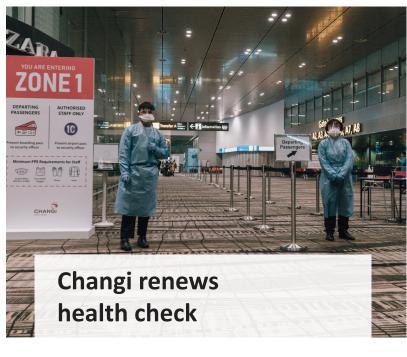


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TAT signs MoU on carbon-neutral tourism

Eight partner organisations from three key ministries and the private sector are among those aiming for net-zero emissions in tourism.

Natural Resources and Environment, and Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, as well the private sector.

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The Tourism Authority of Thailand has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with seven partner organisations to drive efforts to reach zero-emission tourism goals.

Partners in the project come from three ministries – Ministry of Tourism and Sports, Ministry of

The MoU signing ceremony presided was hosted by the Minister of Tourism and Sports, Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Warawut Silpa-archa, and Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation Anek

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TAT governor Yuthasak Supasorn said: "The MoU signals an important step forward in Thailand's efforts to reduce the impacts of climate change, both because of the intended goals and the increased cooperation among the government and private sectors."

Under the MoU directives, eight partner organisations are committed to achieving the following goals:

(1) Jointly develop knowledge related to net-zero carbon tourism suitable for the context of the Thai tourism business sector;

(2) Support the development of net-zero carbon tourism management, drive tourism routes, activities, services, and innovations managed with this concept in the Thai tourism and business

events industry;

(3) Promote a net-zero carbon approach within the demand-supply of the Thai tourism and business events industry to manage and access design guidelines and facilitate carbon offsets;

(4) Raise public awareness about climate change.

Along with TAT, the seven other partner organisations are the Designated Areas for Sustainable Tourism Administration, Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau, Thailand Science Research and Innovation, Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand, Thai **Ecotourism and Adventure** Travel Association, Program Management **Unit for Competitiveness** and Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization.

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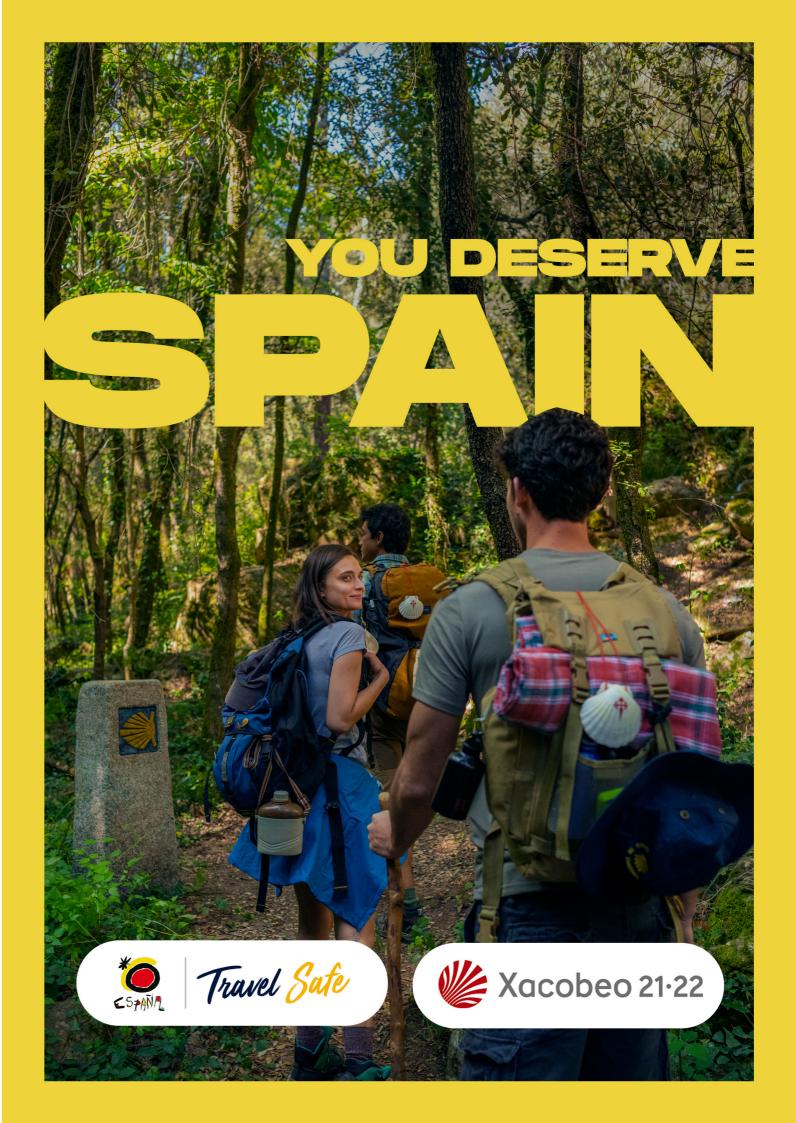




