

AIR ARABIA ADDS TRABZON TO TURKEY NETWORK



SHARJAH: Air Arabia, the Middle East and North Africa's first and largest low-cost carrier (LCC), announced Trabzon as its latest Turkish destination to enter its route network, starting 23 June 2017.

The new seasonal non-stop service provides passengers the chance to discover Turkey's historic port city, in addition to its already existing services to Istanbul. The flight will operate three times weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, departing Sharjah International Airport at 21:30, and arriving at Trabzon International Airport at 00:05 local time the next day. The return service will depart Trabzon at 00:45, landing in Sharjah at 5 am local time.

"Trabzon provides travellers with a unique opportunity to experience Turkey's coastal region and witness the history behind one of the oldest trading ports in the country. The new route is a tes-

tament to Air Arabia's commitment to providing affordable holiday destinations to passengers travelling from the UAE," said Adel Al-Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia. "We are confident that the new destination will provide our visitor with a unique holiday getaway, and further cement trade and bilateral ties between the two nations."

Resting on the bank of the Black Sea, Trabzon is a city filled with religious and historical significance. Featuring a unique coastal backdrop, this picturesque city is known best for its mystical architecture and bazaars. Situated on the upper east side of the country, Trabzon is a calm metropolis distant from the hustle of Istanbul and Ankara.

Air Arabia currently operates flights to 125 routes across the globe from five hubs located in the Middle East and North Africa.

BURGAN BANK WINS 'BEST PROGRAM DELIVERY, IMPLEMENTATION' AWARD

2017 MASTERCARD MENA FORUM IN LONDON

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank, the second largest conventional bank in terms of assets, announced that it was awarded the 'Best Program Delivery and Implementation' award at the 2017 MasterCard MENA Leadership Forum, which took place in London, UK during March 2017.

Led by senior regional MasterCard executives and attended by more than 60 participants from across the Middle East and North Africa region,

the Forum aimed at addressing the future of the payments industry and honoring distinctive institutions whose offering of MasterCard's solutions are of the highest standards.

The recognition from Mastercard celebrated the Bank's application of its payment gateway in a short time-frame; a show of dedication and commitment to offering the best to clients combined with highest level of implementation efficiency.

On this occasion, Raed Al-Haqhaq, Burgan Bank Deputy CEO - Kuwait said: "We are proud to receive the 'Best Program Delivery and Implementation' award. As industry leaders we aim to continually focus on offering the best technological solutions to our clients as soon as they hit the market. This award serves as a reflection of the continued commitment to deliver best-in-class products."

Burgan Bank, as one of the market leaders in technology adoption and evolution, and in line with the increasingly dynamic world of digital banking, has introduced a range of novel solutions, including a new payment gateway for merchants and the easy to use 'tap & pay' card to name a few.

Established in 1977, Burgan Bank is the youngest commercial Bank and second largest by assets in Kuwait, with a significant focus on the corporate and financial institutions sectors, as well as having a growing retail, and private bank customer base. Burgan Bank has majority owned subsidiaries in the MENAT region supported by one of the largest regional branch networks.

The Bank has continuously improved its performance over the years through an expanded revenue structure, diversified funding sources, and a strong capital base. The adoption of state-of-the-art services and technology has positioned it as a trendsetter in the domestic market and within the MENA region. Burgan Bank's brand has been created on a foundation of real values - of trust, commitment, excellence and progression, to remind us of the high standards to which we aspire. 'People come first' is the foundation on which its products and services are developed.

The bank was re-certified with the prestigious ISO 9001:2008, making it the first bank in the GCC, and the only bank in Kuwait to receive such accreditation for the third consecutive year. The Bank also has to its credit the distinction of being the only Bank in Kuwait to have won the JP Morgan Chase Quality Recognition Award for twelve consecutive years.

Burgan Bank, a subsidiary of KIPCO (Kuwait Projects Company), is a strongly positioned regional Bank in the MENA region.



VIVA ANNOUNCES NEW MONTHLY BILL CYCLE EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL FOR POSTPAID CUSTOMERS

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, announced that with effect of 1 April 2017, postpaid customers' bills will be issued by the first of each month and settlement deadline latest by the 26th of each month.

This new bill cycle revamp will ensure continuous service to VIVA's customers in an effort to serve them better with an enhanced customer experience, with mention that on 22nd of March, the bills issued cover the remaining period of March. Customers can settle their bills through many of our convenient channels including our mobile App, direct debit, online through our portal or through our wide retail network around Kuwait.

