

ETIHAD AIRWAYS INCREASES WEEKLY FLIGHTS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Etihad Airways, the national carrier of the United Arab Emirates, is introducing three additional passenger flights per week between Johannesburg and Abu Dhabi during the months of July until September (inclusive) to cater for the increased demand on this busy route over the summer.

Complementing the airline's existing daily service between the two cities, the new flights will be operated by a combination of Airbus A330-200 and Boeing 777 aircraft, offering a total of 2,200 additional seats in Business Class and 21,500 additional seats in Economy Class over the three-month period.

"These additional flights offer greater flexibility for the large numbers of guests travelling between the UAE and the GCC region, and South Africa over the summer period," said John Friel, Etihad Airways' General Manager, South Africa. "They also provide our guests travelling from South Africa with greater access to a large number of popular holiday destinations across our global network, in Asia, the Indian Sub-continent, Australia and the USA."

The new service will operate as per the schedule below:

July 2016

Flight No.	Days of operation	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
EY601	Wed / Thu / Fri	JNB	AUH	09:45	20:15
EY602	Wed / Thu / Fri	AUH	JNB	01:45	08:15

August – September 2016

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All timings are local.

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About Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways began operations in 2003, and in 2015 carried 17.4 million passengers. From its Abu Dhabi base, Etihad Airways flies to or has announced plans to serve 117 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. The airline has a fleet of 120 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, with 204 aircraft on firm order, including 71 Boeing 787s, 25 Boeing 777Xs, 62 Airbus A350s and 10 Airbus A380s.

Etihad Airways holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles, Alitalia, Jet Airways, Virgin Australia and Swiss-based Darwin Airline, trading as Etihad Regional. Etihad Airways, along with airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles, Alitalia, Etihad Regional, Jet Airways and NIKI, also participate in Etihad Airways Partners, a brand that brings together partner airlines to offer customers more choice through improved networks and schedules and enhanced frequent flyer benefits. For more information, please visit: www.etihad.com