

Fancy a quick get away?

Kent residents looking for some early summer sun will soon be able to make a quick escape to some of Europe's most desirable destinations from Manston, Kent's International Airport.

Charter tour operator Newmarket Holidays' first flight from Manston this year takes place on Tuesday, April 27, and lands in Malta for an eight-day stay in the heart of the Mediterranean.

Holidaymakers can also take advantage of the tour operator's packages to Italy, Austria, Croatia, Portugal and new for this year, Madeira, a beautiful island off the coast of Africa. Prices on offer start from £279 per person for a week in Malta but options are available to suit all budgets.

Alison Keeble, Regional Charter Director at Newmarket Holidays, said: "Thanks to the strong demand from Kent residents in previous years, we are pleased to be offering the additional destination of Madeira for the 2010 season. Our escorted tours have always proved popular as we make it easy for people to get out and about and really see the country they are staying in.

"This summer you can escape to some of the most beautiful resorts in Europe – experience Italy's spectacular Lake Garda, the canals of Venice, Croatia's breathtaking scenery, the fresh mountain air in the Austrian Tyrol or Portugal's silver coast."

Bargain seekers may want to consider a visit to Croatia as all trips have recently been reduced by £100. Holidaymakers can experience seven nights from £439 and with three tour options available, there is something for everyone.

Tom Wilson, Chief Executive, Infratil Airports Europe, said: “Newmarket Holidays provide some great destinations so we are delighted that they will be operating from Manston again this year. By choosing Manston, passengers can have a stress-free start to their holiday with cheap parking and a quick check-in process.”

The full range of Newmarket holidays from Manston is available at www.newmarketholidays.co.uk. Visitors to the website should click on the ‘Air Holidays & Breaks’ section and then ‘Kent International (Manston)’ in the drop down ‘Select your airport’ section. Alternatively, call 0843 316 1148.

For holidaymakers looking to explore the UK, daily flights from Manston to Edinburgh will begin on Thursday, May 27. Operated by Flybe, the UK’s Number One Domestic Airline, some of the 80 minute flights are already 50% full so early booking is advisable. Tickets are on sale now at www.flybe.com from £24.99 one way including taxes and charges.