

ETIHAD AIRWAYS NEW B787-9 DREAMLINER RAISES THE BAR ON SINGAPORE ROUTE

- **State-of-the-art aircraft with ground-breaking First Suites, Business Studios and Economy Smart Seat on the Abu Dhabi-Singapore route effective 1 August 2015**
- **Flight timings offer seamless two-way connections to 35 cities across Etihad Airways' global network**

Etihad Airways has set a new benchmark for luxury travel on the UAE-Singapore route with the start of daily Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner services this weekend.

Flight EY470 departed Abu Dhabi at 10pm last night and touched down at Singapore's Changi Airport at 10.15am today. The return flight EY473 will depart Changi Airport for Abu Dhabi at 8.10pm this evening and arrive in the UAE capital at 11.45pm local time.

Etihad Airways' President and Chief Executive Officer, James Hogan, said deploying the Dreamliner to Singapore reflected the importance of the route to the airline and its commitment to a best-in-class experience.

"The Etihad Airways B787-9 Dreamliner is the most customised aircraft of its kind in the sky.

"The ground-breaking, next-generation First Suites, Business Studios and Economy Smart Seats offer a superior level of luxury and comfort and will transform the inflight experience.

"Never before has the airline had such a compelling proposition nor been as strong a competitor in the Singapore travel market."

Mr Hogan also highlighted the airline's Singapore flight timings and better connectivity to the network via the Abu Dhabi hub.

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“With evening departures in both directions, we offer our guests in the UAE and Singapore more convenient travel times and improved connectivity to 35 destinations in the GCC, Middle East, Africa and Europe.

“This includes seamless connections to our flagship A380 services to London enabling guests to experience the luxurious First Apartment and The Residence, the world’s first private three-room cabin on a commercial airliner.”

Etihad Airways’ Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner carries 235 guests – eight in First Class, 28 in Business Class and 199 in Economy Class – and offers levels of luxury, comfort, entertainment and inflight connectivity unrivalled in commercial aviation.

The décor and lighting on board Etihad Airways B787-9 Dreamliner is inspired by contemporary modern Arabian design, complementing the airline’s ‘Facets of Abu Dhabi’ design identity introduced in late 2014.

First Class guests experience luxurious private suites with a large, Poltrona Frau leather-upholstered seat and ottoman, a personal wardrobe, chilled mini-bar, a 24-inch TV monitor and centre seats which can be joined to create a double bed. A professional onboard Chef offers First Class guests a bespoke dining experience, preparing fine cuisine inflight from a pantry of fresh produce.

Business Class guests enjoy the comfort and space of the airline’s new Business Studios, each offering direct aisle access, a fully flat bed of up to 80.5 inches in length, and a personal 18-inch touch screen TV with noise-cancelling headsets. Food and Beverage Managers, handpicked from some of the world’s best restaurants, oversee the service of a ‘dine anytime’ a la carte and snack menu in the Business Class cabin and can recommend the perfect accompaniment from the airline’s boutique inflight cellar.

In Economy Class, the innovative Economy Smart Seat provides enhanced comfort with a unique, ergonomic ‘fixed wing’ headrest on each seat, a 32-inch seat pitch and a generous 6-

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inch recline. Guests can enjoy more than 750 hours of on demand entertainment on a large 11.1-inch HD screen with an intuitive interface and video touch screen handset.

Families in all cabins enjoy a helping hand from the airline's specially trained Flying Nanny, a member of the cabin crew who is on hand to offer assistance with children's meals and activity packs.

These guest experience innovations are complemented by the Dreamliner's DNA – the commercial aviation industry's largest windows; air that is cleaner, more humid and at a higher pressure for better comfort; large overhead stowage bins; soothing LED lighting; and technology to sense and counter turbulence for a smoother ride.

Etihad Airways' order for two variants of the B787 (-9 and -10), is one of the world's largest for the type, totalling 71 aircraft. The airline currently operates its B787-9s to Washington DC, Zurich and Brisbane, with new destinations being added as it takes delivery of more of the aircraft type. The airline will also begin taking delivery of B787s in a two-class configuration from 2016.

The wide-body Boeing 787-9 is a stretched version of the advanced medium to long-range twin engine B787-8, with a range of up to 8,300 nautical miles and a cruising speed of Mach 0.85. It is 206 feet in length and has a wingspan of 197 feet.

Etihad Airways commenced three weekly flights to Singapore on September 28, 2007 and went daily on February 1, 2013. It introduced its award-winning First Class to the route on 1 June 2015 with the deployment of a three-class Airbus A330-300 aircraft.

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Schedule for Abu Dhabi – Singapore from 1 August 2015

Flight No.	Origin	Departs	Destination	Arrives	Frequency	Aircraft
EY470	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	22:00	Singapore (SIN)	10:15+1	Daily	B787-9
EY473	Singapore (SIN)	20:10	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	23:45	Daily	B787-9

Note: All departures and arrivals are listed in local time.

Photo caption: Etihad Airways inaugural Abu Dhabi-Singapore B787-9 Dreamliner flight, operated by aircraft registration number A6-BLA, on arrival at Singapore's Changi Airport

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