

Dear Members,

51st Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2018 Interline Celebration **51st AGA Package**

Registrations

There are still some hotel rooms available for any member who wishes to make a late registration to attend the 51st AGA. Registration forms should be sent no later than 7 September. The Interline Club of Portugal are anticipating around 180 will be participating at the event.

Additional Nights

Participants who require an additional night(s) should make their request with the utmost urgency as the hotel is reporting that a very limited number of rooms are now available.

Flight Information

Participants are once again reminded to advise the Interline Club of Portugal as soon as possible their intended flight arrival/departure dates and times into/from Lisbon and/or Funchal: waca2018funchal@gmail.com copy waca2018funchal@interline.pt.

Special Meals

Any participant requiring special meals must inform the Interline Club of Portugal in advance so the Club can make the necessary arrangements with the hotel.

Confirmed Flights

Participants are once again reminded that flights are not included in the package price but blocks of confirmed seats have been arranged by the Interline Club of Portugal LIS/FNC/LIS on two TAP Air Portugal flights as follows:

Flight Option No. 1

TP1671/14OCT LIS 1040 1225 FNC

TP1674/18OCT FNC 1000 1135 LIS

Cost: EUR 224.00 (taxes included at the 1 May 2018 rate)

Flight Option No. 2

TP1681/14OCT LIS 1330 1515 FNC

TP1682/18OCT FNC 1310 1450 LIS

Cost: EUR 214.00 (taxes included at the 1 May 2018 rate)

Participants who wish to take advantage of one of the above flights should send their request to: waca2018funchal@interline.pt copy waca2018funchal@interline.pt by 5 September at the latest. The request must also include the participant's full name as it is shown in their passport, the passport number, validity and nationality.

Pre-AGA Tour: Morocco Imperial Cities (Tours Nos. 1 and 2)

Sold Out

Selling out not one but two pre-AGA tours to Morocco at the request of interliners was a great pleasure advises the Interline Club of Portugal and the Club hopes all participants enjoy the Imperial Cities of Morocco.

Flight Information

The Interline Club of Portugal reminds participants on the pre-AGA Tours to

Morocco to advise as soon as possible their intended flight arrival date and time into Lisbon (LIS) airport.

Commencement of the Tours Meeting Point

Participants on the pre-AGA tours are reminded that the meeting point for the commencement of both Tour Nos. 1 and 2 will be in the Lisbon (LIS) airport arrivals hall near the Abreu Travel Agent counter on 7 October at 11:45 where documentation for both tours will be handed out to participants at that time.

Commencement of the Tours

At the conclusion of the tours participants are reminded that they will be flown from Morocco to Funchal via Lisbon on 13 October.

Passport Validity

It is important to note that all passports must have at least six months validity to enter the Kingdom of Morocco.

Direct Flights to Casablanca or Marrakesh

Participants who wishes to fly directly from their own country Casablanca or Marrakesh to join their respective tour are requested to inform the Interline Club of Portugal by 7 September at the latest.

Post-AGA Tour: Alentejo and Andalusia

Sold Out

The post-AGA tour to Alentejo and Andalusia was also a sold success and the Interline Club of Portugal wishes all participants a most enjoyable tour.

Commencement of the Tour

At the commencement of the tour participants will be flown from Funchal to Lisbon on 18 October.

Conclusion of the Tour

It is estimated that the time of arrival in Lisbon at the conclusion of the tour will be around 19:00–20:00 on 23 October the Interline Club of Portugal advises. Should any participant require a hotel room for the night of 23 October they are advised that they will have to make their own arrangements. Alternatively, should any participant wish to leave the tour in Cordoba after breakfast on 23 October this can be arranged. This option will allow participants to take the train to Madrid where they could connect with flights back to their respective countries.

Lisbon Stopovers

Many participants may wish to spend additional time in Lisbon en route to or from Funchal. The Interline Club Portugal has not made arrangements with any Lisbon hotel but recommends the following hotels situated near Lisbon (LIS) airport with free shuttle service: Holiday Inn Express Lisbon Airport, TRYP Lisboa Aeroporto and Star inn Lisbon Airport.

