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AIR CHATHAMS CONFIRMS GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Air Chathams can confirm the latest and most significant technology development for the airline with their presence on travel industry Global Distribution Systems (GDS) Amadeus and Sabre. Bookings will be available to agencies aligned with these platforms from the 1st of July 2019. This follows the Air Chathams website upgrade by Tomahawk and the new booking system implemented by Travel Technology Interactive (TTI).

If you're not in the travel industry, you may not be familiar with the increased exposure and international integration this development will give the growing regional airline. A GDS provides a computerised platform for sales between travel agencies, other airlines, hotels and car rental companies as global network travel industry providers. The GDS is not a reservations system but uses real-time information like the number of seats available on a flight, the number of hotel rooms or number of cars available to the travel trade, mainly travel agents, both in New Zealand and all over the world.

What's exciting for passengers is that when a travel agency in Sydney requests a reservation on an Air Chathams flight, the global distribution system then sends the request direct to Air Chathams booking system, in turn saving the passenger and agent from having to make additional or separate arrangements.

Simply put, it gives Air Chathams routes much greater visibility from wherever you are, making it easier to put together combined travel itineraries to and from all Air Chathams destinations. Think London to Whanganui, Perth to Whakatane and Kapiti Coast to Norfolk Island and beyond.

The move also provides Air Chathams with the ability to support interline air travel in the future (checking your bags all the way through) – a much desired service provision which will be greatly welcomed by regional and international passengers once operational.

Released to the travel trade and industry at the same time are the latest Group Booking Travel Terms offered by the airline for groups of 10 passengers or more. These are truly significant steps for a regional airline making its name in New Zealand for its quality service and customer care.

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