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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**

**Steve of Double S Travel's Factsheet for 28 April 2009**

**Today's Exchange Rates**

|   |              |                       |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| Euro. Our tourist sell rate today:      | £1 = 1.08381 | better than last week |
| US Dollar. Our tourist sell rate today: | £1 = 1.40391 | worse than last week  |

**Stop Press**

Hebridean Cruises has been placed in the hands of an Administrator. Anyone having a booking with them should contact the Travel Agent they booked their cruise through.

On-line travel firm gone. Internet holiday company, Freedom holidays has been placed in receivership. Call your Travel Agent to have your holiday re-booked (reprotected) with another tour operator pending possible refund of your original monies. Do not contact a Travel Agent for advice as this was an internet only company.

**Costa del Sol, Cheap to Luxury.**

Where is the Costa del Sol?

The Costa del Sol is served by Malaga airport, if hiring a car be careful, the car-hire registration desks are within the terminal building and badly signposted. If you go outside you will have problems getting back inside!

What are the main Resorts in Costa del Sol?

Malaga, Fuengirola, Benalmadena, Torremolinos, Nerja

Fuengirola is famed for its 7km beach and is a lively town.

Benalmadena also has a beach, a backdrop of mountains – the Sierra de Mijas, an attractive beachfront promenade, an elegant marina and a railway station.

Torremolinos is very lively, the biggest tourist resort in Spain, suitable for a classic beach holiday, has Chiringuitos (beach bars), beach volleyball, pedalos, paragliding etc..

Nerja is 55km east of Malaga, full of Spanish charm, perched on cliff with backdrop of the Sierra Almijara, twisting lanes, pavement cafes, Balcon de Europa and horse-drawn carriages.

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Go and discover the real Costa del Sol, for example the typically Spanish village of Benahavis or the magnificent town of Ronda with it's 18<sup>th</sup> century bridge over a gorge, breathtaking scenery. Fun to drive to. Amphitheatre, medieval quarter. Cordoba – The old capital of Moorish Spain. Famed for winding streets, old inns, tapas, gazpacho soup and the Mequita mosque. Grenada – at the foot of the snow dusted peaks of Sierra Nevada with the Alhambra Palace the Moorish 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world, mosaics and gardens. Malaga, a Moorish port and seaside city, La Alcazaba hillside fort (1057), the Moorish castle of Castillo Gibralfaro with wonderful views of the bay below. Seville, a treasuretrove of history and art, the home of flamenco, tapas and the Arabi history at Alcazar.

Can you fly from Luton? Yes.

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### **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](mailto:steve@doublestravel.co.uk) for details.

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

The Passenger Shipping Association has revealed nearly 1.5 million UK passengers took a cruise in 2008 - an 11% increase on 2007.

Inghams is pulling its summer short-breaks programme due to poor sales.

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](mailto:steve@doublestravel.co.uk) and put 'Mailing List' in the subject box.

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### **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.

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- 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.
- 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,

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