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EK ups fares again

FROM August 4, Emirates will implement another fare increase of up to 5% to all destinations in all classes.

All tickets issued up to the close of business on August 3 will be guaranteed and new fares will apply from the start of business on August 4.

On July 1, the airline increased fares up to 10%. Emirates regional manager Southern Africa, Fouad Caunhye said: "The airline is implementing more realistic total prices for any journey in an effort to stabilise the industry as a whole" (TNW, July 1, 2009).

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Zambezi Airlines adds fourth Ndola-Johannesburg service

ZAMBEZI Airlines has announced that it will introduce a fourth frequency on Saturdays on its Ndola-Johannesburg route, effective August 8.

Flights will depart Johannesburg at 11h20, arriving in Ndola at 13h35. The return service will depart Ndola at 14h10, arriving in Johannesburg 16h25.

"This service is seen as a boost for travel to and from the Copperbelt in Zambia and it means that Zambezi Airlines will now be operating flights ex-JNB to Ndola on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Load factors on the Ndola flights are improving every week and the addition of the fourth frequency is seen a positive response by the airline to the growing demand for this important route," said Bets Combrink, gm Holiday Aviation, the GSA for Zambezi Airlines in South Africa.

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Insight Vacatons extends Rand Recovery offer

INSIGHT Vacations has extended its Rand Recovery Offer until August 31.

Travellers will receive a 20% discount on Insight Vacations' tours to any destination for any duration on 2009 departures. Travellers can save more when combining the offer with brochure discounts.

Full payment is required within five days of booking.

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First Holiday Inn for the Maldives

THE Maldives is set to open its first Holiday Inn – the Holiday Inn Malé – on September 1.

The 15-storey hotel will have 117 rooms – 17 superior rooms, 77 de-luxe rooms, 13 de-luxe ocean-view rooms, nine premier rooms and a presidential suite.

It will feature meetings and conference facilities, food and beverage outlets, rooftop swimming pool, fitness centre and spa.

Activities include scuba diving and snorkelling, big-game fishing, island excursions and picnics, Malé city tour, photographic flights, resort day visits and submarine trips.

The hotel accessed by a short speedboat ride from the international airport.

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Petrol shortages in Mozambique

There are shortages of fuel at many petrol stations in Maputo and some other parts of Mozambique. Some stations have no petrol while there are lengthy queues at those that do have fuel in stock. Some petrol stations are reportedly rationing the amount of petrol that motorists may buy.