



Airline News



Singapore Airlines

SILVERKRIS LOUNGE IN TERMINAL 2 CHANGI AIRPORT WILL BE RENOVATED

The lounge facilities in Terminal 2 Changi Airport will be upgraded from May 2011 to September 2011; and when completed, the SilverKris lounge at Terminal 2 will have new First and Business Class areas.

There will be 126 and 246 seats in the First and Business Class area of the SilverKris Lounge respectively.

Both sections come with their own dining areas, food service counters, bars, television areas, showers and washrooms as well as nursing rooms. The walls and flooring will be adorned in rich timber and marble.

The entire lounge will be WiFi-enabled, allowing you to surf the internet from wherever you are seated. Internet workstations will also be available for use and an extensive range of newspapers and magazines will continue to be on hand.

The refurbished Terminal 2 SilverKris Lounge promises to provide an inviting environment for Singapore Airlines Suites, First and Business Class customers as well as PPS Club members to rest or work before boarding their flight.

A KrisFlyer Gold lounge will be a new addition, welcoming KrisFlyer Elite Gold members and Star Alliance Gold members traveling on Economy Class who currently use the SATS Premium lounge in Terminal 2.

In order to minimise disruption to our members, the SilverKris Lounge will remain operational throughout the renovation period. In order to do so, upgrading works would have to be carried out in phases.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES TO ADD INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS TO INFLIGHT ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

In keeping with its ongoing drive towards more environmentally-friendly operations, Singapore Airlines is pleased to announce the launch of e-Magazines, an electronic version of international magazines, on its KrisWorld inflight entertainment system. In addition to the existing collection of printed publications, the new selection of 20 major magazine titles will offer customers wider access to quality reading materials without additional paper copies being carried on board.

Singapore Airlines will be the first airline to provide this unique feature across its Airbus A380 and Boeing 777-300ER fleets which are equipped with the latest Panasonic eX2™ inflight entertainment system.

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BA BAGGAGE CHARGE EFFECTIVE 3MAY 2011

Extra bag charges will increase with effect from 3 May 2011 to align British Airways' charges with those of American Airlines and Iberia.

The changes to the charges are part of the ongoing integration and alignment of key elements of the baggage allowances across the three airlines.

Click on the following link for more details

Excess Baggage

<http://www.speedbirdclub.com/sg/reservations-ticketing/baggage/excessheavy luggage/>

AIRFRANCE

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AIR FRANCE TO SERVICE SAN FRANCISCO WITH A380

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The carrier will offer daily A380 flights between Paris CDG and the Californian city from June 6 until September 4, departing Paris at 1030 and arriving at 1240. The return leg leaves San Francisco at 1610, landing back into the French capital at 1135 the next day.

Business Traveller understands Air France may make this new superjumbo service possible by redeploying its A380 aircraft operating on the Paris CDG-Tokyo route, as a result of the fall in demand for flights to Japan following the country's earthquake and tsunami.

Lufthansa is set to become the first carrier to fly the A380 to San Francisco next month, with a daily service (replacing the current B747-400 on the route) starting on May 10 – see online news January 27 for more information.

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KOREAN AIR

KOREAN AIR COMPLETES FLEET ENHANCEMENT

Korean Air has announced it will feature the world's first in-flight duty free store on the Airbus A380 aircraft.

The store, designed by UK firm AIM Aviation and cosmetics brand Lancome, will be located at the back of the lower deck measuring 11.9 sqm, which is the equivalent of 13 economy seats.

Jon Heath, technical director of AIM Aviation, said: "There is a loss of revenue because of that. But, they believe they can get increased revenue by selling higher branded products than they would have gotten from having those 13 seats on the aircraft. Also, by selling the advertising space, they will gain revenue from that."

The duty free store will consist of five units. Unit 1 is a "video wall" displaying advertisements while the other units will showcase cosmetics, fragrances, accessories and a limited selection of liquor. The store is intended to serve as a "physical catalogue".

Each unit weighs around 130kg with the capacity to store 30kg of products. "So, the net weight is slightly less than 13 passengers," claims Heath.

The carrier is continuously introducing new concepts on the superjumbo aircraft in its efforts to set itself apart from competitors. As previously reported, the airline was the first to devote the entire upper deck to business class. The upper deck will feature 94 Prestige Class seats while the lower deck will consist of 12 first class seats and 301 economy class seats.

The carrier is scheduled to take delivery of its first superjumbo aircraft at the end of May 2011, which will be deployed on June 1 between Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

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Qantas Airways

QANTAS ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION

Qantas has extended Advance Seat Selection to offer all customers the choice to select a regular seat on Qantas international and domestic flights from time of booking.

On Qantas international flights, Advance Seat Selection is complimentary in the First, Business and Premium Economy cabins and in Economy Class for Platinum, Gold or Silver Qantas Frequent Flyers, equivalent oneworld Frequent Flyers, and for all customers travelling in the same booking.

For all other customers, Advance Seat Selection is offered at a charge of AUD20 per person per flight segment effective from 13 April 2011. Up until this date, Qantas will continue to waive this charge for Travel Agents making Advance Seat Selection requests via the GDS.

If customers have not already selected a seat; one will be allocated at check-in based on the preference stored in their frequent flyer profile.

Advance Seat Selection continues to remain complimentary to all customers travelling on Qantas domestic flights.

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USA Embassy	30 May 2011

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