

## Trends Update – Issue 21 (19 September 2005)

### Transport and tour operator news

- Both BA and Virgin Atlantic add a further £6 fuel surcharge per one-way long-haul flight, taking the total fuel surcharge on a return long-haul trip to £60
- BAA August traffic was up 0.5% on August 2004 despite the BA strike at Heathrow. North Atlantic routes were the only sector to record a drop on August 2004 of 1.3%. Traffic on other long-haul routes increased 4.9%, European scheduled routes up 1.5% and UK domestic traffic rose 1.1%
- Delta and Northwest Airlines both file for bankruptcy protection
- Maxjet will offer a daily service from New York to Stansted using premium economy single-class aircraft
- Kenya Airways to operate a weekly direct service from Mombassa to London from December
- easyJet will link Faro to Newcastle three times a week from November
- Ryanair to launch daily service from Knock to Luton from the end of October and from City of Derry Airport to Liverpool and Nottingham East Midlands early in 2005 – Nottingham will also be served by new services from nine further European airports including Berlin and six in France

### Domestic Economic News

- Consumer spending remains flat, but is no longer falling

### European Economic News

- Improved consumer spending in Italy in the three months to June have brought the country out of recession
- Inconclusive German election likely to stall progress on economic reforms

### US Economic News

- Consumer confidence rose in August, but figures do not yet take account of any Katrina induced impact and there is recent evidence that confidence has dropped sharply

### Global Economic News

- Economic reforms are likely to speed up in Japan following Mr Koizumi's landslide election victory
- IMF calls for China to further weaken the controls it places on exchange rate fluctuation

### Domestic Tourism News

- New figures show that 7.5% of those living in Britain were born abroad, ranging from 2.7% of those living in Wales and the North East to 24.9% in London

### Global Tourism News

- RSPB calls on the government to ban trade in pet birds and the pet fairs at which they are sold to lessen the risk of avian flu being spread through this route as Indonesia confirms a new fatal human case of the virus

### Pictorial Summary of Prevailing Conditions for British Tourism

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