

SAA cuts passenger ticket prices in line with oil price reductions

SAA Airways (SAA) has announced price cuts following global reductions in jet fuel prices. There will be reductions of on average \$15 (about R125.94) per segment, the equivalent of about R249 a round trip, on flights between Johannesburg and several African destinations.

Total long-haul return ticket costs will be cut by \$7 a segment, or R116 a round trip.

Douala in Cameroon, Cotonou in Benin, Pointe Noire in the Republic of Congo, Libreville (Gabon), Bujumbura (Burundi) and Kigali (Rwanda) will benefit from the price cuts.

"We are able to offer the deepest cuts on these African routes because the price of jet fuel in these cities is generally higher than the international average," SAA chief executive Siza Mzimela said yesterday. "As a result, though fuel prices remain higher than elsewhere internationally, when oil prices drop the reduction results in a larger actual saving to our passengers."

Passengers started benefiting from the reductions last week.

"Within the overall context of our growth and optimisation strategy for SAA, we will continue to manage our fuel and other costs to the maximum benefit of our passengers and the economy," said Mzimela.

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