

Media release

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Expanded product & service

SWISS announces new improvements in Newark & Chicago

A larger aircraft at Newark International Airport and expanded service from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport are just two recently announced improvements that can be expected by SWISS passengers in 2012.

As of March 31, 2012, SWISS will no longer service the Newark-Zurich route with an all – Business Class Boeing Business Jet. Instead, passengers will have greater options when SWISS begins operation in March with an Airbus A340-300 aircraft complete with three classes of service. The operation will also be expanded to daily service (versus the current six times a week) with quick and easy connections via Zurich to more than 48 other European destinations.

The Airbus A340-300, known as the flagship of the SWISS fleet, offers a total of 219 seats: 8 in SWISS First; 47 in SWISS Business and 164 in SWISS Economy as opposed to the current service of just 56 Business Class seats. Passengers will also be pleased to have the option of flying in SWISS's award-winning Business Class complete with a fully horizontal lie-flat bed measuring 79 inches long, and innovative pneumatic seat that can be individually adjusted to meet personal comfort needs. The cabin is designed to offer more personal space with a seat configuration of 1-2-1 or 2-2-1 with most seats having direct aisle access for more privacy and storage space. The timetable is as follows:

Newark – Zurich Timetable (as of March 31, 2012):

EWR - ZRH	LX 19	daily	10:00pm	11:30am*
ZRH - EWR	LX 18	daily	5:30pm	8:20pm

**next day*



Second, SWISS will expand service in Chicago during the summer peak period with the addition of four weekly flights starting June 7 until the end of October 2012. SWISS currently operates and will continue to provide Airbus 330-300 service from O'Hare International Airport to Zurich, its home hub.

The A330-300 offers three classes of service with 236 seats (8 SWISS First; 45 in SWISS Business, and 183 in SWISS Economy). The new SWISS First and SWISS Business classes feature lie flat seats and the innovative air cushion technology for passenger comfort. As the air cushion seats are one of the lightest of its kind, the new seats are less than nine pounds (4 kilos) lighter than they would be with conventional foam padding. The weight reduction will save SWISS more than 650 tons of kerosene per year and this in turn will lower the company's annual CO2 emissions by over 2,000 tons.

The Chicago-Zurich route schedule will be as follows:

ORD – ZRH	New LX2609	-2-4-67	2:50pm	6:20am*
ORD – ZRH	LX 9	Daily	7:25pm	11:00am *
ZRH – ORD	New LX2608	-2-4-67	9:55am	12:35pm
ZRH – ORD	LX 8	Daily	12:55pm	3:40pm

**next day*

SWISS provides service from other convenient U.S. gateways including Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Miami and San Francisco. For more information about SWISS, call 1-877-FLY-SWISS, contact your local travel agent, click on www.swiss.com or follow @SWISS_US on Twitter and Facebook.

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