



## **Qatar Airways Reinstates 11 Destinations Worldwide Today in a Bumper Day of Flight Resumptions**

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***This will be the largest single day of flight resumptions in the airline's network rebuild, which the carrier has dubbed 'Take-off Wednesday' Airline's network will expand to more than 430 weekly flights to over 65 destinations by mid-July***

**DOHA, Qatar** – The national carrier of the State of Qatar continues to lead the global recovery of the aviation industry, relaunching 11 more destinations today, its largest single day of restarts, in what Qatar Airways has dubbed 'Take-off Wednesday'. By mid-July, the airline's network will expand to over 430 weekly flights to more than 65 destinations with the addition of flights to the following destinations:

1 July:

- Bali Denpasar (daily flights)
- Beirut (seven weekly flights)
- Belgrade (three weekly flights)
- Berlin (three weekly flights)
- Boston (five weekly flights increasing to daily from 1 August)
- Edinburgh (three weekly flights)
- Larnaca (three weekly flights)
- Los Angeles (three weekly flights, five weekly from 17 July and six weekly from 1 August)
- Prague (three weekly flights)
- Washington DC (five weekly flights increasing to daily from 1 August)

- Zagreb (three weekly flights)

4 July:

- Toronto (three weekly flights, new destination)

9 July:

- Ankara (three weekly flights)

11 July:

- Zanzibar (four weekly flights)

13 July:

- Kilimanjaro (three weekly flights)

15 July:

- Bucharest (four weekly flights)

- Sofia (four weekly flights)

- Venice (three weekly flights)

Qatar Airways continues to work closely with governments around the world to resume commercial flights in line with entry restrictions. The airline is hopeful further commercial flight restrictions will be eased throughout July, with the carrier planning to resume almost two thirds of its pre-covid19 network by the end of the month. The airline expects its number of flights to almost double in July with close to 3,500 flights scheduled, compared to just under 2,100 in June.

Qatar Airways has led the industry during these challenging times accumulating unrivalled experience in carrying passengers safely and reliably, especially in comparison to those airlines that have fully grounded their operations. The airline continues to provide an honest network that can be relied upon and trusted to operate. By maintaining a global network that never fell below 30 destinations, Qatar Airways has remained up to date with the latest in international airport procedures and implemented the most advanced safety and hygiene measures on board its aircraft and in Hamad International Airport (HIA), recently voted the Best Airport in the Middle East for the sixth year in a row.

To ensure travellers can plan their travel with peace of mind, the airline has also extended its booking policies to offer even more choice to its passengers. The airline will allow unlimited date changes, and passengers can change their destination as often as they need if it is within 5,000 miles of the original destination. The airline will not charge any fare differences for travel completed before 31 December 2020, after which fare rules will apply. All tickets booked for travel up to 31 December 2020 will be valid for two years from the date of issuance. For full terms and conditions visit [\*\*qatarairways.com/RelyOnUs\*\*](https://qatarairways.com/RelyOnUs).

Passengers flying Business Class on Qsuite equipped aircraft can avail of the enhanced privacy this award-winning suite provides, including sliding privacy partitions and fully closing doors that create a private sanctuary. Passengers can also opt to use the 'Do Not Disturb (DND)' indicator in their private suite, if they wish to limit their interactions with the cabin crew. Qsuite continues to be available on flights to more than 20 destinations including London, Sydney, Singapore and Dallas Fort Worth with plans to add it to more routes throughout the summer.

Qatar Airways has further enhanced its onboard safety measures for passengers and cabin crew. The airline has introduced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for cabin crew which includes gloves, face masks, safety glasses and a new protective gown that is fitted over their uniforms. A modified service that reduces interactions between passengers and the crew inflight has also been introduced.

