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SWISS continues to offer extensive services in its winter schedules

SWISS will continue to offer a comprehensive and attractive range of air services in its coming winter schedules, despite the lingering crisis within the aviation sector and the economy as a whole. The airline will also be further pursuing its strategy of flexibly adjusting its capacity to changed and changing demand, not only temporarily reducing frequencies on certain routes but also expanding its services to some destinations. From 25 October, for instance, SWISS customers will enjoy new daily service to and from Bangkok. Frequencies on routes to North America will also be slightly increased from December onwards; and in Europe, SWISS is intensifying its service to Berlin from five to six daily flights.

SWISS will continue to reduce its overall capacity in response to changed demand in the coming winter schedules, broadly to the extent already seen in the summer timetable period. Capacity on SWISS's European network will be around one per cent lower than originally envisaged, while intercontinental production will be reduced by around nine per cent. This means that of the 2 650 weekly flights originally scheduled for Winter 2009/2010, around 50 will not be operated. Two aircraft of the SWISS long-haul fleet will remain withdrawn from service throughout the winter timetable period.

SWISS will serve 76 destinations (48 European and 28 intercontinental) in 40 countries in its coming winter schedules with a fleet of 85 aircraft (including seven operated under wet-lease arrangements). More than 30 further destinations will receive non-stop service to and from Zurich under codeshare agreements with partner air carriers.



More frequencies on some routes

On the intercontinental front, SWISS will increase its services to Bangkok from the present six to seven weekly flights (i.e. daily service) from 25 October. December will also see the restoration of some North Atlantic services previously suspended in response to changes in demand: service on the Zurich-New York route will be increased again to 13 weekly flights, while daily service will now be offered on the Geneva-New York and Zurich-Boston routes. On its European network, SWISS will be adding a further daily frequency between Zurich and Berlin, where customers will now be able to choose from six daily flights.

From Geneva, SWISS will be offering service to nine destinations with its own aircraft and a further 16 under codeshare arrangements in its winter schedules. Winter services from Basel will consist of nine destinations served with SWISS-operated aircraft and a further four under codeshare agreements.

Edelweiss Air / SWISS Charter

SWISS will also be offering services to 20 leisure destinations from Zurich and three from Geneva in collaboration with Edelweiss Air.

The SWISS winter schedules come into effect on 25 October and will remain in force up to and including 27 March 2010. Full details are available online at SWISS.COM.

Innovations in the 2009/2010 winter schedules:

Intercontinental network:

Zurich-Bangkok-Zurich

LX 180 dep 22:45 arr 15:25 daily throughout the timetable period

LX 181 dep 23:40 arr 06:10 daily throughout the timetable period

Increased from six to seven weekly flights.



European network:

Zurich-Berlin (Tegel)-Zurich

LX 976 dep 08:50 arr 10:15 daily

LX 977 dep 10:45 arr 12:15 daily

New sixth daily frequency.

Further codeshare destinations (flights operated by Edelweiss Air):

From Zurich:

Europe

Lanzarote (ACE)

Fuerteventura (FUE)

Las Palmas (LPA)

Kittilä (KTT)

Pristina (PRN)

Skopje (SKP)

Tenerife (TFS)

Intercontinental

Agadir (AGA)

Casablanca (CMN)

Cancun (CUN)

Goa (GOI)

Phuket (HKT)

Mombasa (MBA)

Male (MLE)

Puerto Plata (POP)

Punta Cana (PUJ)

Marrakech (RAK)

Varadero (VRA)

From Geneva:

Europe

Las Palmas (LPA)

Tenerife (TFS)

Pristina (PRN)