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Good Job!

Flight Centre UK has been nominated as one of the Best Companies to Work For at The Sunday Times 100 Best Companies

Flight Centre UK has been recognised as one of this year's Best Companies to Work For, for the tenth year. This accolade sees the company appearing at number 60, as revealed at *The Sunday Times* 100 Best Companies awards ceremony held at Battersea Evolution. Flight Centre UK received an on-stage award for their "ten years commitment to making the world a better workplace".

897 organisations were entered with some 250,000 employees surveyed making it the largest survey of workplace engagement in the UK. They survey both employees and management to get a holistic view of the organisation's HR policies and practices and how these are perceived by employees.

Chris Galanty, Flight Centre UK Managing Director says, "We are proud to be recognised as a 'Best Company to Work For' and delighted that our staff feel it is one of the UK's best places to work. Our people are our greatest asset and we have a strong focus across the company to provide opportunities for development and career progression as the company is expanding rapidly to become a £1.5 billion company by 2018. We recognise that the people running our company in 2018 are the people working in our shops today."

Many new opportunities are being created as part of Flight Centre's growth plans including their new 'shops of the future' opening on high street locations nationwide. These new shops reflect a new cutting-edge design with digital window screens showing the latest travel offers at a glance. 'Shops of the future' will house up to 10 teams across a range of Flight Centre's brands, from those specialising in leisure travel to their corporate businesses. This not only creates a village atmosphere for employees but it also encourages movement across brands and provides more opportunities for advancement in their current role and leadership roles.

More jobs will be created as a result of opening these new teams, not only giving current employees the opportunity to transfer to a new office or brand, but also creating more jobs within local communities. Flight Centre is aiming for a 12% growth which means an additional 150 staff serving more customers.

Flight Centre has also established a Leadership Academy to focus on leadership development and succession planning. The company knows the future leaders of the business are the ones working in the stores today, which is why Leadership Academy ensures everyone has a clear path for progression as well as the opportunities and training they need to achieve their career goals.

Flight Centre UK is committed to ensuring its employees are happy through a range of benefits that promote a positive workplace culture. The main staff benefits include:

Uncapped sales commission structure and business ownership scheme

- Discounted travel and fantastic incentives from the world's top travel providers
- Industry renowned social events and excellent company culture
- Exceptional career progression with opportunities across the globe
- Fast-track leadership programme to develop the future leaders of the business
- Comprehensive induction, sales, product and leadership training
- Free and confidential financial advice from their in-house financial advisors
- Free health consultations, discounted fitness sessions and gym memberships
- Discounted physiotherapy, massage, reflexology, tax-free bikes and more
- Opportunity to take a three month sabbatical after five years

To find out more about current Flight Centre UK recruitment opportunities, visit www.flightcentrecareers.co.uk

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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 85 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 June 2013, achieved 10th place in the Great Place to Work® UK listing and 22nd place in the Europe listing.

Flight Centre is open seven days a week:

Customers can call from 7.30am – 10pm 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.