Public Relations

Public Relations Coordinator

The North American Regional Coordinator, *Linda Lenters*, has been appointed as the Public Relations Coordinator for the 51st AGA: The 2018 Interline Celebration and she writes at this year's AGA which is being hosted by the Interline Club of Portugal I will be organising some fund raising events for WACA and charities with the help of the hosting Club. This year we will once again have a 50/50 draw

and a tombola. Last year we had many participants who helped with these fund raising activities and I would like to thank them all. This year I will be looking for volunteers to sell tickets for the 50/50 and beads for the tombola as well as setting up the tombola gifts and distributing the gifts to the lucky winners. If you are interested in assisting in these activities please e-mail me at yycic@hotmail.com so I can get organised these activities with you prior to the 51st AGA commencing.

Tombola

For members who will be attending the AGA for the first time the aim of the tombola is to have each participant bring a gift for the tombola with a minimum value of USD 10.00. With your generosity our goal is to have at least 100 wonderful gifts. Throughout the AGA we will be selling tombola “beads” and, hopefully, we will have a dedicated room where we can display the gifts to encourage everyone to buy the beads. The beads will be sold with a generous one-in-five chance of winning one of the wonderful gifts we expect to be donated. If you are one of the lucky winners with a numbered bead, you will hold onto it until all the beads have been sold. Once all the beads have been sold, the gifts will be randomly numbered and your winning number will be matched against the gift which will be your prize. The tombola is great fun and we also sell out of beads in a very short time. We are, of course, hoping to do this again this year so remember to buy early and buy lots! *Note that the straws for the tombola will be sold in United States dollars and Euro so please remember to bring some USD or Euro cash with you.*

Madeira – Pearl of the Atlantic

Not for nothing is Madeira called the “Pérola do Atlântico”! There is so much to see and experience on this beautiful island that participants will find it hard to choose a programme during their visit! Participants may want to tour the beautiful gardens such as the Monte Palace Tropical Garden, with its testimonies of Portuguese history, the Church of Our Lady of Mount and the botanical garden with more than 2,500 species of plants and about 300 exotic birds. Perhaps they may prefer to visit the “Mercado dos Lavradores”, the market hall with its flower market and the hustle and bustle of vegetables, fruit and fish stalls, followed by lunch and have a portion of grilled “lapas”, a popular shellfish dish, or eat another typical specialty in one of the small restaurants in the picturesque lanes and take a toboggan sledge ride in the afternoon. Others will probably prefer an adventurous tour on the Madeira pirate ship Santa Maria de Columbo, an exact replica of the flagship of Christopher Columbus. Funchal and the surrounding area offer something for every taste and we are sure that you will not be bored! Details about the 51st AGA, the pre- and post-AGA tours as well as registration forms can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: www.waca.org/events.

WACA Contact

A September 2018 issue of the WACA Contact is attached to this e-mail which replaces all previous issues.

Grand Venture Bonanza

And the Winners is ...

The fifth draw of 2018 for a USD 100.00 cash prize donated by WACA was made today by IATA Manager Aviation Facilitation, *Ilker Duzgoren*. There were 564 tickets in the draw and the lucky winner is *Marcellus D'Agrosa* from the Interairline Club Zurich with ticket number 13927. ***Congratulations.***

Next Draw

The remaining 563 tickets will now be included in the next draw to be held in September for a USD 100.00 cash prize donated by WACA.

Reminder of Other Prizes Donated in 2018

Two more USD 100.00 cash prizes donated by WACA.

Events Calendar

New Listing

The Interline Club of Israel is once again pleased to invite all interliners to visit Israel this time for a "Sunny Winter Interline Event in the Holy Land" from 6–13 February. Staying in Jerusalem, the tour will visit the old and new parts of the city, the Dead Sea, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Haifa, Acre and many other historical sites.

Details on the above event can be found in the Event Calendar section of the WACA website: www.waca.org/events.

Membership Messages

Communicate

"Membership Messages" are sent out on a regular basis to WACA Member Clubs, Members-at-Large and other individuals closely connected to WACA. Recipients in Member Clubs are requested to forward these messages to all members of their respective Club or direct their members to the News and Press Releases section of WACA's website where the messages are posted:

www.waca.org/news/Pages/index.aspx.

Contribute

If any WACA member has anything they would like to contribute to the next "Membership Message" please send the information to the attention of the WACA Administration Manager at WACA Headquarters.

Yours in interlining,

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