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**Mango goes 24 hours for 2010**

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MANGO has announced that it will operate 24 hours per day over the 2010 World Cup period next year.

The service extension will include an extended schedule, charter operations as well as support services such as a call centre and Guest Services facilities open at all times.

According to the airline it expects a "massive uptake" in bookings following the final draw, due to take place on December 4, when match venues will be confirmed.

"Mango has planned substantially for the event. Mango will not be increasing its fares simply to cash in on the influx of tourists. Instead, I believe this is an opportunity to showcase our country and not to leave visitors returning home with a negative perception," says Nico Bezuidenhout, Mango ceo.

An updated schedule for flights over the tournament period is expected to be released by mid-November.

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**Trafalgar announces decreased Oberammergau prices**

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TRAFALGAR Tours has released its 2010 Oberammergau Passion Play final prices and as a result of the strengthening of the Rand, prices have actually decreased.

Trafalgar's 2010 program consists of 14 fully escorted tours, including 11 First Class and three CostSaver itineraries, which visits Oberammergau and include special reserved tickets for the 2010 Passion Play.

With savings of up to 20%, Trafalgar's itineraries to visit the Oberammergau during the Passion Play season include:

- A 12-day European Experience available from R21 955 (was R25 715)
- A 12-day European Delight available from R23 709 (was R27 585)
- A nine-day First Class Sound of Music tour price available from R21 640 (was R25 950).

Oberammergau departures are available from May 13, until September 23, 2010.

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**Joint venture between Guvon Hotels and Plumari Africa**

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GUVON Hotels and Plumari Africa have announced a partnership for the ownership and management of Plumari Game Lodge in Magaliesberg.

The announcement follows the recent joint venture between the two companies for the building and management of the five-star Fairway Hotel at Randpark Golf Club.

“Offering the Big Five has been missing from our existing hotel portfolio, where we already offer a selection of accommodation types featuring activities such as fly fishing, mountain walking, access to the Kruger National Park, spa facilities and a self-catering tented camp experience in the natural surroundings of The Cradle of Humankind and Hazyview,” says Kosie Pansegrouw, managing director of Guvon Hotels.

According to Pansegrouw, the joint venture will result in refurbishing the lodge and increasing the number of rooms. The four-star lodge can accommodate 48 guests and offers conferencing and wedding facilities.

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### **KLM introduces new online services**

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KLM has introduced two new online offers for its customers available through klm.com.

The online services include transport between airport and city centre as well as airport parking. These services can be booked through the website for most of KLM's destinations in the United States and a growing number of European cities.

The services are offered in partnership with iSeatz, which is responsible for the product offering, the handling and the technical platform.

This cooperation will enable KLM customers to book various travel-related services online. Customers can now simultaneously book and pay hotel accommodation, car rental, and parking space or transport between airport and city centre. Customers will be able to compare, book, alter bookings and pay via klm.com.

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### **Gatwick to get new shuttle**

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GATWICK's inter-terminal transit system will be removed on September 28 with the two new shuttles coming into service in May and July 2010. The new shuttle service is expected to be fully operational at the beginning of August 2010.

While the work is in progress, a replacement bus service will operate from the upper forecourt of both terminals, every three minutes during the and every

six minutes at night.

Passengers using the service are advised to allow for 20 minutes between terminals.

As the transit stations will be closed, access between South Terminal and B staff car park and South Terminal and local buses will be via alternative routes.

A number of trials will be carried out during September, using the replacement bus service. These will take place on on September 23-25.