

Three NewLong-Haul Routes from Vienna: to Beijing with Air China, to Addis Ababa with Ethiopian Airlines, and to Newark with Austrian Airlines

Vienna Airport'ssummer timetable 2014 offers new carriers, new destinations, and more frequencies to existing destinations

On March 30, 2014, the summer timetable will be effective at Vienna Airport, implementing numerous route news. Three new long-haul destinations will be available from Vienna. Air China will begin to operate to Beijing on May 5, Ethiopian Airlines will provide flights to the African metropolis of Addis Ababa effective June 2, and Austrian Airlines will expand its North American connections by adding a new long-haul route to Newark on July 2.

"Together with Austrian Airlines' management board, we are working hard to increase the number of long-haul routes and Star Alliance partners in Vienna. The opening of new routes by Air China and Ethiopian Airlines, plus Austrian's new long-haul connection to Newark, demonstrates the success of this strategy. Beyond that, we also see new connections, carriers, and expanded timetables stimulating the growth at Vienna airport. That will provide a new boost to the economic and touristic region of Austria and on international markets. Our position as hub to Eastern Europe is of crucial importance," explains Julian Jäger, member of Vienna Airport's Management Board.

Air China: four weekly flights to Beijing

Starting on 5th May, 2014, Air China will provide four weekly flights from Beijing via Vienna to Barcelona using an Airbus A330-300. Every Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, the aircraft will depart from Beijing at 2:10 a.m., landing at 6:10 a.m. in Vienna. The flight continues to Barcelona at 7:30 a.m., arriving there at 9:25 a.m. The return flight departs at 11:25 a.m. from Barcelona and lands at 1:25 p.m. in Vienna. The flight from Vienna to Beijing departs at 2:55 p.m. arriving at 5:55 a.m. the next day.

Ethiopian Airlines: four weekly services to Addis Ababa

There will also be an increased offer from Vienna to the continent of Africa. Starting June 2, 2014, Ethiopian Airlines will provide four weekly flights from Vienna to the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. The aircraft (Boeing 757 and Boeing 767-300) will take off every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12:20 a.m. from Addis Ababa and land at 6:10 a.m. in Vienna (flight number ET724). The flight will return from Vienna every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 11:10 p.m. from Vienna, arriving at 7:05 a.m. the next morning in Addis Ababa (flight number ET725).

Austrian Airlines: expanded service to North America with new destination of Newark Austrian Airlines is expanding its routes to North America by adding Newark, New Jersey, to its list of long-haul destinations beginning July 2, 2014. Five times weekly a Boeing 777 will connect Vienna with the U.S. city Newark. In addition, Austrian will increase its frequencies to Chicago by two weekly flights to a daily connection, and it will also increase its capacity to Washington by using a larger aircraft. As of March 30, there will be a daily service to Delhi. Male, the capital city of the Maldives, will be served once a week this summer starting in July. Further new leisure destinations this summer are Ibiza in Spain and Lamezia Terme in Italy. Both destinations will be served once a week.. The Iranian capital of Tehran was re-added to the timetable on March 11 with five weekly flights. There will be increased frequencies to Frankfurt, Germany, London, UK, and Krakow, Poland.

Air Berlin/NIKI: new destinations and expanded product to Greece

The Air Berlin/NIKI Group is expanding the number of destinations from Vienna. The airline group offers new services to Larnaca, Cyprus (since January); Madrid, Spain (since March 10); and Malta (starting April 2). Air Berlin/NIKI also increases its service to the tourist regions in the Mediterranean. In February, flights to Kalamata in the Peloponnese region of Greece have been added. Starting from April, there will be a service to Olbia on Sardinia and to the Greek destinations Heraklion, Kalamata, Mykonos and Santorini. Beginning in May 2014, additional flights will be offered to Chania, Kalamata, Mykonos, Mytilene, Samos, Santorini and Zakynthos. On top of that, NIKI will increase its connections to Rome, Italy, to 19 weekly flights, and Air Berlin will increase its connections to Hamburg, Germany, to 25 weekly connections.

New destinations from Vienna: Algeria with Air Algérie, Manchester with Jet2.com, and



Friedrichshafen with Intersky

A variety of other new airlines will add new destinations to this year's timetable from Vienna. Air Algérie will depart twice a week from the Algerian capital of Algiers starting April 2, 2014. The British carrier Jet2.com will start to operate three weekly flights from Manchester to Vienna as of May 2, 2014. On May 5, 2014, Intersky will relaunch its direct service to Friedrichshafen with five flights per week. Air One will offer new seasonal services to the Sicilian city of Catania, Italy, and the Greek carrier Aegean Airlines will begin to operate Heraklion, Greece twice a week as of April 11, 2014.

Further frequency increase to existing destinations

Besides the addition of new airlines and destinations, Vienna Airport's 2014 summer timetable will also offer numerous frequency increases to existing destinations. For example, TAP Portugal is raising its number of flights to Lisbon to 11 per week. British Airways is adding more flights to the United Kingdom's capital of London, and Vueling offers additional services to Barcelona. In Southern and Eastern Europe, Bulgaria Air will add services to Sofia, Bulgaria while Croatia Airlines will offer more flights to Zagreb, Croatia, and Air Baltic will offer additional services to Riga, Latvia. This summer, the Russian carrier Rossiya/Aeroflot will be flying daily to St. Petersburg. In the upcoming summer timetable there will also be more flights to Bremen operated by Germania and to Izmir offered by Turkish Airlines. Korean Air will increase its capacity to and from Seoul (Incheon) starting in June 4, 2014. The current flight will be offered as a non-stop connection until the end of October.

All schedule information can be found in Vienna Airport's online timetable

The 2014 summer timetable applies from March 30 until October 25, 2014. You can find all the details as well as additional information about flight connections from Vienna in Flughafen Wien AG's online timetable. Departure and Arrival times up to 26 hours in advance, plus much more useful information, is available and can be downloaded on our website: www.viennaairport.com. Travelers can find further information on security regulations on luggage and carry-on baggage, directions for arriving by car, as well as detailed maps of available lounges, shops, and restaurants at Vienna Airport.

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