

THE UK AND EUROPE ON SHOW

With rugby fever coming to an end, Kiwis turn their focus to travel with New Zealand's largest retailer, Flight Centre, noticing a spike in enquiry to travel to the UK and Europe.

Kiwis have been waiting for the specials to be released and this week has seen all earlybird airfares and packages on show.

Every year a significant number of Kiwi's travel to the UK and Europe, visiting family and friends or as part of their own overseas experience and earlybird airfares provide Kiwi's great value for their 2012 travel, taking advantage of the European summer.

Flight Centre New Zealand's executive general manager, Mike Friend, said that the demand for international travel remains strong with a focus over the past few days on the UK and Europe.

"Kiwis have been waiting for these earlybirds to be released before planning their travel in 2012. We have had a huge number of enquiries particularly regarding tours throughout the UK and Europe, as they are a great way to see a number of countries in a small amount of time and can suit every budget.

"For the best earlybird airfares talk to an expert. Long-haul travel requires stopovers and there are many factors to consider – stopover destination, airline choice and value for money - take the opportunity to speak to someone who can manage your time and budget so you get the most out of your next trip."

To coincide with the UK and Europe season, Flight Centre is holding its annual Discover Europe travel show across the country in October and November, giving kiwis the opportunity to book great value holiday packages and airfares in one place.

A selection of Flight Centre's great UK and Europe deals are below:

Flight Centre has return flights to Zurich from \$1,869* ex Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, per person.

* Price subject to availability. Valid for sales until 15 November 2011. Travel from 1 February – 19 June 2012.

Flight Centre has return flights to London from \$2,185* ex Auckland, per person.

* Price subject to availability. Valid for sales until 15 December 2011. Travel from 1 February – 31 March 2012.

Flight Centre has return flights to Rome from \$2,074* ex Auckland, per person.

* Price subject to availability. Valid for sales until 30 November 2011. Travel from 1 February – 25 July 2012.

Flight Centre has return flights to Paris with a bonus two nights free accommodation and continental breakfast daily from \$2,348* ex Auckland, per person, twin share.

* Price subject to availability. Valid for sales until 18 December 2011. Travel from 1 February – 31 March 2012.

Flight Centre has return flights to Vienna with a bonus two nights free accommodation and buffet breakfast daily from \$2,437* ex Auckland, per person, twin share.

* Price subject to availability. Valid for sales until 18 December 2011. Travel from 1 February – 27 February 2012, 6 March – 31 March 2012.

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Discover Europe details:

Christchurch – 30 October, 9am – 4pm, CBS Canterbury Arena, Addington

Wellington – 6 November, 9am – 4pm, TSB Bank Arena, Queens Wharf

Auckland – 13 November, 9am – 4pm, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane

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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 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:

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Premium Travel

FCm Travel Solutions

Corporate Traveller

Infinity Holidays

Escape Holidays

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Cruiseabout

Student Flights

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 11 countries including Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Hong Kong, India and China.