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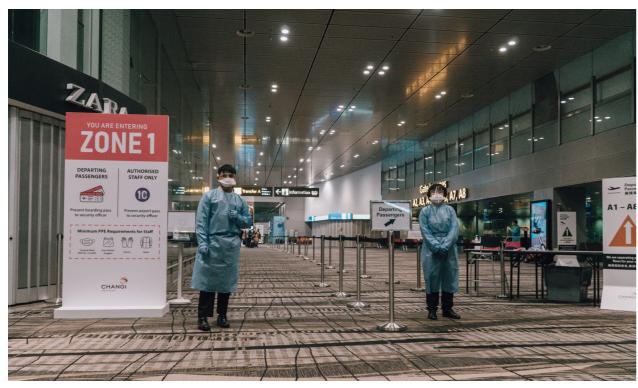
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Changi renews health check



Changi Airport's health safety standards receive international recognition with the successful renewal of ACI Health Accreditation.

Singapore Changi Airport
has successfully renewed its
accreditation under the Airports
Council International's (ACI) Airport
Health Accreditation Programme,
demonstrating that the health
measures in place at the airport are
aligned with industry best practices.

ACI introduced the Airport
Health Accreditation Programme in
mid-2020 to enable airports across
the world to demonstrate that
they have established health safety
measures in place throughout their
facilities and processes. This will
enable passengers, airport workers
and visitors to have peace of mind
when using the airport's facilities.

Among the key items in the accreditation renewal process was

how Changi segregated its terminals into different zones to minimise mixing of passengers and staff for improved health safety in both the transit and arrival areas. Based on the zones that airport staff serve in and their interaction levels with passengers, they don different levels of personal protective equipment (PPE).

These stepped-up safety measures added layers to Changi's existing Covid-19 defences to keep passengers and visitors safe and to protect airport workers. To date, Changi is also the only airport in the Asia Pacific to be certified under the ACI Health Measures Audit Programme (AHMAP), an external audit developed by ACI World in partnership with Bureau Veritas, a world leader in testing, inspection and certification. It is based on the internationally recognised SafeGuardTM standards.



Mr Lee Seow Hiang, CEO of Changi Airport Group, said, "Ensuring the health and safety of passengers, airport staff and visitors will always be the top priority for Changi Airport. We commit to working with our airport partners to maintain best practices in hygiene and protective measures. By doing so, we aim to instil a high sense of confidence among passengers and visitors alike. With these efforts, Changi Airport will emerge stronger when air travel eventually resumes.





Emirates flies to St Petersburg

Emirates will resume services to St Petersburg this October.

Emirates will resume flights to St Petersburg starting 8 October 2021.

Dubai continues to top the must-see destination list for Russian holidaymakers, providing a great Petersburg at 1645, arrives in Dubai at 2345 local time. EK 175 takes off from Dubai at 1545, arriving in St Petersburg at 2050hrs and EK176 leaves Pulkovo Airport at 2315, landing in Dubai at 0615 the next day.

As of last week, Emirates is



combination of warm weather, world-class hotels for every budget, shopping and an unparalleled set of new attractions that encourage repeat visits.

From 8 October, flights between Dubai and St Petersburg will operate four times a week, and the airline will increase its services to daily flights from 21 October. All flights will use a Boeing 777-300ER in a three-class configuration.

Emirates flight EK 173 and 174 will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while EK 175 and 176 will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

EK 173 departs Dubai at 0910, arriving at St Petersburg Pulkovo Airport at 1415. EK 174 leaves St offering 24 weekly flights to Saudi Arabia, including daily flights to the capital Riyadh, daily A380 flights to Jeddah, daily flights to Dammam and three weekly flights to Medina. Flights to Riyadh will increase to double daily from 16 September, and plans are underway to boost frequencies across the other gateways by the end of September.

