

### **ETIHAD AIRWAYS INCREASES SRI LANKA FLIGHTS TO DOUBLE DAILY**

Etiihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will increase its Abu Dhabi-Colombo service from seven flights per week to a double daily schedule from February 16, 2014.

Operated with an A320 aircraft fitted with 16 Pearl Business Class seats and 120 Coral Economy Class seats, the new service will add over 1,900 seats per week on the Abu Dhabi-Colombo route.

The new flights will also offer a 46 per cent increase in the number of connections to key destinations in the UK, Europe, Africa and the GCC via the airline's hub in Abu Dhabi.

Kevin Knight, Etihad Airways' Chief Strategy and Planning Officer, said: "Colombo is a fast growing city that serves as a major business and trade hub. Our new second daily flight to Colombo will strengthen our position in the Sri Lankan market and offer our guests more convenient travel options and improved connections to many key destinations across our global network. The new flights will also further strengthen commercial and cultural ties between Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates."

The new service will also build on the strength of Etihad's partnership with Sri Lankan Airlines with the carriers combining to offer three daily services on the route with convenient schedules for guests.

The Colombo service was re-launched in January 2010 and has carried more than 210,000 passengers to date.

# Media Release



## Colombo Flight Schedule

Flight Number	From	To	Departure time	Arrival time	Schedule
EY264*	Abu Dhabi	Colombo	13:45	19:45	Daily
EY265*	Colombo	Abu Dhabi	20:45	23:50	Daily
EY266	Abu Dhabi	Colombo	21:35	03:35	Daily
EY267	Colombo	Abu Dhabi	04:35	07:45	Daily

\*The new daily services starting from February 16 2014

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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 offers flights to 96 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, with a fleet of 83 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and over 80 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, will acquire 49 per cent of Air Serbia from January 2014, and, subject to regulatory approval, will acquire 24 per cent of India's Jet Airways. For more information, please visit: [www.etihad.com](http://www.etihad.com)