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Norwegian unlocks new Escape Lounge to Premium passengers at Oakland-San Francisco

Low-cost airline Norwegian will give Premium passengers travelling to Gatwick from Oakland International Airport (OAK) free access to the airport's brand new Escape Lounge from this month.

Passengers flying in Norwegian's Premium cabin on its award-winning low-cost flights from the Bay Area will benefit from complimentary access to the new Escape Lounge operated by Manchester Airports Group (MAG) USA, subsidiary of the largest UK-owned airport group. Access to the Escape

Lounge will complement the existing free access to No1 Lounges at Gatwick for all Norwegian Premium passengers.

The new Escape Lounge at OAK will be the first to open on the West Coast and will offer Norwegian's Premium passengers a relaxing atmosphere with stylish and contemporary furnishings and an extensive complimentary locally inspired food menu created in partnership with Oakland-based Chef Chris Pastena. Unlimited free alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, free high-speed Wi-Fi and a selection of newspapers and magazines will also be available. Norwegian's economy passengers and customers of other airlines will also be able to purchase access to the Escape Lounge.

Norwegian's Premium cabin is in a class of its own, offering passengers an enhanced service and extra comfort at greater value when flying transatlantic. Premium passengers can check in two 20kg bags, receive priority boarding and are welcomed on board with complimentary soft drinks. Passengers also receive spacious leather reclining seats with 46-inch legroom, premium meals and unlimited soft and alcoholic beverages – all aboard the brand new 787 Dreamliner.

Thomas Ramdahl, Chief Commercial Officer at Norwegian said: “We’re upgrading our Premium passengers’ journey with complimentary access to the newest airport lounge in the Bay Area. Norwegian is defining premium low-cost travel with an enhanced experience without the price tag. Our customers expect high quality, choice and affordable fares which is why Premium passengers can enjoy the fantastic brand new facilities of the Escape Lounge at Oakland in addition to select lounges in other parts of the world.”

Bryant L. Francis, Director of Aviation for the Port of Oakland at Oakland International Airport said: “Our travellers have responded strongly to Norwegian's flight offerings, and we are thrilled with its plan to provide customers with this wonderful new amenity as an added value. As the home to one of the first Escape Lounges by MAG in the US, OAK customers flying in Norwegian's Premium cabin will have their travel experience elevated before boarding commences.”

Rosemarie Andolino, President and CEO of MAG USA said: “We are pleased to partner with Norwegian to offer Premium passengers’ access to our Escape Lounge at Oakland International Airport. Today’s airline customers are

seeking quality and affordable upgrades to their daily lives, and Escape Lounges provide an opportunity for a relaxed environment and award-winning local chef-inspired cuisine to enhance their travel experience.”

Norwegian serves Oakland-San Francisco three times weekly direct from Gatwick with Premium fares starting from £499 one way and in economy from £159 one way.

Premium passengers can enjoy No1 Lounges access, fast track security and priority boarding at Gatwick Airport to all eight US destinations served by Norwegian. Complimentary lounge access is already available for Premium passengers at London Gatwick, New York JFK, Los Angeles and other [select airports](#).

Seats are available to book now at www.norwegian.com/uk

For more information about Escape Lounge please visit www.escapelounges.com

Norwegian in the UK:

- Norwegian first launched UK flights in 2003 and now operates from London Gatwick, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester Airports to more than **40 destinations worldwide**
- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 3.9 million yearly passengers, and with more than 700 pilots, cabin crew and staff working from its Gatwick base
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the **UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S.** - the airline now flies to 8 U.S destinations with fares from just £135 one way
- Norwegian is the only airline to offer **free inflight WiFi** on UK flights to more than 30 European destinations
- The airline has one of the **youngest aircraft fleets in the world** with an average age of 3.6 years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliners and Boeing 737-800s
- Norwegian has been **voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers** for four consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards from 2013-2016, along with being awarded the **'World's best low-cost long-haul airline'** in both 2015 and 2016

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