

PRESS RELEASE

Kenya Airways resumes nonstop flights to Mogadishu, fostering regional connectivity

Nairobi, 15th February 2024 – Kenya Airways has reintroduced nonstop flights to Mogadishu, Somalia, signaling a landmark achievement in regional connectivity and development.

The thrice-weekly flights will bring about greater convenience of nonstop travel, focusing on reduced travel time and enhanced accessibility between Nairobi and Mogadishu.

The Somalia flight will operate from Terminal 2 at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Kenya Airways had initially launched flights to Mogadishu in December 2018 but had to suspend the route due to the pandemic.

In August 2023, bilateral air services agreement between Kenya and Somalia were signed paving the way for direct flights.

Highlighting the significance of this development, Kenya Airway’s Group Managing Director and CEO, Allan Kilavuka said the resumption of flights to Mogadishu aligns with the airline’s strategic commitment to expanding its network across the African continent and contributing to its long-term economic progress.

“The introduction of 3X-weekly flights will undoubtedly enhance trade and economic opportunities between our connected regions, stimulate tourism, and strengthen cultural and social ties. Apart from passenger services, our recently acquired B737-800 Freighter has started ferrying cargo directly between Sharjah and Mogadishu with a weekly flight and plans to increase this to twice weekly by April 2024.” said Mr. Kilavuka.

The flights are expected to improve connectivity for business travelers, the Somali diaspora, NGOs among others. In recent years, Somalia has witnessed significant positive change as peace efforts bear fruit. In December 2023, Somalia's was formally admitted to the East African Community (EAC), making it the eighth member of the regional block.

In January 2023, the Somali airspace regained its Class A classification after more than 30 years, a move recognized by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for its potential to enhance safety and efficiency in the region.

Kenya Airways, with its expanded global network, now connects passengers to 43 global destinations, providing more convenient travel options.

Note to editor

Kenya Airways Nairobi – Mogadishu schedule

Schedule

Nairobi to Mogadishu			
Day	Flight No	Depart	Arrive

Mon, Thurs, Sat	KQ 362	14:00	15:45
Mogadishu to Nairobi			
Day	Flight No	Depart	Arrive
Mon, Thurs, Sat	KQ 363	16:35	18:20

About Kenya Airways

Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to 43 destinations worldwide, 35 of which are in Africa. In 2022 the World Travel Awards recognized KQ as Africa's Leading Airline, Africa's Leading Airline Brand, Africa's Leading Airline - Business Class, and Africa's Leading Inflight Magazine (Msafiri). In 2023 KQ was awarded Best Airline Staff in Africa at the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards. KQ's fleet comprises of wide-body Boeing aircraft that includes its flagship B787 Dreamliner and narrow-body Embraer E190 aircraft.

The on-board service is renowned worldwide and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide body aircraft is consistently voted among the world's top 10. Kenya Airways takes pride in being at the forefront of connecting Africa to the World and the World to Africa through its hub at the new ultra-modern Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.

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