



Weather

- Only 11% of the average monthly rainfall for June had been recorded during the first two weeks of the month

Transport and tour operator news

- Flybe to launch flights from Dusseldorf and Hanover to Southampton, from Amsterdam to Norwich and Exeter, and from Leeds Bradford and Exeter to Aberdeen
- Flyglobespan to launch weekly flights from Toronto to Manchester from November
- Flights to Birmingham airport were disrupted for a day due to the heavy landing of a cargo plane
- A 7 day strike by Iberia pilots has been threatened for mid July
- UK and US regulators are investigating BA over alleged price fixing of tickets and fuel surcharges
- Varig, the Brazilian flag-carrier has cancelled most of its international flights, but not those to London, as the likelihood that creditors will repossess its fleet mounts

Domestic Economic News

- UK consumer borrowing grew at an annual rate of 14% in the year to May
- The number of persons in employment in the three months to April sets a new record

European Economic News

- Eurozone unemployment remained steady at 8% in April

US Economic News

- The US trade deficit eased slightly in the first quarter but analysts expect it to increase due to higher energy costs later in the year, putting further pressure on the value of the US Dollar

Global Economic News

- Chinese retail sales increase by around 15% in May compared with a year ago
- Saudi Arabia warns that if the stand-off between the West and Iran ended in conflict oil prices would triple

Domestic Tourism News

- Figures from the General Register Office show that the number of civil partnerships formed each month has fallen from 1,901 in December to 1,348 in March

Global Tourism News

- Airbus announces further delays in deliveries of A380s, only 9 aircraft will be delivered in 2007 compared with an earlier forecast of 27

Pictorial Summary of Prevailing Conditions for British Tourism

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