GENUINE SPARE PARTS FROM CHEVROLET ALGHANIM CONCLUDES CAMPAIGN DRAW

KUWAIT: With the established popularity of the Genuine Spare Parts campaign, Chevrolet Alghanim, the largest distributor of genuine spare parts from General Motors, held the final draw on March 19th under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce, and in the presence of Chevrolet management. The grand prize winner was announced, receiving an all-new Chevrolet Trax, as well as the winners of other valuable prizes.

This offer lasted from December 16th, 2016 until March 17th, 2017, with the promotion offering customers multiple chances to win valuable prizes. Customers got the chance to win one of 30 iPhone 7 on a number of draws-the first of which already took place on January 17th, 2017, and the second was on February 16th, 2017. As for the grand draw on the new 2017 Chevrolet Trax LT, the event took place on March 19th, 2017.

As the agent of GM in Kuwait, Chevrolet Alghanim provides its customers with world-renowned, genuine spare parts that

enhance customers' safety and prolong vehicles' longevity and performance. Chevrolet Alghanim service facility is equipped with a modern and air-conditioned warehouse that stocks all the required parts using the latest global systems and processes, which include making deliveries to all parts locations in Kuwait.

And because the safety of drivers is top priority for Chevrolet Alghanim, it reaffirms that original spare parts guarantee the vehicle's solid performance, but even more so, they play a major part in securing the safety of the driver, protecting him from any accident or malfunction that non-original parts might cause. This goes beyond brakes and tires to include all parts in the vehicle where any fault might lead to the vehicle become inoperative, or possibly accidents compromising the safety of passengers. Chevrolet provides its clients original spare parts, used worldwide to guarantee passenger safety and vehicle performance, which positively reflects on resale value.



ETIHAD AIRWAYS REASSURES PASSENGERS FOLLOWING DIRECTIVE ON US FLIGHTS

ABU DHABI: Etihad Airways is reassuring passengers of its highest level of service to minimize disruption following the introduction of a new US travel directive on electronic devices.

Effective March 25, passengers on all US-bound flights from, or transiting through, Abu Dhabi International Airport will not be permitted to carry electronic devices bigger than a smart phone or mobile into the aircraft cabin. Items such as laptop computers, tablets including iPads, gaming devices, cameras and e-readers will be required to be placed in checked-in luggage. Medical devices are exempt and can be carried onboard.

All Etihad Airways' US flights have mobile and Wi-Fi connectivity, together with power and USB points at every seat enabling guests to remain connected through their mobiles and smart phones. And with an onboard inflight entertainment system offering hundreds of hours of free programs, international movies, live TV news and sports channels, interactive games, and music in every seat, guests are able to keep themselves busy throughout their journey without the need of a laptop or tablet.

Etihad Airways is sending email alerts to all US-bound travellers advising of the new directive. Signage is being placed at check-in desks at airports around the world where staff will inform guests to pack any prohibited electronic devices in their checked luggage.

US-bound passengers travelling via Abu Dhabi must check-in their electronic devices at the point of origin. The directive, issued by the US Transportation Security Administration, does not affect flights departing from the United States.

At Abu Dhabi International Airport, all Etihad Airways guests travelling to the United States clear US Immigration and Customs at the US Preclearance facility in Terminal 3 - the only one of its kind in the Middle East. When guests land in the US, they arrive as domestic passengers with no requirement to queue for immigration checks again. Due to the additional security measures, Etihad Airways will deploy more staff at the US Preclearance facility to provide assistance.

To avoid inconvenience, guests are encouraged to pack the prohibited items in their checked baggage prior to reaching the Preclearance facility in Abu Dhabi. Any prohibited electronic devices will have to be declared and placed in padded envelopes before being securely taken to the aircraft luggage hold by staff. Such items will be returned to guests on arrival in the US, while conveniently, other items of checked-in luggage can be collected at the final destination in the United States. Guests are also encouraged to avoid carrying spare battery packs larger than the permitted size as these will not be allowed in either the luggage hold or the cabin.

Peter Baumgartner, Etihad Airways Chief Executive Officer, said: "We remain committed to ensuring we provide guests the highest levels of service and quality experience that we are renowned for, at Abu Dhabi International Airport and throughout their journey to minimize the impact of the new measures. "Etihad Airways offers excellent facilities on the ground at Abu Dhabi International Airport and inflight to keep guests entertained during their journey. While we are communicating the new directive to guests before they begin their travels to the US, we are implementing a number of measures at Abu Dhabi International Airport to ease the process. We continue to work with the relevant authorities and advise guests to comply with the directive to ensure a smooth and uninterrupted journey to the United States."

