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US visa waiver authorization on Internet

WASHINGTON: Starting on Monday, travelers from 35 countries must request authorization online to enter the United States, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said on Friday.

The Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) has been applicable since August 2008, but will become compulsory from January 12 for applicable European countries, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

These countries are currently exempted from visa requirements to enter the United States for short visits under the Visa Waiver Programme (VWP). The new programme will keep travel to the United States "visa free" for travelers from VWP countries, the DHS said. Instead of travelers filling out paper I-94 visa waiver cards en route to the United States, the new measure requires online registration.

It is a "free service, the approval comes back very quickly ... it is almost immediate," said DHS spokeswoman Kathleen Kraninger.

Once approved, the waiver is valid for years, she added

Oasis - Winner of 'Sell premium, fly in style' promotion

From October 15 to December 15, 2008, Etihad ran an exciting promotion for the travel trade industry in Pakistan, offering travel agency representative a free premium ticket for every 10 Diamond First or Pearl Business Class tickets sold during the promotional period. The picture here shows Mr. Ken Marshall, Etihad's Acting Area Manager for Etihad Pakistan, presenting to Mr. Ali Akbar Jalali of Oasis Travels, the first lucky claimant, an Etihad Pearl Business Class ticket to an Etihad destination of his choice.



Special Offer on Emirates Airlines

Emirates Airlines has introduced a special offer on its new route to Los Angeles. Fly Emirates First Class to Los Angeles and spend 2 nights at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa for free.

Or Fly Emirates Business Class to Los Angeles and spend 1 night at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa for free.

This offer is valid for all journeys between 1st January – 31st March 2009. Contact your Oasis Agent for more information on this, or any other, special promotion.



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When: 15 Jan – 15 Feb
Where: Dubai, UAE

International Istanbul Fashion Festival

When: 5 – 7 Feb
Where: Istanbul, Turkey

Galle Literary Festival

When: 28 Jan - 1 Feb 2009
Where: Galle, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Bangkok Chinese New Year Festival

When: January 2009 (annual)
Where: Bangkok, Thailand

Thaipusam Batu Caves

When: January 2009 (annual)
Where: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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