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Delta unveils non-stop JNB schedule

DELTA Air Lines has revealed its schedule for its daily non-stop flights between Johannesburg and Atlanta, starting on June 2.

Flight DL201 departs Johannesburg at 21h05, arriving in Atlanta at 07h20 the next day. The return flight departs Atlanta at 20h05 and arrives in Johannesburg at 17h10 the next day.

Margaret Copeland, Delta's commercial manager for Southern Africa says: "Our schedule has been designed to maximise customers' time by allowing for a full day's work or play in both the US and Johannesburg." She says travellers arriving in Atlanta can take advantage of convenient onward connections to around 180 destinations across the US as well as Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean.

This flight replaces Delta's previous service to Atlanta via Dakar. A Boeing 777-200LR featuring Delta's 180-degree flat bed seats in BusinessElite class will be used. "Our full-flat sleeper suites in BusinessElite and next-generation economy seats ensure our passengers travel in greater comfort," says Margaret.

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Mango increases market share

MANGO reports that it has experienced a median 4% increase in market share during the past three months, with the seasonal market share ranging between 10% and 20%, giving the airline an average of 15% on the routes it operates.

According to a statement released by the airline load factors have remained in the upper eighties, while frequency increases late last year delivered well on business objectives.

Mango ceo, Nico Bezuidenhout, said despite the soaring fuel prices of 2008, a declining economy and a 5% drop in air travel, Mango had performed well.

"Our business case and two-year profitability plan is delivering to South Africans," he said. He anticipates the airline will produce a positive set of results later this year.

"During the past two years we have flown in excess of three million South Africans, contributed to market stimulation, growth and created hundreds of employment opportunities. All this while continuing to offer sustainably affordable air travel to all South Africans."

Bezuidenhout continued by saying that Mango's channel strategy, various

payment options and product innovations like Mango Plus and Mango Flex have delivered accessibility to air travel never before seen in domestic aviation.

“Mango shows that the effective redeployment of public assets has the potential to deliver positively to taxpayers.”

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Experience the best of Buenos Aires with Thompsons

THOMPSONS Holidays is offering a ‘Best of Buenos Aires’ package, valid for bookings until March 31.

The package is from R11 820 ex-Johannesburg and includes return flights, return airport and hotel transfers, seven nights accommodation, breakfast daily, a half-day city tour, tango show with dinner and a free one hour cruise along Buenos Aires’ River Plate (navigation cruise).

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Special London fare from Air Mauritius

AIR Mauritius is offering a special economy-class fare to London from Johannesburg via Mauritius, valid until July 19. The special is available from R4 600, excluding taxes.