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Euros the top travel currency at HSBC

- *Customers get almost €20 more per £100 than last year¹*

With the holiday season underway, HSBC reveals the top ten currencies its customers are exchanging. Euros are the most popular, with customers getting almost 20 Euros more per £100¹ of purchase, when compared to the same date last year.

The table below reveals how much customers receive in each currency with £500, £800 and £1,000 as at 30/07/2015.

		£500	£800	£1,000
1.	Euros	696.90	1,115.03	1,393.79
2.	US Dollars	754.36	1,206.98	1,508.72
3.	Canadian Dollars	961.48	1,538.37	1,922.96
4.	Turkish Lira	2,026.28	3,242.04	4,052.55
5.	Swiss Franc	692.37	1,107.78	1,384.73
6.	Australian Dollar	1,018.75	1,629.99	2,037.49
7.	Croatian Kuna	5,027.52	8,044.02	10,055.03
8.	Norwegian Krone	5,835.47	9,336.74	11,670.93
9.	Japanese Yen	91,487.30	146,379.68	182,974.60
10.	Swedish Krona	6,177.76	9,884.41	12,355.51

Oliver Cook, Head of Foreign Exchange, HSBC UK, said:

“We’ve worked hard to provide market beating rates for our customers and with the pound at its strongest against the Euro since 2007, European holidays appear to be the most popular choice amongst our customers. Customers can arrange travel money in advance ensuring they have cash on arrival at their destination. It is also a good option to take your bank cards for additional flexibility and security.”

HSBC’s travel money service includes same day collection in branch for pre-packed euros and dollars, and next working day delivery of currency when ordered online, in branch or over the phone.

In addition to travel money, customers can use their cards abroad and enjoy the same flexibility and freedom as they do at home - all with the level of security they would expect. Customers can use their credit or debit card in over 24 million shops, restaurants and supermarkets, and withdraw cash at over a million cash machines worldwide².

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¹ 18.68 Euros.

² Whenever a customer uses their HSBC debit card abroad for purchases or cash withdrawals they may be presented with an option to pay in local currency or sterling. If paying in local currency HSBC converts their purchase back to sterling using daily exchange rates and a transaction fee of 2.75% for debit cards, and 2.99% for credit cards is used per transaction. If paying in sterling instead of local currency, customers should be aware that the rate and cost of conversion is determined by a third party and may differ between different ATMs and retailers.

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