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ETIHAD AIRWAYS' INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO JAIPUR TOUCHES DOWN

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, today commenced daily operations between Jaipur and Abu Dhabi.

A traditional lamp lighting ceremony greeted the disembarking passengers at Jaipur to celebrate the new service and the airline's tenth destination in India.

Craig Thomas, Etihad Airways' Regional General Manager-Asia Pacific North and Indian Subcontinent, said: "The addition of the Jaipur service reinforces Etihad Airways' commitment to the Indian Subcontinent. We are confident that the new flights will continue the strong passenger growth between India and the UAE.

"The new service will provide travellers from Jaipur with seamless connections to the Gulf region and Middle East, as well as Africa, Europe and North America, via our Abu Dhabi hub."

Neerja Bhatia, General Manager – India, Etihad Airways, said: "Jaipur is the perfect addition to our growing network of destinations. Jaipur is a widely recognised premium destination attracting leisure and business travellers from around the world. It also known for hosting many international cultural events, including the renowned Jaipur Literature Festival.

"With the addition of the new Jaipur flights, to our existing Delhi services, we now fly to two destinations in the world-renowned Golden Triangle, offering our guests more choice and convenient travel options."

Jaipur is known as the pink city for its pink-painted cityscape. It is the capital, and the largest city, of the State of Rajasthan. Renowned for its distinct heritage and landscape, the city has witnessed a 70 per cent increase in tourist arrivals during the past 10 years. It is a modern yet traditional city offering the ideal gateway to ancient, cultural and historical sites within the State.

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Jaipur ranks as the country's eighth largest economy fuelled by textiles, gems and jewellery, agro-processing, automotive , and mineral-based industries.

Etihad Airways' new daily service will be operated with an Airbus A320 aircraft in a two-class configuration, featuring 16 Pearl Business Class seats and 120 Coral Economy Class seats.

With the addition of Jaipur, Etihad now serves a total of 10 Indian cities including Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kozhikode, Mumbai, New Delhi and Trivandrum.

Flights to Jaipur can be booked on www.etihad.com, through Etihad Airways Contact Centres, or via travel agents.

New Jaipur schedule:

Flight number	Origin	Departs	Destination	Arrives	Frequency	Aircraft
EY208	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	00:20	Jaipur (JAI)	05:05	Daily	A320
EY207	Jaipur (JAI)	05:50	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	07:50	Daily	A320

Note: All in local time

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About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways began operations in 2003, and in 2013 carried 11.5 million passengers. From its Abu Dhabi base Etihad Airways flies to 103 existing or announced passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. The airline has a fleet of 95 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and more than 220 aircraft on firm order, including 71 Boeing 787s, 25 Boeing 777-X, 62 Airbus A350s and 10 Airbus A380s. Etihad Airways holds

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equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia, Aer Lingus, Air Serbia and Jet Airways, and is seeking regulatory approval to invest in Swiss-based regional carrier Darwin Airline. For more information, please visit: www.etihad.com