

Interesting interlining — cruises offer change of pace

Before you skip this introductory paragraph to check on the latest offerings for interliners, we'd like you to stop and think about something. Our travel benefits are among the most precious privileges we have as Piedmont employees. Reduced rate travel is a privilege and it can be lost. And probably the easiest way to lose it is to either abuse the privilege or fail to abide by the requirements set by those who offer us interline discounts. Piedmont recently received a letter from Eastern reporting that several of Piedmont's employees traveling on Eastern were not properly dressed. Nearly all carriers do have dress codes for pass and reduced rate travelers. And there is really no excuse for not knowing and abiding by the requirements. If it doesn't embarrass you personally to be improperly attired, it does embarrass your Company. Please check the requirements. Eastern's dress code for pass and reduced rate travelers is as follows: For men, a jacket and tie are required for all Eastern travel, except for intra-Caribbean routes where a leisure suit, or an open-collared shirt with sport jacket is acceptable. For women, suit or pantsuit. For children under 16, acceptable attire is clothing suitable for travel, a fine restaurant, church, etc. Eastern's personnel will enforce these rules.

Sail for half price

An interline rate of 50 per cent off the minimum fare on transatlantic crossings of Cunard's luxury liner Queen Elizabeth 2 has been announced for Piedmont employees, their families and parents by ITR Interline, Ltd.

The interline rate is \$475 for first-class accommodations, \$375 in tourist class, with a reduction for the Oct. 14 and 31 sailings to \$425 first-class and \$325 tourist. All rates are per person, double occupancy. Children two to 12 years of age, with two adult passengers, pay 50 per cent of the adult rate. Port taxes and handling charges of \$39 for adults and \$29 for children are additional. The QE2 sails from New York for Cherbourg and Southampton on a twice-monthly or three-times-a-month basis through October. The 65,000-ton ship has more than an acre of open deck space, indoor and outdoor swimming pool, sauna and massage, yoga lessons, movies, nightclubs, dancing and other activities. In first class, all staterooms provided a view of the sea and have bath and shower. There's one sitting at two restaurants overlooking the Atlantic, with complimentary champagne the first night at sea. Tourist-class staterooms, more than half with sea views, are fully carpeted and have private bathrooms. The Britainia dining room looks out on the water and serves sumptuous seven-course meals each day. Reservations and additional information can be obtained from ITR Interline, Ltd., 39 W. 55th St., New York, N. Y. 10019, telephone (212) 586-3847.

Cunard also has weekly Caribbean cruises available at interline rates. A \$239 interline rate on one week cruises on Cunard's Countess. This special price represents average savings of \$211 over regular cruise fares.

The Countess sails from San Juan every Saturday, to December 18, for La Guaira (the port of Caracas), Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Thomas. The ship's facilities include a pool, restaurant with sea view, three nightclubs, four bars, cinema, casino, library, hairdressing salons, shopping arcades, sauna and massage. The special rate covers a stateroom with double

occupancy, port taxes, full use of the ship's facilities and all meals on board. The interline fare is on a space available basis, with positive space released two to four weeks before each sailing. Reservations can be made by sending choice of date(s) with proof of airline employment and a \$100 per person deposit to ITR Interline, Ltd. Spouses, dependent children and parents are eligible for the rate, whether or not they are accompanied by the airline employee. When space becomes available, interliners will be billed for final payment. If space does not develop, deposits will be returned.

Off to Ocho Rios

Jetlegs, Inc. of Louisville is inviting interliners to try a cruise on the S.S. Veracruz. Departures are scheduled every Sunday from Miami, starting Oct. 3 through June, 1977, for Ocho Rios, Jamaica and Port Au Prince, Haiti. Special airline rates for six days and five nights vary from \$247.50 to \$297.50 plus port taxes. Piedmont employees, parents and children are eligible. In addition, single employees may invite one non-airline friend along to share a two person cabin at the airline rate. Full payment must be sent with reservation request which is required at least 20 days in advance. Once confirmed, payment is not refundable. For further information write Jetlegs, Inc., Box 91064, Louisville, Ky. 40291.

