

QATAR AIRWAYS LAUNCHES LARNAKA AS 138TH DESTINATION

Five-star airline begins Cyprus route with four flights weekly

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LARNAKA, Cyprus – Qatar Airways' inaugural flight landed at Larnaka International Airport today, marking the five-star airline's 138th destination from Doha.

The inaugural flight signals the start of a four-time weekly service to Larnaka that will be operated by an Airbus A320, with 12 seats in Business Class and 132 in Economy.

The inaugural flight, which carried Qatar Airways dignitaries as well as commercial passengers, was greeted with a traditional water cannon salute, while the Chief Executive Officer of Hermes Airports, Mr. Wes Porter, led the welcoming committee.

Mr. Marwan Koleilat, Qatar Airways Chief Commercial Officer, said: "Cyprus is a fantastic destination and Qatar Airways is thrilled to be providing this new scheduled service to Larnaka. At Qatar Airways we strive to provide our passengers with a strong global network of business and leisure destinations, and the city of Larnaka is a welcome new addition to our extensive route map. Scheduled flights between Cyprus and Qatar have long been an aspiration for the airline and we believe travellers will truly appreciate our five-star service, together with the enhanced network of flights to more than 135 destinations around the world."

The new route is expected to become a popular choice for both business and leisure passengers, expanding bilateral relations between Cyprus and Qatar. The launch of the airline's flights to Larnaka signals a strengthening connection between the two countries that opens up new opportunities for mutually beneficial relations, by promoting and expanding economic and trade relations.

Commenting on Qatar Airways' inaugural flight to Larnaka, the CEO of Hermes Airport Mr. Wes Porter, said: "The arrival of Qatar Airways at Larnaka is an important milestone not only for Hermes Airports but also for the Republic of Cyprus. This new route will not only promote and support tourism development between Cyprus and Qatar, but will also improve the connectivity of Cyprus to the East. Likewise, it will be an excellent opportunity for Qatar Airways to develop its accessibility to Europe through Cyprus. This inaugural flight is an opportunity to acknowledge the excellent cooperation between Cyprus and Qatar and we are looking forward to seeing further development of our business relations".





Qatar Airways has recently taken advantage of their alliance network with the commencement of code shares with fellow **oneworld** member Cathay Pacific. The codeshare provide added benefits for passengers who already are able to take advantage of lounge access, increased connectivity and over 14,000 daily departures.

The DOHA – LARNAKA service, which runs four times a week, will operate on;
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, according to the below schedule:

Depart Doha QR265 at 08:10 hrs arrive Larnaka at 12:00 hrs
Depart Larnaka QR266 at 14:10 hrs arrive Doha at 17:45 hrs

About Qatar Airways:

Qatar Airways is the national carrier of the State of Qatar. Currently undergoing rapid expansion, Qatar Airways is one of the fastest growing airlines operating one of the youngest fleets in the world. Now in its 17th year of operations, Qatar Airways has a modern fleet of 131 aircraft flying to 137 key business and leisure destinations across six continents.

On October 30, 2013, Qatar Airways joined the **oneworld** Alliance, becoming the first Gulf carrier to join a global airline alliance, enabling its customers to benefit from almost 1,000 airports in more than 150 countries, with 14,000 daily departures.

Award-winning carrier Qatar Airways was presented with three honours at the annual Skytrax 2013 World Airline Awards held during the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget, France, last June. The airline was awarded World's Best Business Class, World's Best Business Class Lounge and, for the second consecutive year, Best Airline Staff Service in the Middle East.

During the 2013 Dubai Air Show the airline placed orders for more than 60 new aircraft – a mixture of Boeing 777X and Airbus A330 Freighters. In total the airline has more than 300 aircraft on order worth more than US \$50 billion. The airline will move into its new hub and home, Hamad International Airport, in 2014. For more information, visit our homepage www.qatarairways.com or our sites on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Google+](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

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