To Riyadh, Emirates operates EK 2817 daily, departing Dubai at 1640, landing in King Khalid International Airport at 1740 local time. EK 2818 leaves Riyadh at 2010, arriving back in Dubai at 2320.

To Jeddah, Emirates operates EK 2803 daily, departing Dubai at 1600, landing in King Abdulaziz International Airport at 1800 local time. EK 2804 leaves Jeddah at 2000, arriving back in Dubai at 0100 the next day.

To Dammam, Emirates operates EK 2821 daily, leaving Dubai at 2050, arriving at King Fahd International Airport at 2120. EK 2822 leaves Dammam at 2245, arriving back in Dubai at 0100 the next day.

To Medina, Emirates operates EK 2809 three times weekly. The flight departs from Dubai at 1630, arriving at Prince Mohammad Bin Abdulaziz Airport at 1800. EK 2810 leaves Medina at 2000, arriving back in Dubai at 2340.

Passengers should check the Emirates Travel Hub for more information on travel requirements, including to and from Saudi Arabia. All published schedules can be found on emirates.com, and tickets can be booked on the airline's



website, mobile App, via travel agents or at the local Emirates sales office.

For more information on entry requirements for international visitors to Dubai visit: https://www.emirates.com/english/help/covid-19/dubai-travel-requirements/

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Club Med looks for greenfield projects

Club Med to expand in the Asia Pacific over the next five years targeting greenfield opportunities in Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia.

Club Med, a pioneer of all-inclusive holidays, is gearing up for an aggressive travel rebound in the Asia Pacific.

Following news of the brand's upcoming greenfield beach resort in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, due to open in 2023, Club Med is looking for opportunities in Southeast Asia, specifically in Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia over the next five years.

It has successfully reopened resorts in China and Maldives, followed by properties in North America, the Caribbean and Europe.

Domestic travel to Club Med resorts in China soared by more than 2.5 times in 2021 and is already on track to surpass prepandemic demand.

Club Med is also readying itself with an aggressive expansion pipeline.

"We entered the pandemic with a robust economic position and are well-placed for a swift, decisive and impactful rebound. Club Med has a demonstrated track record spanning more than 70 years as the pioneer of new destinations and untouched locations, with Club Med Seychelles and Club Med Lijiang as successful case studies of our recent greenfield projects around the globe, as well as the upcoming Club Med Borneo Kota Kinabalu, said Club Med CEO APAC Resorts Jean-Charles Fortoul.

"Following these successes, we have also identified Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia as markets that are well-positioned to leverage this rebound, and we are on the lookout for investors and partners to tap into the potential of these





destinations."

Club Med's greenfield beach resort in Kota Kinabalu is under development in collaboration with owners Golden Sands Beach Resort City SdnBhd (GSBRC). The 41-acre Club Med Borneo Kota Kinabalu resort will reveal a brand-new destination, encapsulating the beauty and potential of Sabah, just six hours from key Asian source markets.

"Club Med has been an outstanding partner in our collaboration for the Club Med Borneo Kota Kinabalu resort. They bring expertise in crafting unique experiences at resorts, and they have the right savoir-faire to bring them to life and elevate stays in the resort," said Peter Wong, Managing Director of Golden Sands Beach Resort City managing director, Peter Wong. "We have the

Jean-Charles Fortoul currently leads Club Med's Asia Pacific (APAC) Resorts Business Unit as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), managing resorts across APAC, comprising all countries in the Asia Pacific from Greater China to Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan and Maldives.

utmost confidence in Club Med's capabilities of creating a sense of destination at the Borneo Kota Kinabalu resort with upmarket designs that evoke emotional connections for guests with the destination, offering them the iconic Club Med experience in a site that is simply paradise."

Club Med's plans to open 16 new resorts by the end of 2023, with eight in China, has already been implemented on schedule since the first half of 2021. With 63 resorts worldwide (35 in EMEA, 12 in the Americas, 16 in APAC) to date and more resorts in the pipeline, Club Med anticipates a 26% p increase in its annual capacity by 2024, as compared to 2019.

Club Med La Rosière, France, opened in December 2020, followed by Club Med Seychelles in March 2021 and Club Med Lijiang, China, in September 2021. Club Med Québec Charlevoix will open in December 2021.



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