dance, acrobatics, gymnastics, food, drinks and comedy.

-Pirates uncut. As above but for adults only!

-Golf Fantasia and House of Katmandu. Enjoy a family day out at two of Majorca's newest attractions. Experience an interactive adventure that transports guests to the mythical land of Katmandu. Mini golf in a parkland setting at Golf Fantasia.

-Aqualand waterpark, Magaluf..

-Aqualand waterpark, El Arenal.

News in brief:

Thinking of going to New Zealand next year? Join my group! Call me on 01582 752752 or email me at steve@doublestravel.co.uk for details.

Interested in a cruise? Visit our cruise club website at www.upadeck.co.uk it contains details of over 20,000 cruises, port descriptions and ship details!

Slovakia joined the Euro on 1st Jan this year.

Travelling to the USA? You need a visa (called an ESTA) in order to travel.

European Health Insurance cards have replaced the E111.

FlyLAL. Low-cost Lithuanian airline FlyLAL ceased trading on Saturday 17Jan09.

If you would like to join my emailing-list to receive offers and news, simply email steve@doublestravel.co.uk and put 'Mailing List' in the subject box.

Always:

- Check that your passport does not expire within six months of your return date.

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- Ensure you have taken out good travel insurance and if going to Europe, take your EHIC card with you too.
- Put the 24hour UK Consular Assistance number - +44 020 7008 1500 into your mobile telephone – just in case you need emergency help.
- If hiring a car, don't forget to take both parts of your photo driving licence (the card and the paper sheet) with you. Some rental companies no longer accept the old style green paper non-photo driving licences.
- Ensure you have all the visas you need.
- If you have booked connecting flights, the baggage allowance may be smaller than your long haul flights. To avoid extra charges, pack to the lowest baggage allowance.
- Tell your credit card and debit card issuer where you are going and for how long otherwise you may find you cannot use your cards.
- Use public transport to get to the airport. Most insurance will only cover you for a missed departure if you used public transport.
- Take a photocopy of your passport with you. If you lose your original it is much simpler to replace if you have a copy available to you.
- Protect your money and your holiday by booking an ATOL protected holiday through a reputable travel agent. Even short-breaks using no-frills airlines can be covered if booked through and agent.
- Declare all medical conditions and hospital visits at the time of taking insurance and tell the insurer if you develop a medical condition before you travel otherwise they may not settle if you try to make a claim.

Remember, travel safely, protect your money by booking through and ATOL holder, but most of all - enjoy your travelling.

All the best,

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