

### **ETIHAD AIRWAYS ANNOUNCES SANA'A AS ITS LATEST DESTINATION**

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will launch direct flights to Sana'a, Yemen's political and commercial capital on September 1, 2013.

Sana'a will be the airline's eighth destination on the Arabian Peninsula beyond Abu Dhabi, joining Bahrain, Dammam, Doha, Jeddah, Kuwait, Muscat and Riyadh. Flights to Sana'a will operate four times a week.

James Hogan, Etihad Airways President and Chief Executive Officer, said: "The launch of direct services to Sana'a is consistent with our strategy of adding depth and scale to our network and targeting areas of growth in emerging markets."

"The ancestral, cultural and business ties between the two countries are significant, and we believe the new service will further facilitate Yemen's economic development in the months and years ahead."

More than 90,000 Yemeni nationals live in the UAE, and the country is Yemen's largest regional trading partner with annual trade valued at over US\$2 billion, of which US\$1.6 billion is made up of UAE exports\*. Overall, the UAE accounts for almost 20 per cent of Yemen's total imports†.

The new Sana'a route announcement follows the launch of a number of new services in 2013 from Etihad Airways' Abu Dhabi hub to cities such as Washington D.C. (April 1), Amsterdam (May 15), São Paulo (June 1) and Ho Chi Minh City (October 1).

The route will be operated by a two-class Airbus A320 aircraft with 16 seats in Pearl Business Class and 120 seats in Coral Economy Class.

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Flights can be booked from today and the new Sana'a schedule is designed to provide seamless connections over Etihad Airways' Abu Dhabi hub to key European, North American, GCC, and Middle East destinations.

## Etihad Airways UAE-Yemen flight schedule

Flight no:	From	To	Departure time	Arrival time	Days	Aircraft	Flight time
EY0561	AUH	SAH	22:45	0:10 + 1 day	Mon, Weds, Fri, Sun	A320	2:25
EY0560	SAH	AUH	3.20	6.50	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat	A320	2:30

### Sources

\* *Yemeni Ministry of Industry & Trade, March 2013*

† *Economist Intelligence Unit, February 2013*

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### About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, began operations in 2003, and in 2012 carried 10.3 million passengers. From its hub at Abu Dhabi International Airport, Etihad Airways serves 87 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, with a fleet of 73 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and over 90 aircraft on firm order, including 41 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and 10 Airbus A380s, the world's largest passenger aircraft. Etihad Airways also holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia and Aer Lingus. For more information, please visit: [www.etihad.com](http://www.etihad.com)