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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ISN'T TAXING

With many companies changing price tags and getting ready to add 2.5 per cent onto product prices to accommodate the rise in GST, New Zealand's largest travel retailer, Flight Centre, is preparing for Kiwis to take advantage of great international holiday deals, all exempt from GST.

Flight Centre's national product manager, James Brooker, said the tax cuts that come into effect in October, combined with no GST on international travel, means Kiwis can take a holiday without worrying about additional taxes affecting many other industries.

"It's been a long winter and many people are looking for a break and October sees a number of changes for Kiwis, with increased GST and tax cuts. It is an opportune time to use the extra income to reward themselves with a holiday and know that there won't be any extra costs involved with the GST increase," Mr Brooker said.

The soaring New Zealand dollar against currencies like the US dollar and the Great British pound also means Kiwis' spending money goes further while away.

"There are also many other benefits for international travel, including duty-free shopping, which are great ways for Kiwis to save money on their purchases.

"We know Kiwis love to travel and this is another great reason to book that well-earned break!" Mr Brooker said.

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About Flight Centre

Flight Centre (NZ) Ltd is New Zealand's largest travel agency, with approximately 900 staff in more than 140 retail stores and support businesses nationwide.

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

Flight Centre	Escape Holidays
Round the World	CiEvents
First and Business	Cruiseabout
FCm Travel Solutions	Itchy Feet Travel
Corporate Traveller	Student Flights
Infinity Holidays	

The company has won the JRA Best Workplaces, large workplace category award for eight consecutive years. In addition and in recognition of Flight Centre's continued achievements in the JRA Best Workplaces Survey over the past eight years, Flight Centre is also a Five-Year League Award recipient.

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