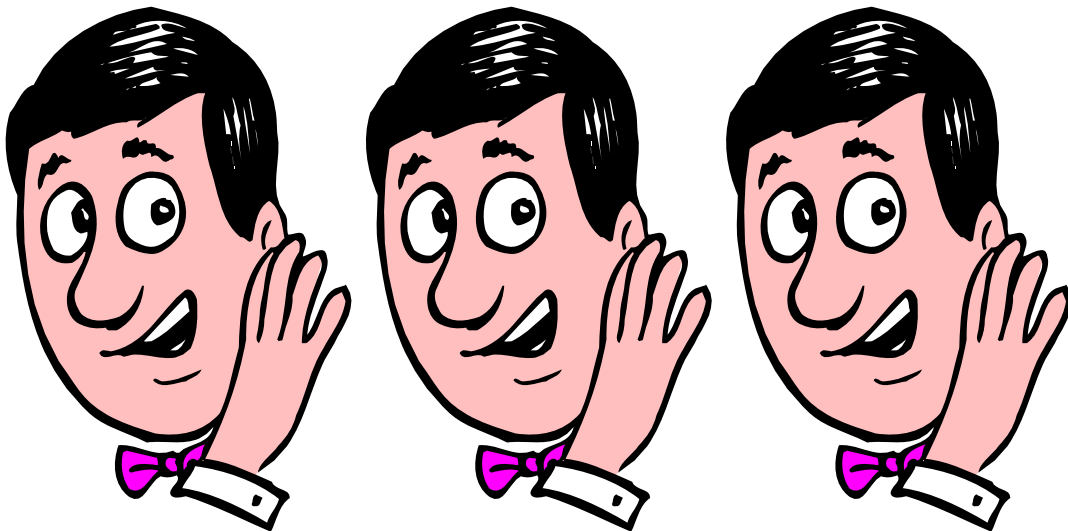


## TRAVEL NEWS

# A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!

We are back again in the New Year with loads of information and fun in Travel Industry!!!!



### Industry News:-

- **Double Daily** - In addition to the existing night flight, Thai Airways has commenced daily operation of its day flight w.e.f. 01st February '09.
- **Turkish Airlines** has introduced daily flights to Istanbul from Delhi and Mumbai starting 02<sup>nd</sup> February '09. They would be using Airbus 330 - 200 which has a capacity of 22 seats in business class and 228 seats in economy class.
- Scandinavian Airlines has discontinued their operations from India till further notice.
- **Kingfisher Airline** has started daily flights to Colombo from Bangalore and Chennai.
- **Lufthansa** has opened a Welcome Lounge at Frankfurt Airport for premium passengers arriving on long-haul Lufthansa flights. This lounge

can be used exclusively by First and Business Class passengers as well as by status customers.

- **Jet Airways** has introduced an additional free check-in baggage allowance of 10 kgs , over and above the normal baggage allowance offered to passengers. The offer is exclusively available to those passengers availing of the airline's Web, Kiosk or SMS Check-in Facilities. This promotion is valid from 1<sup>st</sup> February '09 to 28<sup>th</sup> February'09.
- Effective 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 09 **Qatar Airways** is launching daily flights to Houston from Doha. They operate from Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai airports out of India.

## Visa Updates

- **Swiss** has become a part of Schengen Countries effective 12<sup>th</sup> December '08. Travelers holding a valid Schengen visa need not apply for Swiss visa separately however travelers holding valid Swiss visa obtained before 12<sup>th</sup> December cannot enter other Schengen counties with the same.
- Passengers traveling without German transit visa can only transfer from one German airport hub Frankfurt or Munich.
- Thai Embassy has revised their photograph specification and would now require 2 photographs of size 3.5 X 4.5 cm white back ground matt finish, face 80% of the photo.
- Poland Embassy will be closed from 11th Feb to 27th Feb. 09 due to technical reasons.
- The Germany Visa Application Centre in Delhi is shifting to the following address w.e.f. 9th Feb. 09.  
Germany Visa Application Centre  
No. 1-26 Block E, 2nd Floor  
International Trade Tower,  
Nehru Place,  
New Delhi - 110019

- French Embassy has revised their visa fee to INR 3846 for Short Stay and transit visas.

## *Travel Attraction & Offers – SALE SALE SALE*

- **Virgin Atlantic** has introduced a round trip fare starting Inr 9900/- plus taxes to London for travel between 10<sup>th</sup> February '09 to 31<sup>st</sup> March '09. The last date to buy tickets is 15<sup>th</sup> February '09.
- **Emirates** have launched a fare to London of Inr 17990 plus taxes. Valid for sale and outbound travel from 11<sup>th</sup> February '09 till 15<sup>th</sup> April '09.
- **Singapore Airlines** has introduced special fare of Inr 11000 plus taxes for destinations like Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Penang Ex India. This fare is valid for travel between 01<sup>st</sup> February '09 and 30<sup>th</sup> June '09. Tickets have to purchased before 15<sup>th</sup> February '09.

**LIMITED SEATS ARE AVAILABLE ON PROMOTIONAL FARES.**

## *Amazing Indian Destinations*

In the New Year we would like to enlighten you with must see destinations of India beginning with .....

### **Corbett National Park**

Named after the hunter turned conservationist Jim Corbett who played a key role in its establishment the park is the oldest national park in India. The park was established in 1936 as Hailey National Park. It is situated in Nainital District of Uttarakhand. The park acts as a protected area for the critically endangered Bengal Tigers of India. The park is an ecotourism destination and it contains 488 different species of plants and a diverse variety of fauna. It is famous for the richness and diversity of its wildlife which includes 50 species of mammal and over 580 species of birds. The park is only open from mid November to Mid June. It is 290kms from Delhi. The nearest railway station is Ramnagar. Most of the accommodation within Corbett is at Dhikala which is located about 40km northwest of Ramnagar.

The accomodation at Dhikala is basic and have to be booked quite in advance. Elephant Safaris are arranged twice a day, at dawn and in late afternoon starting from Dhikala for people staying at Dhikala. Jeeps can also be arranged to visit the park. You can also stay at the resort around the park which offers packages inclusive of Nature Safaris inside the park.

Please feel free to contact us to plan a trip for you, your friends and family.

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