



QATAR AIRWAYS INCREASES FLIGHTS ON ZURICH ROUTE

Airline's Frequency Rises From Four-To-Five-Flights-A-Week

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TORONTO – Qatar Airways will expand its operations in Switzerland by adding an extra flight on the Doha-Zurich route commencing October 25.

The extra service on the Zurich route will offer excellent connections via Qatar Airways operational hub of Doha to a host of cities across the airline's global network covering Europe, Middle East, Africa, Far East, South East Asia and North America.

The addition of a Saturday departure out of Zurich promises to be a popular flight among Swiss holidaymakers heading to leisure destinations such as the Maldives and Seychelles as well as Hong Kong, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Ho-Chi-Minh City in Vietnam.

Passengers looking to travel to Zurich will have more choice with the additional frequency adding further convenience and flexibility to their travel plans. Although the route is strongly frequented by business travellers, Zurich is also famous among leisure travellers visiting the beautifully located city close to the Swiss Alps and Lake Zurich.

Famous for being a sophisticated shopping paradise due to its world-renowned Swiss jewellery and watch industry, Zurich and Switzerland in general are attracting more and more visitors every year and likewise has Qatar Airways' service on this particular route grown from strength to strength since its launch in 2004.

The Doha-Zurich route is operated with a state-of-the-art Airbus A330, in a two-class cabin configuration and features 24 seats in Business Class and 236 Economy Class seats.

Qatar Airways Chief Executive Officer Akbar Al Baker explained that the airline's Swiss expansion was part of its growth plans to step up frequencies across an expanding global network.

"Qatar Airways has enjoyed five years of success in Switzerland. We are pleased to be able to reinforce our commitment to this important European market through adding capacity and offering our passengers more choice and flexibility on the Zurich route," Al Baker said.

The Zurich upgrade follows recent announcements that the airline's Doha-Paris service will operate twice daily from October. Additional flights to Madrid, Athens and Stockholm will see a near 40 per cent increase in frequency across the four cities later this year.

Qatar Airways also operates five-flights-a-week to Geneva, its second Swiss destination, launched in June 2007.

Qatar Airways currently operates a modern fleet of 69 aircraft to 82 key business and leisure destinations across Europe, Middle East, Africa, South Asia, Far East and North America. The airline has outstanding orders for more than 220 aircraft worth over US\$40 billion.

Over the next few months, Qatar Airways will expand its global operations with the launch of 6 new routes – Amritsar (October 11) and Goa (October 25) in India; Melbourne (December 6) followed soon after by Sydney marking the airline's entry into the Australian market subject to government approval; and two other cities in Europe

Flight schedule Zurich–Doha–Zurich, valid from 25 October 2009

Departure Zurich Airport

Monday, Thursday	QR064 15h15, Arrival Doha 23h00
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday	QR062 10h50, Arrival Doha 18h35

Departure Doha International Airport

Monday, Thursday	QR063 08h40, Arrival Zurich 13h25
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday	QR061 02h10, Arrival Zurich 06h55

Notes to Editors:

Qatar Airways' Economy Class has been voted Best in the World in the annual Skytrax passenger survey, in which more than 16 million travellers were polled. Ranked Five Star for service and excellence by Skytrax, the independent aviation industry monitoring agency also voted Qatar Airways' cabin crew Best in the Middle East for the seventh year running in 2009 and Best Airline in the Middle East for the fourth consecutive year. For more information, log onto www.qatarairways.com

Qatar Airways will operate a fleet of more than 110 aircraft by 2013 – almost double the existing size. Qatar Airways has ordered 80 Airbus A350s, 24 Airbus A320 Family aircraft, 60 Boeing 787s and 32 Boeing 777s, with deliveries of the latter having started in November 2007. The airline is one of the customers of the twin-deck Airbus A380 'super jumbos' with five on order and scheduled for delivery from 2012, by which time the New Doha International Airport is scheduled to open. For more information, visit www.ndiaproject.com

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