

BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE – TRAVEL EXPO 2012 IS HERE

Demand for international travel from New Zealand continues to grow as latest figures from Statistics New Zealand show that New Zealand residents departed on almost 10% more overseas trips in November 2011 compared to the same month of the previous year.

To help Kiwis plan and book, New Zealand's largest travel show, Travel Expo, is being held in Wellington on 29 January 2012. Hosted by Flight Centre Limited, this show brings all travel information together under one roof, with exclusive flight discounts, cruises and holiday packages available on the day.

Flight Centre New Zealand's executive general manager, Mike Friend, said the demand for international travel is further increasing due to the current weather in New Zealand and this is the perfect opportunity for anyone looking to book their 2012 travel.

"We know that Kiwis love to travel and take advantage of the European summer and we believe that there is an even higher demand than usual due to the weather that we have been experiencing over the past months. With exclusive deals available on the day, this is the time to lock in your next holiday.

"Travel Expo is the largest annual travel show in New Zealand and offers information on destinations all around the world. No matter where Kiwis want to go, this is the perfect place to help with the planning. With everything from travel presentations to information about touring, cruising, adventure travel, car hire, travel insurance and more, Travel Expo 2012 is the place for everything travel related."

The Wellington Travel Expo will be held at TSB Bank Arena and will include exclusive flight specials for a wide range of destinations all across the globe.

"Over 60 exhibitors and our expert consultants from Flight Centre, Cruiseabout and Student Flights will be on hand to provide you with the latest information on all destinations. Whether you are looking to backpack through South America, jump on board a cruise in the Mediterranean or take a family holiday to the Pacific Islands, you will find what you need here."

All attendees will have the chance to go in the draw to win return flights for two to South America, Fiji or Thailand. Customers booking on the day can also be in to win their holiday back for free!

Selected Flight Centre stores in the lower North Island will also hold in-store shows over this weekend and will have access to some of the amazing deals. Contact your local Flight Centre store for further details.

DIARY DETAILS

What: Travel Expo 2012

When: Sunday, 29 January, 2012. 9am – 4pm

Where: TSB Bank Arena, Queenswharf

Admission is FREE.

www.flightcentre.co.nz/travelexpo

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Editors Note: November 2011 is the most recent statistics available from Statistics New Zealand, at the time of release.

DATES & VENUES

Wellington – 29 January, 9am – 4pm, TSB Bank Arena, Queenswharf

Auckland – 11 & 12 February, 9am – 4pm, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane

Christchurch – 19 February, 9am – 4pm, CBS Canterbury Arena, Addington

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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;

Flight Centre

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.