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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**

**Double S Travel Factsheet for 23 June 2009**

**Today's Exchange Rates**

Euro. Our tourist sell rate today: £1 = 1.12311 worse than last week  
US Dollar. Our tourist sell rate today: £1 = 1.56391 worse than last week

**Stop Press**

Celebrity Cruises' new 2,850-passenger ship Celebrity Equinox has started sea trials after successfully negotiating the River Ems at the weekend.

According to Travel Weekly on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. 'There would be no bailout from the government if British Airways went bust, the new transport secretary Lord Adonis has said. British Airways is attempting to save £100 million a year in what chief executive Willie Walsh has admitted is a fight for the airline's survival'.

**The Winter holiday brochures.**

**ATOL bonded routes from Luton using the major tour operators**

|                        |                              |             |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Cyprus, Paphos         | Wed                          | T           |
| Egypt, Sharm el Sheikh | Mon, Wed, Thu                | A, T, TC    |
| Portugal, Algarve      | Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun | C           |
| Spain, C del Sol       | Mon, Thu, Sat, Sun           | C, T        |
| Spain, Fuerteventura   | Wed                          | T           |
| Spain, Gran Canaria    | Mon                          | T           |
| Spain, Lanzarote       | Tue, Thu, Sat                | A, C, TC    |
| Spain, Tenerife        | Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun | A, C, T, TC |

A= Airtours, C= Cosmos, T = Thomson, TC = Thomas Cook

**ATOL Bonded routes from Luton using our packaging system**

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| France, Paris          | Fri, Sat      |
| Hungary, Budapest      | Wed           |
| Netherlands, Amsterdam | Sun           |
| Portugal, Algarve      | Wed, Sat, Sun |
| Poland, Krakow         | Wed           |
| Spain, Madrid          | Tue           |
| Spain, Costa Blanca    | Mon, Fri      |
| Spain, Lanzarote       | Thu, Sat      |
| Spain, Tenerife        | Tue, Sat, Sun |

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## Trends

Out go the Majorca flights, the Madeira, the Benidorm, the Cyprus Larnaca.  
Cut back are the Costa del Sol and the Fuerteventura  
In comes a mass of Sharm el Sheikh in Egypt and daily Tenerife.

Only by using 'no frills' carriers can you get to many of the other popular areas.  
Don't forget though that you do need to ensure your holiday is ATOL bonded so  
don't go booking your flight direct with the airline and then adding accommodation.  
Use a travel agent with a system such as the one we have to bond your holiday.

## Available from other airports - Gatwick

Cape Verde, Boa Vista  
Cape Verde, Sal  
Egypt, Hurghada  
Egypt, Luxor  
Egypt, Marsa Alam  
Egypt, Taba  
Morocco, Marrakech  
Portugal, Madeira  
Spain, La Palma  
Tunisia, Tunis

Always try to use an airport with a public service link. If your travel insurance covers you for missed departure, it will often only cover you if you use 'scheduled public transport' to get to the airport (trains, busses). It will not normally cover you if you get to the airport by taxi or car.

**Book any of the above at Double S Travel Worldchoice on 01582 752 752.**

**Fully bonded and protected short breaks, holidays and flight onlys are bookable at our website [www.doublestravel.co.uk](http://www.doublestravel.co.uk) 'Build a Holiday'.**

## Always:

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- Check that your passport does not expire within six months of your return date.
- Book flights that are protected by an ATOL. Flights booked direct with an airline carry no financial protection. Book through a reputable agent or operator and ask the question 'Is this flight covered by an ATOL?'.
- Ensure you have taken out good travel insurance and if going to Europe, take your EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) with you too. You can apply for a card at [www.ehic.org](http://www.ehic.org) Note: The EHIC does not cover you in the Channel Islands.
- 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 counterpart) and a credit card with you. Some rental

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companies no longer accept the old-style green paper non-photo driving licences.

- Ensure you have all the visas you need in order 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 your cards may be blocked. 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.
- 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.
- Travelling to or through the USA? You need a visa (called an ESTA) in order to travel. [www.usembassy.org.uk](http://www.usembassy.org.uk)

**In brief:**

Thinking of going to New Zealand next year? Join my group, we depart in late January! Places are limited. 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!

Do you Twitter? Follow Double\_S\_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.

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

All the best, Steve Pattenden. [steve@doublestravel.co.uk](mailto:steve@doublestravel.co.uk)

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