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BA assists pax with UK visa costs

BRITISH Airways has announced that it will assist passengers with the cost of their UK visa when they book and pay by November 15 for travel until March 31 to Europe.

World Traveller and World Traveller Plus passengers to specified European destinations will be offered a discount of R655 of the airfare to use towards a transit visa. Club World and first-class passengers travelling to specified European destinations will receive a discount of R3 010 (two-year visa).

Valid destinations include Paris, Amsterdam, Zurich, Brussels, Lisbon, Athens, Frankfurt, Rome, Nice, Geneva, Barcelona, Prague, Munich, Copenhagen and Milan.

The offer is valid on flights from Johannesburg and Cape Town only.

Refer to <http://www.ba-sbc.com/za/> for more details.

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Emirates to launch Luanda service

Emirates will launch its thrice-weekly services between Dubai and Luanda on October 25 after the airline delayed the initial launch on August 2.

According to the airline's website, the flights will be operated with an A330-200 aircraft in a three-class configuration.

Flights will depart Dubai at 10h00 on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, arriving in Luanda at 15h10.

The return service will depart Luanda at 18h00, arriving in Dubai at 04h50.

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Trafalgar introduces 'Be My Guest' into Canada and America

TRAFALGAR has announced the introduction of its Be My Guest feature into its new 2010 Canada and America programme.

First introduced into the Trafalgar First Class Europe programme this year, the Be My Guest feature takes travellers out of "their guidebooks" and into the culture of the destinations they visit.

Travellers are currently invited to experience an authentic taste of Europe

and, starting from 2010, North America.

Opportunities to indulge in North America include:

Private winery tours hosted by the owners of the Nicholson Ranch Winery in Sonoma, California, on the Northern Californian, Western Discoverer or California Dreamin' tour.

The 14-day East Coast USA and Canada tour will allow travellers to experience Amish hospitality with a tour of the herb gardens, enjoy an Amish meal and participate in a local baking tradition at the Leola Village in Pennsylvania.

The Treasures of the Yucatan tour will see Chef David Sterling teach travellers how to make local Mexican cuisine and mix the "perfect" margarita in his colonial home in Merida. After the cooking class, travellers will sample a range Yucatecan specialities.

The Mexico Copper Canyon tour will see travellers dine with the Torres family in their 1800s restored mansion in El Fuerte, Mexico. Dinner includes regional specialities including locally caught Black bass and performances by traditional Hispanic and indigenous dancers.

Packages are available from R12 100pps and include accommodation, coach transport, sightseeing activities, daily buffet breakfast and many other meals, Trafalgar tour director and driver and airport transfers

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Protea Hotel Moon Mountain Lodge opened

The new four-star Protea Hotel Moon Mountain Lodge has opened en-route to Sossusvlei in Namibia.

The property features 12 luxury chalets and five honeymoon suites, all with plunge pools and views of the surrounding landscapes. The main complex has a bar, a 42-seat restaurant, library, media room and elevated sun deck.

The lodge is situated en-route to Sossousvlei, 40km from the main gate. The lodge offers something for the vast traveller, family man and local business traveller.