In addition to the onboard offering, all cabins have a selection of digital lifestyle magazines that can be viewed for free on a smartphone via the Wi-Fi homepage. A variety of printed international magazines and newspapers are also available for guests travelling in the premium cabins. Children receive a kid's pack with games and toys, and there is a Flying Nanny on board to assist parents.

At Abu Dhabi International Airport, passengers have access to free Wi-Fi. Guests travelling in the premium cabins can use Etihad Airways' lounges. For those with sufficient time before departure, guests can pay for access to Etihad's Business Class lounge in Terminals 1 and 3 which offer computer terminals, Wi-Fi, business facilities, and a wide selection of newspapers, business and lifestyle magazines, international cuisine, shower rooms and children's play rooms. First and Business Class guests are also able to use the US Premium Lounge located after the US Immigration checks at Terminal 3.

Guests are able to purchase extra baggage allowance at a discount on airport rates by booking online at etihad.com; through an Etihad Airways reservation office; or via a call centre. In addition, Silver, Gold and Platinum members of Etihad Guest, the airline's loyalty program, are entitled to extra free baggage allowance. While Abu Dhabi International Airport is not listed for a similar ban related to direct flights operating to the United Kingdom, enhanced security screening is likely for guests travelling to London, Manchester and Edinburgh.

Etihad Airways operates 45 flights a week between Abu Dhabi and six cities across the United States - namely New York, Washington, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

For any further updates on the new directive and our policies, guests are advised to check Etihad Airways' website at etihad.com.

AL-TIJARI ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF AL-NAJMA ACCOUNT DRAW

KUWAIT: Commercial Bank of Kuwait held the Al-Najma Account daily draw yesterday. The draw was held under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry represented by Abdulaziz Ashkanani.

The winners of the Al-Najma daily draw are:

- Hasna Awad Shather — KD 7000,
- Abdulreda Mohamed Merza Iskandry — KD 7000,
- Mohammed Waseem Akhtar Shawkat Ali — KD 7000,
- Mohammad Mustafa Al-Mahameed — KD 7000,
- Soumi Aadam — KD 7000.

Al-Najma awards are now brighter and bigger than ever with the revamped Al-Najma account, all your dreams will be turned to reality. On top of offering the highest daily prize in Kuwait for KD 7,000, now our Mega prize draws got bigger to reach KD 250,000.

The new prizes scheme for Al-Najma account. Daily draw to win KD 7000, Quarterly draws to win great prizes that would start from KD 100,000 to KD 250,000

- 1ST QUARTER — KD 100,000
- 2ND QUARTER — KD 150,000
- 3RD QUARTER — KD 200,000
- 4TH QUARTER — KD 250,000.

With Al-Najma you have more chances to win greater prizes

- Each KD 25 kept in your account gives you one chance to win
- Each KD 25 kept in your account for one week will give you a chance to enter the daily draw.
- Each KD 25 kept in your account for 3 months will give you chance to enter the quarterly draw.



GULF BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF FEBRUARY MONTH CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank recently announced the names of the 30 lucky winners of its February month promotion "Spend More & Win More" with Gulf Rewards, whereby credit cardholders were offered the chance to win Gulf Points, by entering a raffle draw upon using their credit cards locally or abroad. The draw was held on Wednesday 15 March 2017 in the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Gulf Bank would like to congratulate Saeed A M Alsalem, who won the grand prize of 1 Million Gulf Points and Majdi A M Alsaleh, who won the second grand prize of 500,000 Gulf Points.

The bank also announced other 28 lucky winners who won 100,000 Gulf Points each: Jatinder Singh, Abdullah A Albannay, Eiman M Hassan, Maria

Christina, Fahad Mahdi Albusairi, Montaha M H Aljohar, Benjamin Jr Capoon, Suhair K Alsaleh, Saad A Aziz H Juma, Maysa A A Alnassar, Khaled Shamikh Alrashidy, Thukkathi A M Iqbal, Walid A Hasanin, Saad M Aladwani, Dr Jamil S Nasr, Abdulwahab E Alazmi, Najat Khaleel Abbas, Mohammad S H Alhulail, Hilal M Al-Mutairi, Maha Ali Alrefai, Alia A Aseel, Ahmed A Almkhaizeem, Mohammad F A Ali Karam, Khaled Y A A Alali, Rezam M Y Alroumi, Badreah Ali Fahad, Salah F Almohammad, Jobin Joseph.

Gulf Bank is committed to providing its customers with exceptional value and exciting offers that meet their needs, in addition to, presenting them with one of the widest ranges of financial products and banking services currently available in Kuwait.