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The Missing Smile *by Clancy Philippe*

It has now been one year since you went missing from my life. I now realise how much your ever smiling face made me a very happy person. It gave me no reason to complain about absolutely anything. Your smile has been permanently etched into my being. When I get sad, all I need to do is to see your smile again and I am happy again.

Some people call it Madeleine's Eternal Smile. That smile has enriched those who received it. The memory of your smile will last forever. None are so rich that they can get along without it and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

It has and still creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill within the family and is the countersign of friends. It has provided rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble.

More than that, your smile still brings happiness to people worldwide through the medium that crosses path with the Angels. Many thousands everyday will contemplate your smile and feel somewhat better in themselves. May be for the delicious meals they are about to receive, but also for the love that is very much of what made you the person that you were.

These days, you are with the Angels and I will bet that your smile will bring happiness to many of us who are blessed with the privilege of your visits and blessings. Your smile will keep me and your loved ones going until we are all together again.



Madeleine Philippe 1938-2011

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- Visits to www.cjp.net top 4500 daily

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Recipes by Madeleine Philippe

<http://ile-maurice.tripod.com>

Crêpes (Pancakes)



Crêpes Douces (Crêpes Suzette)

Ingredients:

1. 250 grams sifted white flour
2. 75 grams caster sugar
3. Pinch of salt
4. 6 eggs
5. 1/2 cup (125 ml) milk
6. 1 teaspoon vanilla sugar
7. 3 teaspoons brandy
8. 1 tablespoon melted butter

Sauce Ingredients:

1. 75 grams butter
2. 75 grams caster sugar
3. 3 tablespoons of your favourite liqueur
4. juice from 1 tangerine
5. sugar for sprinkling



Method:

1. Mix the flour with sugar and salt. Gradually add eggs and milk. Beat well.
2. Add other ingredients. Blend together well. Leave to stand for 1 hour.
3. Heat some butter in a small pan, pour in 1 tablespoon batter and cook quickly on one side, toss and brown the other side.
4. Put the pancakes on a warm to medium hot pan.
5. Serve very hot.
6. Cream the butter, add the sugar and beat in well.
7. Add the liqueur and tangerine juice. Mix well.
8. Sprinkle with sugar, pour the sauce over and serve very hot.

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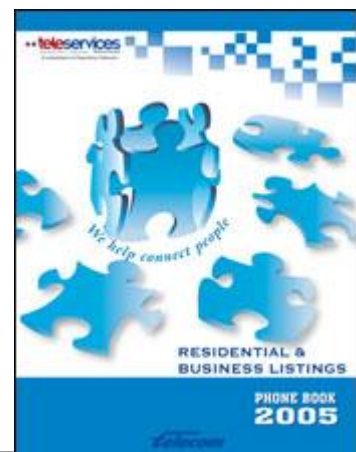
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Update on Air Mauritius Services in Australia

by Donald E Payen, Executive Vice President, Commercial & Communications

The Aviation industry is experiencing challenging times and the future outlook looks bleak. Rising fuel costs, weakening of demand in most markets, currency fluctuation are some of the problems faced by most airlines around the globe. These same airlines are facing their worst losses. Many of them are re-thinking their business model and are taking bold decisions.



Air Mauritius has not been immune to these challenges and our financial results just released for the third quarter of 2011/2012 bears testimony of these difficult times. We have been hit severely by the high costs of fuel and the volatility of the Euro/Dollar exchange rate.

However we had proactively engaged in a review of our business model and the main recommendations revolve around a Network concentration, a cost reduction programme and revenue enhancement initiatives. The loss-making routes will be suspended and are going to be served through hubs.

What that means for the Australian Operations:

The Sydney/Melbourne flights will be suspended as from 05th June 2012 as the losses are unsustainable. This is unfortunate as we have all been working hard to fill the flights - our well wishers in Melbourne and Sydney (especially our Mauritian friends), the Tour operators and travel agents, and my colleagues in Australia and in Mauritius.

