

MORE CHOICE FOR TRAVELLERS TO PAKISTAN AS ETIHAD AIRWAYS BOOSTS FLIGHTS TO ISLAMABAD AND PESHAWAR

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has announced plans to increase its services to the Pakistani cities of Islamabad and Peshawar as part of its commitment to provide travellers with more convenient travel timings and choices.

Starting from 30 March 2014, Etihad Airways will increase its flights to Pakistan's capital city, Islamabad, from 11 flights a week to a double daily schedule. Services to Peshawar, often referred to as the "City on the Frontier" due to its strategic location at the crossroads of Central Asia and South Asia, increased from two to five per week on 1 February 2014.

With the addition of the new services, Etihad Airways will now offer 37 weekly flights from four destinations in Pakistan which, along with Islamabad and Peshawar, include Karachi and Lahore.

The additional services on each route will be operated by A320 aircraft, fitted with 16 Pearl Business Class and 120 Economy Class seats, and will increase capacity by over 150 per cent.

The new services to Peshawar will improve the number of connections over the airline's Abu Dhabi hub to more than 167 connections a week (representing an increase of 78 per cent) to a number of key destinations in the GCC, North America and Europe.

Kevin Knight, Etihad Airways' Chief Strategy and Planning Officer, said: "Pakistan is a growing market for Etihad Airways, as passenger demand, connectivity choice, and frequency enhancements continue to drive business and leisure traffic onto our expanding global network.

"Our new services to these two strategically important Pakistani cities will drive continued strong growth in traffic flows between Islamabad, Peshawar, Abu Dhabi and beyond to many key

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destinations across our global network and also further strengthen the commercial and cultural ties between Pakistan and the UAE."

Along with the additional services, Etihad Airways also unveiled new timings for its Islamabad flights. The new timings will greatly improve connections to destinations in the Arabian Gulf.

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New Islamabad Schedule

Flight	Departs	Departure Time	Arrives	Arrival Time	Frequency
EY231	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	22:20	Islamabad (ISB)	2:40*	Daily
EY232	Islamabad (ISB)	04:10	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	06:40	Daily
EY233	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	15:50	Islamabad (ISB)	20:10	Daily
EY234	Islamabad (ISB)	21:15	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	23:45	Daily

New Peshawar Schedule

Flight	Departs	Departure Time	Arrives	Arrival Time	Frequency
EY261	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	23:10	Peshawar (PEW)	3:10*	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
EY261	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	22:00	Peshawar (PEW)	2:00*	Sunday
EY262	Peshawar (PEW)	4:10	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	6:40	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
EY262	Peshawar (PEW)	3:00	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	5:30	Monday

*indicates next day arrival

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About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, began operations in 2003, and in 2013 carried nearly 12 million passengers. From its hub at Abu Dhabi International Airport, Etihad Airways offers flights to 102 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, with a fleet of 89 Airbus and Boeing aircraft. The airline has more than 220 aircraft on firm order, including 71 Boeing 787 Dreamliners, 25 Boeing 777-X, 62 Airbus A350s, and 10 Airbus A380s, the world's largest passenger aircraft. Etihad Airways also holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia, Aer Lingus and Jet Airways. Subject to regulatory approvals, Etihad Airways will acquire 49 per cent of Air Serbia and 33.3 per cent of Darwin Airline in Q1 2014. For more information, please visit: www.etihad.com

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