

the manifest

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travel news from chartham marine

Welcome to our first issue of *The Manifest* for 2003.

We would like to wish all our customers and friends a very happy and prosperous New Year

United they fall

United Airlines have finally filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. It has been along time coming but some observers believe this has only been done to twist the US government arms into providing funds to cover their losses after 9/11.

But beware – We recommend airline failure insurance should be taken to cover all passengers booked on UA services. As under Chapter 11, if United do collapse tickets are not refundable and are unlikely to be honoured by other carriers.

Stars in their eyes

Three new airlines have joined the Star Alliance group. Spanair, Asiana and LOT Polish Airlines – Hopefully this will broaden the marine fare network for LOT.

Heathrow backing

IATA the airline industry regulator has thrown its weight behind a proposed third runway at Heathrow. It has also backed a second runway at Stansted – So perhaps a new London airport will not happen after all.

No Frills - Reminder

Low Cost Carriers – sorry – No Frills Carriers, as they insist on being called nowadays require photo id on all flights.

Passport, Driving Licence or Identity cards are most suitable. If photo id is not provided the passenger is unlikely to be allowed to travel.

ALL Frills

On the topic of 'No Frills' carriers, we are delighted to handle your bookings. We have invested in a software system that sources the lowest fares on a given day, with all carriers. We are even able to compare 'no frills' against BA and other carriers all within a few seconds.

For this service we charge a fee of just £15 per ticket. So rather than you spending your valuable time checking the internet, let us do the work for you.

Fares Update

We have added the following airlines to our marine fares portfolio.

SN Brussels – with connections to Africa and Europe from UK Provincial airports.

Gulf Air – Serving the Middle East and World-wide, offering some really competitive prices.

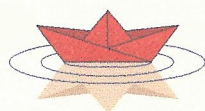
Air Canada – Serving most Canadian airports

We are delighted to provide quotes for comparisons and budgets, please just call or e-mail.

And Finally.....

Remember through our sister companies we are able to offer special discounts for our clients personal travel requirements when booking ABTA tour operator packages. As well as preferential rates and tickets for theatre breaks in London – Please call us for contact details.

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