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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 March 2009

Stop Press

Double S Travel is through to the finals of the Travel Agent Achievement Awards 2009. We knew we had been nominated – we are certainly in the top 6 even if we don't win!

Today's Exchange Rates

Euro. Our tourist sell rate today:	£1 = 1.04611	worse than last week
US Dollar. Our tourist sell rate today:	£1 = 1.32791	worse than last week

'Beat the Euro' Family Holidays abroad.

Be careful where you pick to go this year as some currencies are stronger against the Pound than the Euro. The USA for example, the dollar is stronger against the Pound than the Euro compared to last year.

Remember. Most schools will have a policy regarding taking children out of school during term-time. If in doubt, check with your school.

Each two course meal out for a family of 2 adults and 2 children in Eurozone will probably cost EUR25 per person before drinks. Budget for £24 per person per meal you need to buy. This amounts to a whopping £700 per week.

Generally

- Self catering accommodation will normally have cooking facilities and a fridge.
- Bed and Breakfast accommodation will not have any cooking facilities.
- Half-board is normally Bed, breakfast and evening meal, no cooking facilities.
- Full-board is normally bed, breakfast, lunch and evening meal.
- All inclusive is normally full-board plus drinks and snacks. However, be careful, do read up about what times and what sort of drinks and snacks it covers.

Example 1

Depart Luton 15Aug, 7nights, Family of 2adults 2children, 3* All Inclusive at the Playa Dorada aparthotel in Sa Coma Majorca. £1596 total (£399pp) with TrustTrips (fully ATOL bonded). This includes all fuel supplements but does not include travel insurance.

Example 2

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Proprietor: **SJ Pattenden TD, BA (Hons).** VAT Number 449 3040 53.

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Depart Luton 22Aug, 7nights, Family of 2adults 2children, 3* All Inclusive at the Pafian Park Holiday Village in Paphos Cyprus. £2310 total (£577pp) with TrustTrips (fully ATOL bonded). This includes all fuel supplements but does not include travel insurance.

Example 3

Depart Luton 18Aug, 7nights, Family of 2adults 2children, 4* All Inclusive at the Big Blue Suite Hotel in Paphos Cyprus. £2030 total (£507pp) with TrustTrips (fully ATOL bonded). This includes all fuel supplements but does not include travel insurance.

All of the above are bookable through Double S Travel Worldchoice on 01582 752752.

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!

Eurostar is running a full timetable as of the end of February – the first time since the fire in the tunnel last year.

Do you Twitter? Follow Double_S_Travel.

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

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.
- Ensure you have taken out good travel insurance and if going to Europe, take your EHIC (European Health Insurance 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) and a credit card 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 to travel.
- 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.

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- 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. Take a Cash Passport instead of your debit card – much safer.
- Use public transport to get to the airport. Most travel 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,

Steve Pattenden.

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