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▪ A word from the Managing Director of Inter-Airlines Adel Bassili.

Smoke scare on Virgin Blue flight -25th February 2011 (AFP)

SIX people on a Virgin Blue flight have been checked by paramedics after their plane landed at Melbourne Airport with reports of smoke in the cabin. Paramedic Steven Linham said the six people, who included cabin crew, were concerned about being exposed to smoke.

"Their clothing smelt of smoke but they weren't having any breathing problems," Mr Linham said.

"After they were fully assessed by paramedics they didn't need any further treatment so our crews cleared."

Virgin Blue media spokeswoman Fiona Sugden said a domestic flight from Brisbane to Melbourne had reports of smoke odours which were found to originate from an oven in the galley of the plane about 8am (AEDT).

"It (the smoke) was coming from the oven in the galley of the plane and the oven has been removed from the plane and it is being investigated," she said.

She confirmed Australian Federal Police were also investigating the incident. "That's fairly standard procedure," she said.

"They should be concluded soon and the plane will be back up and running."

Qantas force fuel hike on locals- 13th February 2011 (AAP)

Qantas Airways Ltd says it will increase ticket prices for domestic, trans-Tasman and regional services from February 25 in response to high fuel costs. The announcement, made on Friday, follows the airline's decision last Thursday to lift fuel surcharges on its international flights.

The airline last week said last week domestic, regional and trans-Tasman fares were under review. Qantas chief executive Alan Joyce said the airline had removed fuel surcharges for domestic, regional and trans-Tasman fares in early 2009.

He said a "modest fare increase" was the best way to recover some of the higher cost of fuel.

"While we have been absorbing higher fuel costs for some time, this increase is an appropriate response to this significant and additional cost to our business," Mr Joyce said in a statement.

Fare increases will be up to five per cent, Qantas said.

According to a list of eight examples included in Qantas's statement, fare increases would range between \$4 and \$10 per one-way ticket.

A one-way Sydney-Melbourne would increase to \$109 from February 25, from \$104 currently. Meanwhile, travelling between Melbourne and Auckland will cost \$10 more at \$272 one-way.

Mr Joyce said the increases would not fully recover the costs associated with higher fuel prices.

He also said he could not rule out further fare hikes "should they be necessary".

The year-to-date average price for West Texas Intermediate crude oil and Singapore jet fuel were at their highest since 2007/08, Qantas said, and higher than first half 2010/11 prices.

"The price of Singapore Jet Fuel, for example, had increased from an average of \$US88 a barrel in September 2010, to \$US110 a barrel in January 2011, and is \$US117 a barrel today," Qantas said.



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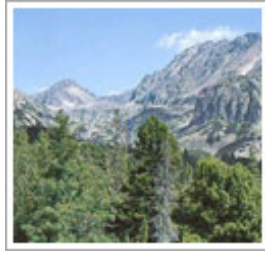
DESTINATION OF THE MONTH UKRAINE (CONTINUATION).

In my opinion, they are the top 10 places that must be visited and seen in Ukraine.

1-Crimea



2-Carpathian Mountains



3-Kyiv



4-Lviv



5-Odessa



- 1- Crimea** is a fascinating region to explore, as well as a great place to spend a vacation. Across the centuries it has attracted settlers such as the Greeks, the Venetians and the Genoese - all of whom founded cities along the coast and inter-married with the local people.
- 2- Carpathian Mountains** are considered to be the Green Pearl of Ukraine. It is one of the most popular resorts and tourist centers of the country. A beautiful mix of natural areas, forests, meadows, shepherds and humans living in harmony with nature is what makes the mountains so attractive to tourists!
- 3- Kyiv** (also known as Kiev), a scenic city of close to 3 million people situated on the Dnieper River, is the bustling capital of Ukraine. Ancient Kievan Rus, which reached its greatest period of ascendancy during the 11th and 12th centuries, was a center of trade routes between the Baltic and the Mediterranean. The art and architecture of Kyiv are world treasures.
- 4- Lviv** is a very poetic city steeped in legends both ancient and relatively new. Narrow medieval streets paved with stones, architectural decoration done in different styles – all preserved in its original form. In ancient times Lviv was the capital of a mighty Slavic state called the Galicia-Volyn principality. Being a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and then Poland contributed to the formation of the city's unique image.
- 5- Odessa** is referred to as the "Pearl of the Black Sea" is the 3rd largest city in Ukraine, the largest city along the Black Sea, and the most important city of Ukraine for trade. Odessa's mild climate, warm waters and sunlit beaches attract hundreds of thousands of people year around. Its shady lanes, beautiful lightly pastel buildings and cozy squares impart to the city a certain air of intimacy.

6-Yalta



7-Kamyanets Podilsky



8-Chernihiv



9-Sophieivka Park Uman



10-Poltava



- 6- Yalta**, steep mountain peaks serve as a lovely backdrop for Yalta the jewel of the Crimean peninsula. There is no surprise that the writer Anton Chekhov would choose to live in this seaside resort—it seems to be a combination of Carmel California the French Riviera and Greece. Yalta (pop. 80 000) has exemplary resorts, museums, and beaches.
- 7- Kamyanets-Podilsky**, one of the oldest cities in Ukraine, is considered a phenomenon of great cultural importance. A rocky island skirted by the tight loop of the Smotrich River flowing in a picturesque canyon, served as a unique pedestal on which over more than a thousand years both well-known and anonymous masters created a miracle in stone.
- 8- Chernihiv** has known human settlement for over 2,000 years. The region comprises a very important historic region, notable as early as the Kyivan Rus' period, when the oblast' cities of Chernihiv and Novhorod-Sivers'kiy were frequently mentioned. The city of Chernihiv was the second most important Ukrainian city during the Rus' period of Ukrainian history, often serving as a major regional capital.
- 9- Uman Dendro Park Sophieivka** is the real world landscape architecture masterpiece of the end of the XVIII-th century and the beginning of the XIX-th. The park is spread over the territory of 154,7 hectares and is situated at the outskirts of the ancient town Cherkassy, Uman region. It is considered to be the standard of the landscape composition of water, land, architectural works and sculptures.
- 10- Poltava** is Located between Kharkiv and Kyiv in Ukraine, Poltava is best known as the site of a 1709 battle between a coalition of Cossacks, led by Mazepa, and the Swedes (Charles XII) against the Russian army of Czar Peter I. The subsequent Russian victory in battle established Russia's prominent position in Europe and consequently Ukraine's decline.

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Regarding the age of my neighbouring islands, it is known that I started to emerge some 8 million years ago whereas Reunion emerged some 5 million years later. Even if the plateau under the lagoon of wide area surrounding Rodrigues may be much more ancient than me, I am only 1.5 million years old.

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1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11.**

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