

ETIHAD AIRWAYS TO OPERATE DAILY SERVICE TO CHENGDU

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, will increase the frequency of its Abu Dhabi – Chengdu service from five-flights-a-week to daily from 30 March 2014.

As one of the biggest markets in China for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Chengdu has emerged as a leading economic, transportation and communication centre for the Asian country, with nearly half of the world's Fortune 500 companies having operations in the city.

Etihad Airways launched its Chengdu service on 15 December 2011, offering the first and only direct airline connection between the UAE and China's Sichuan province, home to a population of over 80 million. It is the third city to be served by Etihad Airways in China, with daily flights also operated to the capital, Beijing, and the country's largest city by population, Shanghai.

Passenger volumes on the Chengdu route increased by 25 per cent last year compared to 2012 levels, while cargo and mail volumes were 19 per cent higher.

The flights are operated using a two-class Airbus A330-200 aircraft with 22 Pearl Business class and 240 Coral Economy class seats.

James Hogan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Airways, said: "With consistent double-digit growth in passenger and cargo volumes, Chengdu represents a great opportunity. Operating a daily service will provide our guests with even more convenient service to Abu Dhabi as well as key markets in the GCC, Middle East, North Africa and Europe. In addition, our expanded service will further stimulate economic growth between China and the UAE."

Flights on Etihad Airways' daily service to Chengdu can be booked from today on www.etihad.com, through Etihad Airways Contact Centres, or via travel agents.

Media Release



Etihad Airways schedule for Chengdu route, effective 30 March 2014:

Flight #	Origin	Departs	Destination	Arrives	Frequency	Aircraft
EY818	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	08:25	Chengdu (CTU)	20:05	Daily	A330-200
EY811	Chengdu (CTU)	21:20	Abu Dhabi (AUH)	00:40 +1	Daily	A330-200

Note: All in local time

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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 91 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:

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