Press Release



Dream destination Bahamas: Condor and Bahamasair form partnership

Leisure carrier to fly to eleven new destinations on the Bahamas with immediate effect

Kelsterbach, 7 September 2011 – By way of a joint venture with Bahamasair, the national airline of the Bahamas, Condor is enhancing its route network to include a total of eleven new destinations in the fabulous island world of the Bahamas. As from 4 November 2011, customers will be able to fly via the Condor destination Fort Lauderdale to Nassau and Freeport. The flight times of the new Condor flights, which can be booked with immediate effect, have been adjusted to allow for a convenient flight transfer to meet up with the departures from Bahamasair.

"We are delighted about the joint venture with Bahamasair and the associated opportunity of again enhancing our route network in the Caribbean", said Achim Lameyer, Vice President Passenger Sales at Condor. "The inclusion of the Bahamas sees us complying with the wish of many customers, namely that of again being able to reach the island state with their number 1 leisure carrier."

Condor thus opens up to holidaymakers the wide variety the island state offers: untouched, lonely beach landscapes with a turquoise blue sea, colourful underwater worlds, exotic flora and fauna and a high-action range of water sport options. From Nassau and Freeport, other islands such as Inagua, the Abacaos (Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay), Eleuthera (Eleuthera North, Governer's Harbour, Rock Sound), Great Exuma, Cat Island and Mayaguana are all moreover in easy reach with Bahamasair. What is more, the Bahamas have a wide range of cultural activities to offer. On Cat Island, there are, for example, the fascinating caves of the Arawak Indians from the pre-Columbian period, and Nassau too has attractions such as the castle Fort Charlotte and the oceanic museum Crystal Cay if customers wish to take a break from sunbathing.

As from 30 August 2011, Condor is organising a prize draw together with the Bahamas Tourist Office with a dream holiday on the Bahamas as the main prize. On the Condor Facebook page, there is a competition up until 12 September that deals exclusively with the famous swimming pigs of Exuma Cays. The main prize is a holiday with Condor flights from Frankfurt to Fort Lauderdale for two persons. From Fort Lauderdale, the winners are then taken by Bahamasair on to Nassau where they will spend seven nights as the guests of the 5-star luxury hotel Sandals Royal Bahamian. All existing and potential Condor and Bahamas fans are welcome to take part at http://www.facebook.com/Condor

The baggage Condor guests take with them is checked in through to their destination. Customers should however note that entry into the USA at Fort Lauderdale is subject to the necessary ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) application being submitted. Further information on this can be found at https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/.

The prices for one-way all-inclusive tickets to Bahamas start at € 359 in Economy Class, € 459 in Premium Economy Class, and € 799 in Comfort Class. Condor flights can be booked in any travel agency, online at www.condor.com or by phone on +49 (0) 1805 767757 (€ 0.14/minute from a German landline, mobile charges max. € 0.42/minute).

Condor Flugdienst GmbH was founded in 1956 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thomas Cook, one of the world's leading travel companies. Every year some six million passengers fly with Condor to over 70 destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa and America. The fleet of this leisure carrier consists of 35 modern and environmentally friendly aircraft: twelve Airbus A320s, 13 Boeing 757-300s and ten Boeing 767-300s. All Boeing planes are maintained by Condor Technik GmbH, and maintenance of the Airbus fleet is handled by Condor Berlin GmbH. Both are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Condor Flugdienst GmbH.

Bahamasair was established in 1973 as a product of a newly established Independent Commonwealth of The Bahamas. The mandate was to provide a safe and reliable mode of air transportation throughout the archipelagic nation and internationally. The National Flag carrier purpose was to provide an 'Essential Service' bridging Nassau, the nation's capital and the remote Family of Islands. Simultaneously, Bahamasair was to mitigate the volatility of the country's heavy reliance upon foreign carriers and its impact to Tourism, the country's main industry. Bahamasair was incorporated under the name Bahamasair Holdings Limited and resulted from the amalgamation of two privately owned carriers, Out Island Airways and Flamingo Airways. The airline remains wholly owned by the Bahamas Government.

Condor will be pleased to provide you with photographic materials on request.

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