## **Press Release**



## **Condor has a new partner in Thailand** Six new destinations in winter 2012/13 with Bangkok Airways

Frankfurt, July 26, 2012 – Thanks to a partnership with the Thailand-based airline Bangkok Airways, leisure carrier Condor can add a further six destinations to its route network. From now on, Condor passengers can book flights to Bangkok or Chiang Mai, to the dream islands of Koh Samui and Koh Chang, and to the coastal town of Pattaya. The cooperation also puts the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh within easy reach for Condor's customers. The connection can be made via Phuket, as well as via the new Condor destinations of Rangoon/Yangon in Myanmar and Siem Reap in Cambodia.

Thanks to the partnership with Bangkok Airways, individual flights can also be put together for touring South-East Asia. Condor had already announced in January 2012 that they were extending their route network in South-East Asia by the new destinations of Rangoon/Yangon and Siem Reap. In winter 2012/13, the leisure carrier is doubling the flight frequencies to Phuket to four every week, and is the only airline flying directly from Frankfurt to Phuket.

Koh Samui and Pattaya have been famous for years for their fine sandy beaches, surrounded by palm trees. The island of Koh Chang is less of a tourist target. But the white sandy beaches, colorful coral reefs and remote waterfalls in the tropical rainforests in the interior of the island are casting their spell on a steadily increasing number of visitors. The sights of Phnom Penh make it a popular Cambodian tourist destination and it can easily be combined with a Condor flight to Siem Reap. In Phnom Penh, you can visit parts of the famous Royal Palace, that is still used as a residence, and gain an insight into the fascinating world of Buddhism from the five, original temples (wats). If you are looking for major cultural sites, visit Chiang Mai, the "Rose of the North", in Northern Thailand. The oldest and most beautiful Buddhist temple sites are to be found here, and the National Parks in the surrounding regions are just waiting to be explored on elephant trekking trips or via bamboo rafting.

Passengers who make use of the Bangkok Airways connection, are given their boarding passes directly by Bangkok Airways at each transfer point. Their baggage is also accepted there, and makes its way through customs.

Flights from Frankfurt to Bangkok are available starting from all-inclusive one-way prices of 417,99 Euro in Economy Class. Condor flights can be booked online at condor.com, by phone on 01805/767757 (0.14 euro/min. from your landline in Germany, from a mobile, max. 0.42 euro/min.), or through your travel agent.

Photographic material is available in Condor's Social Media Newsroom at www.condor.com/ newsroom.

Condor Flugdienst GmbH has been flying passengers on vacation to the loveliest destinations in the world since 1956. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thomas Cook, one of the world's leading tour operators. Each year, Condor flies more than six million passengers to about 75 destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa and America. The leisure airline's fleet comprises 37 modern, eco-friendly aircrafts: twelve Airbus A320s, one Airbus A321, thirteen Boeing 757-300s and eleven Boeing 767-300s. All Boeing aircrafts are serviced by Condor Technik GmbH, while the Airbus fleet is serviced by Condor Berlin GmbH. Both these companies are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Condor Flugdienst GmbH.

Bangkok Airways is the first privately owned airline established in Thailand since 1968. Considering itself as a Boutique Airline focusing on service and "sustainability", it results in the unique decision to provide full service onboard and offer lounge facilities to all passengers. Indeed, also Economy Class passengers have free access to the Bangkok Airways' lounges. Bangkok Airways currently offers 7 domestic and 11 international destinations in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Hong Kong, Singapore Malaysia, India and Maldives. The current fleet consists of 19 aircrafts ranging from Airbus 320, 319 and ATR72. The airline has its own airport in Samui, Trat and Sukhothai.

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