



with Robert Walshe

# Home and Away

Virgin Atlantic, one of the world's leading long haul airlines, is to offer its customers a birthday present every week until its 25th birthday on June 22, 2009. Each week, the airline will announce new present offering passengers some great value fares on flights to some of its destinations worldwide.



Malta

## Holiday Hotspot

Malta might not be the biggest country in Europe but that doesn't mean there is a lack of things to do and see. With wonderful Mediterranean weather, stunning beaches, rocky cliffs, caves, plenty of activities, historical

and cultural sites and with UNESCO World Heritage City of Valletta, Malta offers everything you are looking for your well deserved holiday.

The islands are literally packed with attractions, sites & fascinating locations at every turn. No matter how long or short your visit to Malta, you will always be looking to pack as much as possible into your visit.

Intrigued by what this lovely island has to offer? Visit [www.concordetravel.ie](http://www.concordetravel.ie) or check [www.visitmalta.com](http://www.visitmalta.com)

## Weekly Best Buy

SAS have a very special offer that is bound to put a spring in the step of anyone traveling to Stockholm. If you book a flight to Stockholm with SAS this March or April, you will

receive a Stockholm Card absolutely free.

If you are planning a trip State-side this spring, check out hot USA hotel deals with ebookers. to get the ultimate bargain.

Orlando - 3\* Doubletree hotel (Universal) from €41

Las Vegas - 4\* Caesars Palace from €39

San Francisco - 3\* Handlery Union Square from €51

New York - 4\* Ramada New Yorker from €68

All prices are per person per night based on two people sharing and are subject to availability. Visit [ebookers.com](http://ebookers.com) to book your USA hotel deal.

## Home and Away Extra

Plans have been published to convert the 200-year old Armagh jail in Armagh City, Northern Ireland, into a luxury hotel. The jail, built in 1780, has been empty for the last twenty-two years. The plan is the work of the Osborne Group who redeveloped Oxford Jail in England into the Malmaison Oxford Hotel. The province continues to impress with new hotel openings recently including



Le Parker Meriden Hotel, New York.



Park Inn in the city centre and Dublin based The Fitzwilliam's 132 bedroom property on Great Victoria Street adjacent to the Grand Opera House.

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## Weekend Hotspot

New York is one of the world's most exciting and busy cities to visit.

With so much choice when it comes to hotels, dining, entertainment and shopping, you can opt to visit the city on a budget or splash the cash and go for a stylish New York break!

Walking is the preferred method for short journeys; for longer distances, opt for the subway, but for a sample of the high-life book a stretch limo. It's also possible to see the city from the air with a spectacular helicopter ride, taking in all the fabulous.

For a more sedate experience, take a horse-drawn carriage ride under the leafy trees.

If you want to experience a luxury stay in the city you'll find the most stylish hotels in New York are to be found in or around Fifth Avenues.

Try Le Parker Meriden on West 56th street which is one of my favorites. The hotel is cool, classy and even Obama stays here when he is in town!

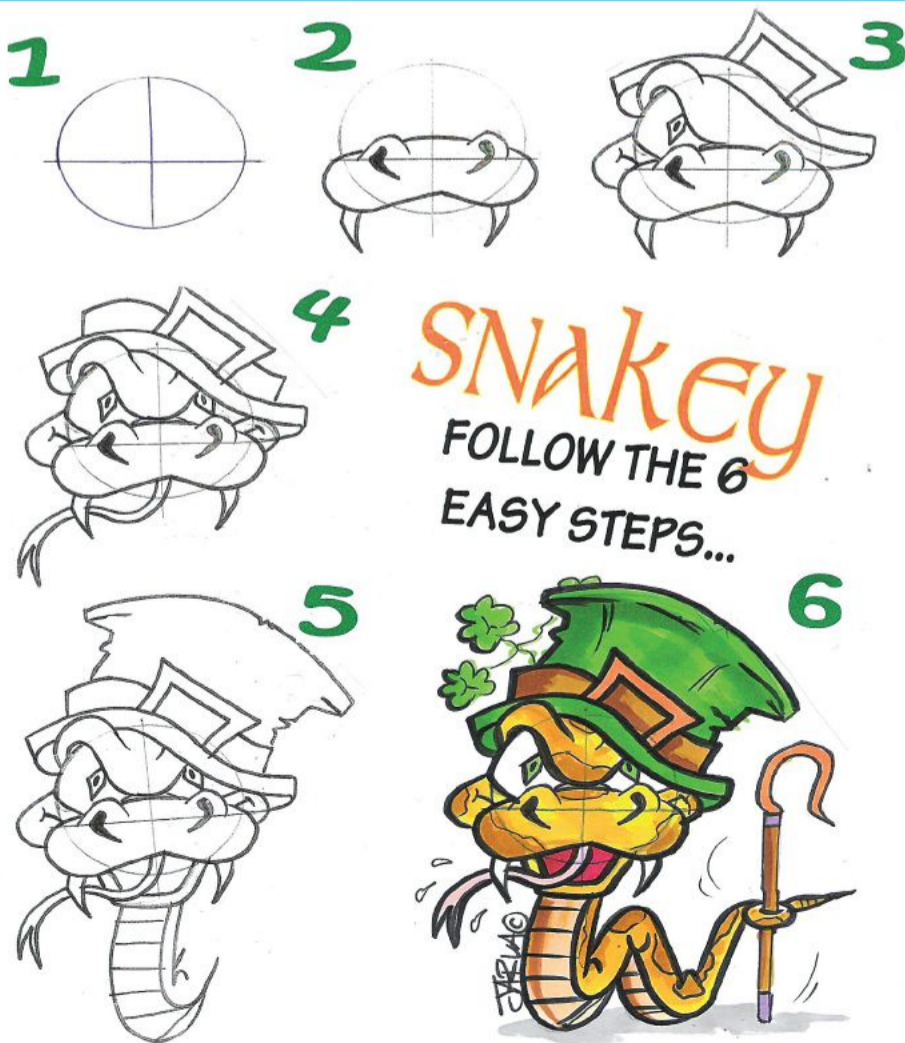
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