Air Mauritius is however introducing a second PERTH flight with an Airbus A 330 aircraft (more economical than the four engine A 340) as from 05th June 2012, therefore providing almost the same capacity to the Australian market. A third flight will be introduced as soon as possible to provide more flexibility to the market. We will then serve the destinations throughout Australia through our partner Virgin Australia, a most respected airline in Australia. The day & timing of the current flight will be adjusted so that both flights give connection to/from the eastern state's cities.

The days and times of operations of the two flights will be as follows:

Departure	Mauritius	Tuesday/Saturday	@ 2245 hours
Arrival	Perth	Wednesday/Sunday	@ 1020 hours
Departure	Perth	Wednesday/Sunday	@ 1230 hours
Arrival	Mauritius	Wednesday/Sunday	@ 1705 hours

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How is Air Mauritius helping the passengers affected by the schedule changes:

Passengers booked on the Melbourne-Mauritius & Sydney-Mauritius flights as from 05th June 2012 will be transferred on the Perth- Mauritius flight and the corresponding connection will be done. For ticketed passengers, the ticket will be re-issued by Air Mauritius at no extra cost and emailed back to them.

Ticketed passengers

Will be re-booked on alternate MK flights to final destination (provided initial itinerary is issued on a single ticket) **at no extra cost to passengers.**

Passengers opting to cancel their travel will be fully refunded (**without penalty**).

Free STPC (up to 2 nights) in MRU for passengers missing their onward connection to/from MRU on MK flights.

Booked but not ticketed

Will be re-booked on alternate MK flights.

The applicable fare for the re-booked PNR will depend on the prevailing fare structure plus applicable taxes and fuel surcharges at the time of ticket issuance.

The following changes will also be made to our flying programme through the Summer 2012 season,

Route Withdrawals - Effective June 2012

Milan

(to be serviced instead on a daily basis via Paris)

Route Withdrawals - Effective end October 2012

Frankfurt, Geneva, Munich

(to be serviced on a daily basis via Paris)

Bangalore

(to be serviced instead via Mumbai and Chennai)

Durban

(to be serviced on a daily basis via Johannesburg)

Any affected bookings will appear on the reservation system in due course.

Air Mauritius regrets any inconvenience caused as a result of these changes. Our offices in Melbourne & Sydney are available for any assistance.

Note from Mauritius Australia Connection: Please confirm changes with Air Mauritius.



Madeleine Philippe Memorial Week Sat 3—Sun 11 March 2012

Invitation to participate

We would like to invite all Madeleine's fans and lovers of Mauritian Cuisine worldwide to celebrate Madeleine's life and the amazing culinary legacy she has left, by taking part in the Madeleine Philippe Memorial Week which runs from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th March 2012.

You can participate simply by choosing one or more of her recipes at <http://ile-maurice.tripod.com> to cook for, or share with your family, friends and customers during the "Madeleine Philippe Memorial Week". After the event, even if it is just a simple lunch with friends, we would be delighted to receive an email telling us about the chosen recipes. Alternatively, share a drink with your family and friends for the occasion. Please take some photos of the celebration and send these to us at clancy@cjp.net

We will publish an album of a selection of the best photos on our web site. This event will also be advertised and followed up with articles in the Mauritius Australia Connection monthly "Rougaille Newsletter".

As most of you will know, we lost Madeleine in February 2011, to cancer after a 5 year long, hard and courageous battle but her legacy lives on. Her excellent web site "Recipes from Mauritius" continues to provide help to her thousands of fans worldwide as to how to cook and prepare the delicious Mauritian dishes that we all enjoy. Husband Clancy continues her work, putting online the many other recipes from her notebooks.

PREPARATION IS PARAMOUNT!

We invite you to start preparation for the "Madeleine Philippe Memorial Week" by nominating a day during this week on which to remember Madeleine in this very special way. Please email Clancy at clancy@cjp.net with details of your chosen dish or dishes, the proposed date and how you will be celebrating the event.

Your participation would be a tremendous boost and comfort for husband Clancy especially at a time when one year on, the anniversary of Madeleine's passing comes around. Let's make it a time to celebrate her life and continue her work, bringing the secrets of our famous Mauritian Cuisine to the table.

Thank you in anticipation of your taking part. On behalf of the family, Madeleine herself and Clancy, we wish you Bon Appetit. She will be watching!

