

# **Dubai Named Best Long Haul City Break Destination, Reveals Southall Travel**

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A travel and holiday survey conducted by <u>Southall Travel(http://www.southalltravel.co.uk)</u>, one of the UK's largest travel companies, has revealed Dubai as the nation's favourite long-haul city break destination gaining a massive 25% of the vote.

The survey of 1,400 British flyers named **Dubai**, which is expected to welcome one million British visitors during 2016, their favourite long haul destination beating New York to the top spot.

**New York**, which attracted an incredible 56m people from around the globe last year, was named the second favourite long haul city break destination amongst British travellers with 12% of the vote.

Travellers named the Thai capital of **Bangkok** as their third favourite long haul city break destination with 8%, whilst**Sydney** came in fourth with 6%.

**Singapore** completes the top five favourite city break destinations for British travellers, coming in fifth place with 5% of the vote.

In the favourite long haul beach category, **Thailand** and its beautiful islandswas named the British favourite with 16% of the vote, followed in second place by the Indian Ocean destination of the **Maldives** with 15%.

Mauritius, a long-time favourite amongst newlyweds, was named the third most popular long haul beach destination with 14%, followed by Australia (9%) and Bali (6%).

Kuljinder Bahia, Managing Director of Away Holidays comments:

"Dubai has become an incredibly popular destination for British holidaymakers over the past few years and the numbers of visitors is growing each year. Dubai is a wonderful destination with some of the world's most luxurious hotels and offers fantastic shopping opportunities. Once only a destination for backpackers, Thailand is now a popular beach destination for all kinds of travellers and I believe will become even more popular over the coming years."

#### Top five long haul city break destinations:

Favourite long haul city destinations	% of the vote
1. 1. Dubai	25%
1. 2. New York	12%
1. 3. Bangkok	8%
1. 4. Sydney	6%
1. 5. Singapore	5%

### Top five long haul beach destinations:

Favourite long haul beach destinations	% of the vote
1. 1. Thailand	16%
1. 2. Maldives	15%
1. 3. Mauritius	14%
1. 4. Australia	9%
1. 5. Bali	6%
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#### **About Southall Travel**

Southall Travel was established in 1984 and is one of the largest travel companies in the UK. The company is a well known brand for affordable travel deals in leisure and business travel to worldwide



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