



## **Strong demand for travel to Mauritius drives significant increase in Air Mauritius' global capacity.** **London, Paris, Johannesburg and Reunion see increased flights.**

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International travellers and tourists eager to make the most of the loosening of Covid-19 restrictions are returning to Air Mauritius to make their journeys as comfortable as possible.

Air Mauritius, the flagship carrier of the Indian Ocean nation, is seeing a surge in bookings for the paradise island following the reopening of the country's borders. In this context, increased flights to and from the most popular markets are planned.

To meet increasing passenger demand, Air Mauritius will operate as from 01 November 2021 one daily flight to and from Paris CDG with an Airbus A350-900 aircraft in codeshare with Air France. Simultaneously, Air France in codeshare with Air Mauritius, will also operate a daily flight from Paris CDG to Mauritius as from the same date.

As from 12 November 2021, Air Mauritius will operate three weekly flights to and from London Heathrow, which will then increase to five weekly flights during the Christmas and New Year peaks from 20 December 2021 to 15 January 2022.

Continuing its close connection with Africa, Air Mauritius will operate seven weekly flights to Johannesburg with both the Airbus A350-900 and A330-900neo aircraft as from 07 November 2021.

Three daily flights will operate to Reunion as from 01 November 2021 with a combination of wide-bodied and ATR72-500 aircraft.

Air Mauritius offers global connectivity with cities around the world. With the continued increase in demand and confidence from international travellers, Air Mauritius will soon be adding other routes and connections to its offering.

Mauritius remains a popular destination for visitors coming from Europe, Africa and Asia in particular, seeking the unique natural beauty, cultural and culinary experiences the country has to offer.

Nilen Vencadasmy, Chairman of Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, said: "The continued increase in the number of bookings on Air Mauritius highlights the confidence that domestic and international travellers have in the national airline.

The decision to increase capacity was made after significant interest from countries including the UK, France and South Africa. We know that when booking a holiday, travellers take comfort in using our nation's flagship airline, and as we approach Christmas and the New Year during our peak season, we are looking forward to welcoming visitors to Mauritius."

Ken Arian, CEO of Airport Holdings Limited, the parent company of Air Mauritius said: "Our new look fleet, following the recent refinancing of Air Mauritius, allows us to increase our flight capacity for visitors from popular destinations globally.

Air Mauritius continues to play a vital role in our country's tourism industry, ensuring passenger flights to and from Mauritius are easily accessible and available. No efforts have been spared in the maintenance of strict health and safety protocols to provide the best experience possible, which has led to the decision to expand the number of flights over the coming season."

From the moment passengers board an Air Mauritius flight, they experience the legendary Mauritian hospitality, as they prepare to set foot on idyllic beaches and enjoy the sunshine in Mauritius.

The safety and well-being of passengers, crew and ground personnel are the topmost priority of Air Mauritius, with strict Covid-19 protocols enforced on all flights. Sanitary kits containing surgical masks and sanitary gel are offered to all travellers on international flights.

Passengers can be reassured that all Air Mauritius staff and crew are fully vaccinated to ensure travellers are welcomed into a safe and secure environment on the island.

Flying nowadays is a different experience for everyone, and much emphasis has been laid on the health and safety of passengers and crew. Passengers enjoy flying more when they know they are in a safe environment and flying with Air Mauritius effectively creates a vaccination bubble for tourists as soon as they step onboard.

The recent refinancing of Air Mauritius has also instilled confidence in those looking for an island getaway, knowing the airline is on a solid financial footing and is able to invest in its customer service offering, as well as new aircraft to provide the best flying experience possible.

Air Mauritius' fleet, consisting of four Airbus A350-900s, two Airbus A330-900neos and 3 ATR72-500 aircraft is one of the youngest and most fuel-efficient widebody fleet in the world. With the strict measures in place in the interest of personal health and safety, flying with Air Mauritius remains an enjoyable and safe experience.

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