After the event, do not forget to send Clancy your stories and of course the photos.

Note: If you cannot celebrate as per above, a small donation to the Madeleine Philippe Cancer Foundation (Aus) Inc at www.mpcfaus.org would be most appreciated.

Mauritian Community Radio 3ZZZ in Melbourne - 92.3 FM



www.3zzzmauritian.com/

The Mauritian Community Broadcasting Group is one of over 60 ethnic groups broadcasting in their own language on radio 3ZZZ. Its first broadcast went to air on 24 June 1989. In those days, the program had an hour a week. In 1992, the MCBG was granted a second hour and continues to present a 2-hour program weekly.

The Mauritian program which is a magazine-style program can be heard every Saturday from noon to 2 pm on 92.3 FM, broadcasting essentially in French and in Creole with some English. With a focus on the community, the program includes news from Mauritius, interviews, music including segas and French songs, community reports, cultural and historical segments, requests and quizzes and also covers events of significance such as Republic Day of Mauritius, Australia Day, etc. It is the voice of the Mauritian community of Melbourne and acts as a link between Mauritians in Victoria with compatriots living in other parts of the globe.

The program is the responsibility of a committee of 7, elected every 2 years by the financial members. The committee for 2010-2012 comprises:

Convenor: Orietta Wheatley; Deputy-Convenor: Stéphane Nankoo; Secretary: Viviane Grenouille; Treasurer: Benjamin Rosemond; Assistant Treasurer: Richard D'Avrincourt; Members: Nella Roussel (PRO) and Ghislaine Miller.

The team of broadcasters includes the seven committee members plus Solange Lajoie and Patrick Morel, with Danielle Laville and Jean Michel currently completing training. Another 6 volunteer receptionists complete this dynamic team that comes together in groups of 4 or 5 on a rostered basis, to prepare and present programs, carry out interviews, operate the panel or answer the phone every Saturday.

For all enquiries, messages and notices, either write to us to Mauritian Program, Radio 3ZZZ, 144 George St Fitzroy, 3065 or to PO Box 8061, Croydon, 3136

Or email us at 3zzzmauritian@gmail.com

Or fax us on 9733 1217



Jews in Mauritius

The story starts when thousands of Jews were trying to flee Nazi persecution in Europe around 1940. About 1,600 Jewish refugees escaped Europe by boat and when they reached Haifa, Israel, they were not allowed to stay but were deported to the island of Mauritius by the British.

They arrived on island on December 27, 1940 and were taken to Beau Bassin prison where the men were separated from their wives and children who were placed in barracks. They were deprived of all basic human rights.

On January 11, 1941 the Jewish community of South Africa tried to assist in improving the conditions of the refugees but the Colonial Office took a clear stand against it. When many became sick and died because of the poor conditions a plot of ground at one end of the St Martin Cemetery in Petite-Riviere became the Jewish Cemetery.

The Zionist Association of Mauritius (ZAM) wrote to the Maccabi, a Jewish club of Cape Town, asking for books and Jewish newspapers. This letter was published in the South African Jewish Chronicle. There was a huge response from South Africa and 10 cases of books and magazines, as well as 60 cases of clothing were sent to the camp. This shipment was followed by others on a monthly basis.



The Jewish organisations in South Africa took an interest in the detainees and announced their intention to send a delegation to Mauritius to meet the refugees and have a first-hand look at the conditions in the camp. Reluctance was shown by the Colonial office. The Chief Rabbi appointed Mr. Birger, the only Mauritian Jew on the island to be the representative between South Africa and the detainees.

On August 11, 1945 the detainees left Mauritius on board the Franconia. They were worried what would happen to the Jewish cemetery. The government of Mauritius decided to transfer the property to the South African Board of Deputies. Over time the poor quality stone eroded because of the bad weather and it was also knocked over by cyclones. Today this cemetery is in a very good condition. Donations were sent and it was restored by the South African Board of Deputies and the United Jewish Appeal and also the Birger family in Mauritius. Mr. Jacques Desmarais maintained the cemetery at his own expense out of a sense of idealism.

By Anette Lenk

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