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QATAR AIRWAYS TO LAUNCH NEW ROUTE TO ERITREAN CAPITAL ASMARA

Twice-weekly Flights to
begin December 4 Five-Star
Carrier Continues African
Expansion with New Route to
Asmara

Qatar Airways today announced a further expansion of its African operations with plans to launch scheduled flights to Eritrea's capital city Asmara, effective 4 December 2014.

The twice-weekly flights will operate from Doha to Asmara and will be served by an Airbus A320 featuring 12 seats in Business Class and 132 seats in Economy.

Strategically located by the Red Sea, the economy of Eritrea has experienced considerable growth in recent years as the country has capitalised on its extensive deposits of natural resources such as copper, gold, granite, marble, and potassium. Capital city Asmara also has much to offer the leisure traveller being a city steeped in rich architecture and culture.

The newest Qatar Airways' destination in Africa is another example of the airline's commitment to open up access to markets that are largely underserved by international airlines and have great potential.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Officer, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker said: "We are very pleased to be reinforcing our presence in Africa with the launch of scheduled flights to Asmara, allowing us to further expand our business on the African continent.



"There is clearly demand and huge potential to and from Eritrea, one of the many underserved markets in Africa. As a global five-star carrier we are constantly looking for new opportunities to fulfil the needs of the travelling public from such markets and for those wanting to travel there from the more than 140 destinations that we serve around the world."

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Passengers can now book tickets through registered travel agents and the Qatar Airways website www.qatarairways.com to take advantage of the airline's seamless connections to popular destinations including Dubai, Frankfurt, Stockholm, London, Oslo, Copenhagen, Chicago and Washington via the airline's Doha hub.

Qatar Airways has seen rapid growth in just 17 years of operations, and is currently flying a modern fleet of 134 aircraft to 144 key business and leisure destinations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific and the Americas.

The DOHA - ASMARA schedules, 2-times-a-week with effect from 4 December 2014 are:-

Thursdays and Saturdays

Depart Doha QR1443 at 2030 hrs, arrive Asmara at 2359 hrs

Fridays and Sundays

Depart Asmara QR1444 at 0245 hrs, arrive Doha at 0605 hrs

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Notes to Editors:

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 14,250 daily departures.

Award-winning carrier Qatar Airways was presented with three honours at the annual Skytrax 2014 World Airline Awards held during the Farnborough Air Show in the UK. The airline was awarded World's Best Business Class for the second year consecutively, World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge for the second year consecutively and, Best Airline in the Middle East for the eighth time.

At the Farnborough Air Show, the airline placed an order for 100 Boeing 777X aircraft, taking Qatar Airways' orders to more than 340 aircraft with a value of US \$70 billion. For more information, visit our homepage www.qatarairways.com or our sites on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, and YouTube.

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