

Flight Centre celebrates landing in Aberdeen

New travel flagship store on Union Street is just the ticket for travellers

Aberdeen travellers have a new destination to plan their future holidays with the opening of a new inspirational flagship store by Flight Centre UK.

The travel expert will unveil its Aberdeen store on **Thursday 10 July 2014**, making it their 8th Flight Centre store in Scotland, alongside their stores in Glasgow and Edinburgh. The new Aberdeen store is situated at 172 Union Street, with eye catching displays showcasing the range of holidays on offer. The store marks a new edition in the history of the Grade 2 listed building on Union Street.

To celebrate the opening of the new store, Flight Centre will be offering £100 off selected holiday bookings made by visitors to the store during the month of July.

Residents of Aberdeen are invited to peruse the latest range of flights and holidays deals, browse the handpicked selection of worldwide holidays; from city breaks in Paris or New York; classic journeys in Thailand, Australia and New Zealand; to four and five star tropical beach resorts. And the team of experienced travel experts are on hand to offer the best advice and the most competitive travel deals available, to save customers both time and money.

The new flagship store will be home to 60 employees, 30 of which will be new recruits, bringing exciting job opportunities to the area; Flight Centre is one of *The Sunday Times'* Best Companies to work for and recently was awarded one of this year's Best Workplaces in the UK.

Although this is the first Flight Centre store in Aberdeen, the company's specialist business travel division FCm Travel Solutions, which has been operating in the city for 10 years, is also moving into the same building. It has extensive expertise in the offshore, marine and energy sectors, providing corporate travel solutions for over 40 national and multinational companies in the region.

FCm is going from strength to strength and has recently been awarded the contract to manage travel for KCA Deutag, further strengthening its market position and expertise in the area.

Alison Zacher, MD of Flight Centre Retail UK says: "We are delighted to be opening our stunning new flagship store in Aberdeen which we believe customers will find truly inspiring. With all Flight Centre's travel experiences under one roof from great airfares, premium upgrades, holidays to business travel solutions, we will provide customers with a one-stop store for all their travel requirements."

Aberdeen Store General Manager, Nicole Bendall adds: "I am very excited to be managing our new travel store here in Aberdeen. We look forward to welcoming keen travellers and people across the city looking for tailor-made holidays and great value airfares and to being part of the business community here."

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Note to editors:

Alison Zacher, MD of Flight Centre Retail UK, is available for interview about the new store and on-going strategy for retail growth across the UK.

About Flight Centre:

Since opening its first store in 1995, **Flight Centre** (<u>www.flightcentre.co.uk</u> / 0800 258 5773) has expanded to over 87 UK high street <u>locations</u> offering flight only, packages, tours and overland travel. In February 2014, Flight Centre was proud to be listed in *The Sunday Times* Top 100 Company for the 10th time and in May 2014, achieved 19th place in the Great Place to Work® UK listing and 22nd place in the Europe listing in June 2013. Flight Centre is open seven days a week: Customers can call from 7.00am – 11pm weekdays and 9am – 8pm weekends.

Working with over 85 airlines, Flight Centre offers the lowest airfares on the market, backed up by its Fly For Free price promise. If Flight Centre can't find a cheaper airfare in the same cabin, on the same scheduled flight, then customers can fly for free.

It provides free 24/7 Emergency Assistance Support and every customer benefits from a Dedicated Personal Travel Expert. ABTA and Atol protected.
