

Lufthansa re-introduces the Airbus A350 between Munich and Cape Town

Lufthansa has re-introduced its Munich-Cape Town nonstop connection. The route is operated by the Airbus A350-900, which landed in Cape Town at 5.38am local time on Monday, 1 November 2021. The seasonal winter service will initially operate three times a week and will increase to five times a week as from December 2021.



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"Bringing the A350-900 back to the South African market is an exciting prospect for Lufthansa, as Cape Town is the only African city within our Lufthansa network to utilize this aircraft," says Dr Andre Schulz, general manager sales Southern Africa, Lufthansa Group.

"Furthermore, the restart of nonstop flight service between the Mother City and Munich as one of Lufthansa's major hubs is yet another significant step to support the restart of tourism in South Africa, Our customers can once again look forward to exploring the region, after many months of travel restrictions between South Africa and Germany."

Air travel connectivity

Jost Lammers, CEO of Munich Airport, adds: We are delighted that there is now once again a regular nonstop service from Munich to South Africa, which is sure to meet with great demand. Munich Airport has long been linked with the operators of the major South African airports through a Sister Airport Agreement. It is great that our 'airport family' is once again moving a little closer together thanks to the new Lufthansa connection."

With the re-introduction of the flight, Lufthansa brings back the A350-900, which is an eco-efficient long haul aircraft. This service will offer a daily morning departure from Cape Town to Munich, except Tuesdays and Thursdays. The total Lufthansa Group flight capacity for the European winter schedule to the Mother City will therefore increase to twelve weekly flights.

In addition, the Lufthansa Group network portfolio to and from South Africa is further enhanced with a daily Lufthansa flight between Johannesburg and Frankfurt, as well as a daily Swiss flight between Johannesburg and Zurich. Following these capacity increases, the Lufthansa Group offers this winter in total 26 weekly connections from South Africa, underlining the importance of the region within the Groups global route network.

Spokesperson for Cape Town Air Access and Wesgro CEO, Wrenelle Stander, comments: "Congratulations to the Lufthansa Group for successfully bringing this environmentally friendly and improved comfort aircraft back to the South African market.

"While there has been a significant increase in demand from locals to travel to Europe, Cape Town continues to rise significantly in global rankings as a preferred destination for both leisure and business travellers. We hope to see these numbers grow over the next year as we seek to boost travel and trade between Cape Town and Munich."

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