

Trends Update – Issue 15 (27 June 2005)

Weather

- Floods cause localised disruption in parts of Yorkshire

Transport and tour operator news

- Turkish Airlines introduces a new three-times-a-week service from Istanbul to Stansted
- From this winter flybe will launch 6 new routes to Norwich, from Aberdeen, Dublin, Alicante, Malaga, Chambery and Geneva
- Low cost operator Norwegian will be enhancing its service to Britain from late October
- Provisional airport statistics from the CAA show that in May 2005 there were 7.1% more passengers passing through UK airports on scheduled flights than in the same month of 2004
- The number of passengers on international sea crossings to and from the UK fell by 3.3% in the first quarter of the year compared with the same period of 2004
- The number of passenger journeys on Inter-City rail routes increased by 4.8% in the first quarter of 2005 compared with a year ago
- BA increases its fuel surcharge from 27 June, by £16 to £48 per return long-haul trip and by £4 to £16 per short-haul trip – Virgin Atlantic follow suit by adding £8 to all tickets sold as oil prices remain above \$60 a barrel
- The cost of multi-entry visas for entry to the UK to increase from £36 to £50 from July, with outsourcing in countries such as India and China leading to the cost rising to £65

Domestic Economic News

- Retail sales in the 3 months to May grew at an annual rate of 1.8%, the slowest growth since March 1999

European Economic News

- Economic growth in Finland may be cut to less than 2% this year due to an ongoing strike at paper factories

US Economic News

- Oxford Economic Forecasting believe that the US economy will continue to grow at between 3¼-3½% during the rest of 2005

Global Economic News

- The threat of terrorism in Nigeria and increased demand pushes the price of oil above \$60 a barrel
- Russia reduces its 2005 economic growth forecast to 5.8% and the OECD warns it must become less corrupt and bureaucratic

Domestic Tourism News

- Some employees at English Heritage take strike action, but the organisation says this had little impact on its visitor attractions

Global Tourism News

- Indonesia reports its first human case of avian flu

Summary of Prevailing Conditions for British Tourism

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