

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**11 November 2011**

## **FLIGHT CENTRE PREDICTS LESS AVAILABILITY TO THE UK AND EUROPE DUE TO 2012 OLYMPICS**

Flight Centre, New Zealand's largest travel retailer, predicts that there will be less availability for flights to the UK and Europe due to the London Olympics which are taking place over the already popular July to September travel period.

Flight Centre's general manager of product, Dave Coombes, recommends that anyone planning to travel over this period secures their flights sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

"Traditionally July to September is the popular season for Kiwis travelling to the UK and Europe. With the Olympics running from late July to early August you can expect an increased demand over this period and also during the weeks either side.

"Prices could increase over this period from \$200 - \$500 on a return trip. Anyone who is planning on travelling during this period should get in quickly to secure the best price available," Mr Coombes said.

To coincide with the UK and Europe season, Flight Centre is holding its annual Discover Europe travel show in Auckland this weekend, giving Kiwis the opportunity to book great value holiday packages and airfares in one place.

Selected Flight Centre stores in the upper North Island will also hold in-store shows over this weekend and will have access to some of the amazing deals.

Discover Europe Auckland will be taking place on Sunday 13 November 2011, from 9am – 4pm at the ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane. Admission is free.

- ENDS -

### **For more information, please contact:**

Karina Rowling  
Flight Centre  
Mob: 021 973 395  
Email: [karina.rowling@flightcentre.co.nz](mailto:karina.rowling@flightcentre.co.nz)

### **About Flight Centre**

Flight Centre (NZ) Ltd is New Zealand's largest travel agency, with approximately 900 staff in more than 200 retail stores and businesses nationwide.

Flight Centre consultants are travel experts and are selected for their vast product knowledge and their passion for travel. Flight Centre's global network allows consultants access to the widest travel product offering in the New Zealand, at the best value.

Brands in the New Zealand market operated by Flight Centre (NZ) Ltd include;

Flight Centre  
Premium Travel  
FCm Travel Solutions  
Corporate Traveller  
Infinity Holidays  
Escape Holidays  
cievents  
Cruiseabout  
Student Flights

Flight Centre Limited globally has almost 13,000 staff in 11 countries including Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Hong Kong, India and China.