



the manifest

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Our Final edition of 2008. May we take this as our opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

News

IMPORTANT:

Do not forget any passengers visiting or transiting the USA from January 2009 will be required under the **Visa Waiver Programme (VWP)** to obtain an electronic travel authorization no later than 72 hours prior to departure. This online form will replace the green visa waiver form (I94W) which is currently completed whilst en-route to the US. Passengers need only apply for authorization once every two years for multiple entries into the US although a new application will have to be made if a new passport is obtained. **Passengers should visit the website <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> and fill in the required information.**

Switzerland has finally decided upon a date to implement its entry into the **schengen area**. Transit Schengen visas will now be required from the 12th December 2008.

Lufthansa, Scandinavian and United have re-written their marine fares refund policy to include the following statement:-

Refund is not permitted for any passenger denied boarding or offloaded from a **LH/SK/UA** aircraft as a result of drunken or disorderly behavior.

Cornwall County Council has advised that **Newquay Airport** would close from Monday 1 December until at least the 19th December 2008. **Ryanair** have cancelled all flights from Monday, 1st December until 11th January 2009 inclusive. **Airsouthwest.com** has moved its operations to nearby Plymouth. [Click here](#) for their interim travel policy.

On the subject of airport closures, Bangkok's two main airports are now reportedly back to full service following protests earlier in December.

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New airlines and marine fares



The latest edition to our portfolio is German carrier **Condor**. Flying from 18 German airports to the Far East, India & Africa, north, central & South America as well as numerous European destinations. They will undoubtedly provide a welcome addition to our European hubs.



As of November we have gained access to **Japan Airlines'** Marine fares. Previously unavailable to the UK market, the fares will give us a great level of access to the Far East & Asian markets.



Not specifically marine fares but the marine travel company now has the option of issuing tickets for **Eurostar** routes covering its entire [European network](#). It is worth knowing that all tickets to & from Belgium include any Belgian railway station not just Brussels.

Office news

We would like to welcome David Bolland to the company as Support and home working consultant. He will be assisting all our offices across the country and working on upcoming projects in 2009 with our continued involvement in the Clipper round the world yacht race.

Our Canterbury office has finally got its new phone system installed. We are confident most of the setup issues have been ironed out but please email [Eddie](#) if you require further assistance.

Further to this you will find a new message system on a Wednesday morning which will cut straight to an answer phone. This is so we can conduct our weekly office meeting. This will commence every Wednesday at 0930hrs and last approximately 20minutes.

Looking ahead, 2010 will hopefully see the production of the first Marine travel company calendar. The company will run an in house competition for all its employees to enter. Throughout 2009 a "photo of the month" will be chosen to go towards the planned calendar. Watch this space for further developments In the competition.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all.



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