

United commences non-stop flights between Cape Town and New York

United Airlines has commenced its year-round service of three weekly flights between Cape Town International Airport and its New York/Newark hub, marking the route's expansion from a summer seasonal operation.



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United will fly three times weekly with the 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft.

In addition to connecting Cape Town and South Africa's Western Cape with the greater New York / New Jersey region, the new schedule provides customers flying from Cape Town with easy and convenient connections, through United's New York/Newark hub, to more than 85 US cities, including Chicago, Houston, Washington DC and Los Angeles.

United's code-share partnership with South Africa-based Airlink also provides additional travel options for customers travelling from other Southern African destinations connecting onto United's nonstop long-haul services to the US.

"In addition to putting the US within easy reach of the Western Cape, our service makes it easy for U.S. travellers to reach

Cape Town, consistently ranked among the world's top travel destinations," says Bob Schumacher, United regional director of sales. "The expansion of this service offers our business and leisure customers in South Africa and in neighbouring markets, greater choice and significantly reduced travel times."



United to expand Cape Town service with year-round, nonstop flights to New York

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"The expansion of United's New York/Newark-Cape Town operation to a year-round, three times a week service will enable renewed and expanded economic opportunities for Cape Town and the Western Cape. New York is the largest regional economy in the US, and a global hub much like Cape Town, making the cities ideal partners. We cannot discount how valuable increased connectivity is, and we would like to thank United Airlines for its continued commitment to our destination," said Wrenelle Stander, Wesgro CEO and official spokesperson for Cape Town Air Access.

"Welcome back United Airlines. We are pleased to welcome the United team and passengers back to Cape Town International Airport earlier than originally scheduled and we look forward to the year-round service," says Mark MacLean Acsa's regional general manager, Cape Town International Airport cluster. "Travellers continue to be offered a growing number of international destinations from Cape Town and we are particularly pleased that more airlines are choosing to operate throughout the year."

Strengthening partnerships

"The US government is delighted about the start of United Airlines' year-round, direct flight between Cape Town and Newark, which reflects the strong and longstanding trade, commercial and people-to-people ties between the United States and South Africa," says US acting consul-general in Cape Town, Emily Shaffer. "This flight creates economic opportunities, reunites families and friends, facilitates educational exchanges and further strengthens our robust relationship and partnership with the Western Cape."

"The expansion of the current service by United Airlines, from seasonal flights to an all-year-round service which includes three flights per week direct from New York/Newark-Cape Town, is more great news for the Western Cape," says Mireille Wenger, Western Cape minister of finance and economic opportunities.

"There is clearly a surge in demand for flights to Cape Town. This points to signs of recovery and rebound in the tourism and hospitality sector. One of my priorities is to clear obstacles so that we can increase connections to the Western Cape, which will bring a host of positive contributions to the economy and job creation. The Western Cape government is a proud partner of the Air Access programme and we thank them for their hard work in increasing connectivity to the province. At the end of the day, more flights mean more tourists, and more tourists mean more jobs in the Western Cape."



United applies to launch first-ever nonstop service between Washington and Cape Town

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United first launched flights from Cape Town in December 2019, and it quickly became one of the airline's flagship international routes. The airline later built upon this success in Africa with the launch of flights between Johannesburg and New York/Newark in June 2021, a new service between Accra and Washington DC in May 2021 and between Lagos and Washington DC in November 2021.

United has applied to the US Department of Transportation (DoT) for authority to operate year-round service between Washington DC and Cape Town this coming November. The application is pending review under the DoT's route

proceeding allocation.

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