



QATAR AIRWAYS TO FLY NON-STOP BETWEEN DOHA AND MOZAMBIQUE THREE TIMES WEEKLY

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Qatar Airways will upgrade to non-stop B787 Dreamliner service three times weekly between Doha and Maputo, Mozambique, effective 27 March 2016. The airline currently serves the Doha – Maputo route three times a week via South Africa’s largest city Johannesburg.

With the start of the new non-stop service to Maputo International Airport, passengers from Europe, the Americas, the Middle East and Asia Pacific can now take advantage of a seamless one-stop connection to Mozambique’s capital city via Doha, saving approximately five hours per direction from prior itineraries.

Travellers from Mozambique will have more convenient options to more than 150 destinations around the world, including popular destinations like Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul, Tokyo, Karachi, Mumbai, Delhi and Dubai.

Qatar Airways launched scheduled flights in October 2012 to Maputo, Mozambique’s cultural, political and commercial centre. With today’s announcement to de-link flights from Johannesburg, Qatar Airways’ Maputo route will become a dedicated non-stop service between Qatar and Mozambique operated on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker said that today's announcement is a significant vote of confidence in the Mozambican travel market: "Three years ago, Qatar Airways began flights to Maputo via Johannesburg, and over that time we have seen a consistent increase in demand resulting in today's announcement, making our Maputo-Doha flights non-stop. We are very pleased that we will now be able to provide leisure and business passengers shorter, more convenient flights when travelling between Doha and Maputo."

Qatar Airways will serve Maputo direct with its state-of-the-art B787 Dreamliner aircraft starting 27 March, offering a consistent product to all destinations served in Southern Africa – Johannesburg, Cape Town, and also Durban which launched on 17 December. The aircraft features 254 seats in a two-class configuration of 22 seats in Business Class and 232 in Economy, and also features the airline's award-winning entertainment system offering a fully interactive audio and video system of up to 2,000 programmes. Key features on board include an award-winning iTouch touch control unit, iPort, USB port, remote data outlet, a custom designed culinary offering, plenty of storage space for personal items and more – all available in both cabins.

Qatar Airways continues its remarkable network expansion with the addition of Los Angeles on 01 January, and the planned launch of seven additional destinations in 2016: Adelaide; Atlanta; Birmingham; Boston; Ras Al Khaimah; Sydney; and Yerevan.

The Doha – Maputo schedule starting from 27 March 2016 is:

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays

Depart Doha QR1361 at 06:30, arrive Maputo at 13:40

Depart Maputo QR1362 at 15:05, arrive Doha at 00:10 next day

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