Onboard, all Qatar Airways passengers are now provided with a complimentary protective kit. Inside a ziplock pouch they will find a single-use surgical face mask, large disposable powder-free gloves and an alcohol-based hand sanitiser gel. The airline has also introduced disposable face shields for adults and children. Passengers travelling from Hamad International Airport (HIA) will receive their face shields at the check-in counters, whereas at other destinations, the face shields will be distributed at the boarding gates. For full details of all the measures that have been implemented onboard and in HIA, please visit [\*\*qatarairways.com/safety\*\*](https://qatarairways.com/safety).

Hamad International Airport (HIA) has implemented stringent cleaning procedures and applied social distancing measures throughout its terminals. All passenger touchpoints are sanitized every 10-15 minutes and every boarding gate and bus gate counter is cleaned after each flight. In addition, hand sanitizers are provided at immigration and security screening points. HIA was recently ranked "Third Best Airport in the World", among 550 airports worldwide, by the SKYTRAX World Airport Awards 2020. HIA was also voted the 'Best Airport in the Middle East' for the sixth year in a row and 'Best Staff Service in the Middle East' for the fifth year in a row.

#### About Qatar Airways:

A multiple award-winning airline, Qatar Airways was named 'World's Best Airline' by the 2019 World Airline Awards, managed by international air transport rating organisation Skytrax. It was also named 'Best Airline in the Middle East', 'World's Best Business Class' and 'Best Business Class Seat', in recognition of its ground-breaking Business Class experience, Qsuite. Qatar Airways is the only airline to have been awarded the coveted "Skytrax Airline of the Year" title, which is recognised as the pinnacle of excellence in the airline industry, five times.

Hamad International Airport (HIA), the airline's home and hub, was recently ranked "Third Best Airport in the World", among 550 airports worldwide, by the SKYTRAX World Airport Awards 2020. Rising from fourth position in 2019 to third in 2020, HIA has been steadily rising in the 'World's Best Airports' rankings since the start of its operations in 2014. In addition, HIA was voted the 'Best Airport in the Middle East' for the sixth year in a row and 'Best Staff Service in the Middle East' for the fifth year in a row.

Qsuite, a patented Qatar Airways product, features the industry's first-ever double bed in Business Class, as well as privacy panels that stow away, allowing passengers in adjoining seats to create their own private room, a first of its kind in the industry.

Qatar Airways was the first Gulf carrier to join global airline alliance oneworld, enabling its passengers to benefit from more than 1,000 airports in more than 160 countries, with 14,250 daily departures.

Oryx One, Qatar Airways' in-flight entertainment system offers passengers up to 4,000 entertainment options from the latest blockbuster movies, TV box sets, music, games and much more. Passengers flying on Qatar Airways flights served by its B787, B777, A350, A380, A319 and select A320 and A330 aircraft can also stay in touch with their friends and family around the world by using the award-winning airline's on-board Wi-Fi and GSM service.

Qatar Airways proudly supports a range of exciting international and local initiatives dedicated to enriching the global community that it serves. Qatar Airways, the official FIFA partner, is the official sponsor of many top-level sporting events, including the FIFA 2022 World Cup, reflecting the values of sports as a means of bringing people together, something at the core of the airline's own brand message - *Going Places Together*.

Qatar Airways Cargo, one of the world's leading international air cargo carriers, serves more than 60 freighter destinations worldwide via its world-class Doha hub and also delivers freight to more than 160 key business and leisure destinations globally on more than 250 aircraft. The Qatar Airways Cargo fleet includes two Boeing 747-8 freighters, 21 Boeing 777 freighters and five Airbus A330 freighters.

Qatar Executive is the private jet charter division of Qatar Airways Group. Luxury jet services are available for worldwide charter on board the operator's wholly-owned business jet fleet. Qatar Executive is the launch customer for Gulfstream's G700, the world's first commercial service operator of the Gulfstream G500 and largest commercial operator of the G650ER worldwide. Qatar Executive's service portfolio also includes aircraft management, maintenance and Fixed Based Operator services.

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