

EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:

1. Planning for Trip:

Going overseas offer exciting and valuable insight for the first-time travellers. Holiday-makers can choose either an *easy package tour organized by the local travel agents* or book their flight as *independent travellers (F.I.T.)*. Travel agents can also arrange a *free and easy package*, i.e. air ticket and hotel accommodation inclusive. Details shown in the air tickets are indicated by codes as stated in the *International Airfare Codes – page 87*.

2. Booking of Flight:

Airfares vary between I.A.T.A. and non-I.A.T.A. airlines. I.A.T.A. or International Association of Transportation Agents are generally not allowed to quote below selling market price prescribed by I.A.T.A. whereas Non-I.A.T.A. agents belong to non-signatory carrier airlines are not governed by I.A.T.A. regulations. All reputable airlines are shown in *International Carrier Airlines – pages 91 to 93*.

3. Departure for Airport:

Pre-planning before departure is important to avoid missing flight. All international airports imposed check-in time of 2 hours before scheduled departure time of your flight and most international airports are situated far from the city, e.g. Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) Malaysia is approximately 80 kilometers from the heart of the city centre which take about 1 to 2 hours depending on traffic conditions. Please see *International Airports Information – pages 75 to 76*.

4. Arrival at Airport:

All flight schedules are displayed on the airport TV screen or Flight Schedules Board. Details are usually shown in abbreviated codes as per *International Airlines Code – page 86*. Travellers are advised to refer to *International Flying Times and Distances – pages 88 to 90* to pre-arrange pick-up time upon arrival as well as accommodation.

5. Airport Shopping:

Shopping at the airport Duty Free shops is exempted from custom duty subject to certain prescribed quantities and/or values on liquor, perfume and cigarettes depending on the country of visit and this is shown in *International Duty Free Allowances – pages 94 to 95*. For clothing and shoe sizes, please refer to *International Shopping Guide – page 96*.

6. Arrival at Destination:

Most international airports provide *Hotels Reservation* and *Taxi/Airport Bus Counters*. Some reputable hotels do provide in-house transportation for their customers. Travellers are advised to refer to the *International Travel and Health Tips – pages 69 to 74* regarding hazards in travelling to topical countries.

The author wishes his readers -

“Happy Travelling - Bon Voyage”

