

Emirates upgrades service to Zimbabwe and Zambia

Emirates is set to enhance its on-board experience and increase capacity on its Zambia and Zimbabwe route with the deployment of a larger Boeing 777-300ER aircraft from 1 February 2016.



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The Boeing 777-300ER will replace the current Airbus A340-300 and offer an additional 97 Economy Class seats per flight. The aircraft will have eight private suites in First Class, 42 lie-flat seats in Business Class and 310 spacious seats in Economy Class.

"... the upgauge to the Boeing 777-300ER on the Lusaka-Harare route is part of our commitment to offer Zambian and Zimbabwean travellers even more comfort and entertainment on our daily service," said Orhan Abbas, Emirates senior vice president, commercial operations, Latin America, Central and Southern Africa.

"In addition to the enhanced on-board product, we are also able to offer more seats, ensuring capacity to meet growing demand on the route, not just outbound from Zimbabwe and Zambia, but also inbound from the United States, UK and Australia, as we continue to build and strengthen trade and tourism links between Zimbabwe and Zambia with markets in the rest of Emirates' extensive global network," he added.

Popular destinations for both Zambian and Zimbabwean travellers include Dubai, London, Beijing, New York, Hong Kong, Manchester and Delhi, amongst others.

Backbone of the Emirates fleet

With 155 Boeing 777s in service and a further 190 on order, the aircraft is the backbone of the Emirates fleet. The deployment of the aircraft on the Lusaka and Harare route also makes Emirates' Southern Africa network an all Boeing 777 operation, with flights to Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg in South Africa, and Luanda in Angola, highlighting the importance of the region with a growing and vibrant tourism and business sector.

Businesses and traders will also benefit from the aircraft's larger belly-hold to carry cargo, offering 23 tonnes of capacity per flight to support the two countries' exports such as vegetables and flowers, and imports ranging from pharmaceuticals to mining equipment.

EK713 departs Dubai every day at 09.25am, arriving in Lusaka at 14.40pm. The flight then departs Lusaka at 16.10pm, arriving in Harare at 17.15pm. The return flight, EK714 leaves Harare at 18.50pm, arriving Lusaka at 19.55pm. It departs Lusaka at 21.40pm and lands in Dubai at 06.50am the next day.

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