Positive space packages

A new interline company, called New Horizons Unlimited, has a variety of vacation packages available for Piedmont employees. In association with TWA, El Al and Czechoslovakian Airlines, New Horizons' offerings include more than a dozen destinations. The Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Israel and European capitals are among the featured vacation spots.

The company is also constructing a computerized mailing list. To receive their future positive space vacation tour information as it is published — at no charge — you should send a written request to be added to their mailing list. To do this or to request current tour brochures write New Horizons Unlimited, P. O. Box 747, Madison Square Station, New York, N. Y. 10010.

Invitation to Istanbul

General Manager Rudi Richter of the Inter-Continental in Istanbul invites you to visit his hotel and enjoy the magical city on the Bosphorus. Take advantage of his special package to see the Golden Horn, Galata Bridge, Byzantine churches, Baroque palaces, Greek and Roman remains and the 92 winding streets of the world's largest covered bazaar. His offer, available on request until further notice, includes a single at \$10, double for \$15 (plus 15 per cent service charge), a welcome drink, free entrance to pool and a 50 per cent discount on Turkish bath and sauna. For reservations contact your nearest Inter-Continental reservations office or the Hotel Inter-Continental in Istanbul directly.

Shop in Chicago

Airline Services Unlimited has opened an airline employee boutique in the Chicago Airport. Like ASU's five other boutiques, the Chicago store will give airline employees substantial discounts on women's sportswear, jewelry, cosmetics, men's apparel, hosiery, travel products, stereos, and many other items. The store is located in the mall area directly under the O'Hare Hilton, a three-minute walk from the United ticket counter. It is open only to airline employees. ASU extends the same generous discounts to airline employees at its two stores in the San Francisco area. The ASU Travel Guide, the most comprehensive directory of interline discounts, is currently being offered at the special rate of \$12 per year for four issues. For more information and free brochures, contact ASU at 1335 Columbus Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94133.

Celebrate earlier

With private pilots and airline personnel in mind, The First Flight Society will hold the annual Wright Brothers celebration on Sunday, Sept. 19, this year. The North Carolina Aero Club will co-sponsor the event at Kitty Hawk. Up to 200 members are expected to fly in for the occasion. The change in date this year from the Dec. 17 anniversary, represents a Bicentennial project.

The Bicentennial contribution will be to encourage all who are interested to visit the Wright Brothers Museum, see the exact model of the Kitty Hawk Flyer in which Orville Wright made man's first successful powered flight in a heavier than air machine, and browse among the exhibits.

A 65-foot granite monument was erected atop Kill Devil Hill in 1928. Permanent markers show the landing points of the 1903 flights. Replicas of the hangar and living quarters used by the famous brothers have been constructed, and a visitors center houses planes and exhibits. A 3000-foot paved runway and ramp make the area accessible to airmen from everywhere. The entire site is designated as the Wright Brothers National Memorial and is maintained by the National Park Service. More than a million people tour the facility annually.

The First Flight Society is dedicated to the origin, history, and future of flight. It is the only aviation organization directly connected with the first flight, and it welcomes members, wherever they may be, who express an interest in the purpose of the Society and a willingness to contribute to the accomplishment of its objectives.

The September 19th program will include a short ceremony and aerial demonstration at the visitors center at 11:00 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. the annual luncheon meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn at nearby Nags Head. A prominent aviation speaker will address the meeting, and this year's honoree will be inducted into The First Flight Shrine. Well known aviation people from many states will be present to celebrate, if not to worship, at the Shrine of Aviation.

Fiesta in Florida

The High-Q Hotel would like to be your sunshine headquarters if you are planning to visit Florida during September or October. Located in Orlando, the hotel is 10 minutes away from all of the central Florida attractions, headlined by Walt Disney World. Their special Airline Fiesta package includes two nights deluxe accommodations, admission to Walt Disney World, use of WDW transportation-monorail, ferry boat and tram-throughout the Magic Kingdom, one eight adventure ticket book to the WDW theme park and a welcome cocktail at their Q room. Reservations are required. To make them, call toll free 800-327-1366 or write the High-Q, 5905 International Dr., Orlando, Fla. 32809. The per person package rates, effective Sept. 1 through Oct., are \$43.75 for a single, \$27.75 for a double, \$23.75 for a triple or \$21.75 for a quad. Extra night options are also available.

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