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Qatar Airways Expands Global Network to Over 170 Destinations this Winter Season

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Increased flights will enhance connectivity across Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Americas and the Middle East

DOHA, Qatar – Qatar Airways will expand its global network to more than 170 destinations during the 2026-2027 winter season, reflecting the airline's network growth and reinforcing its position as a leader in global connectivity. The winter schedule will see Qatar Airways operate more than 186 weekly flights across Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Americas and the Middle East, providing passengers with greater choice and seamless experiences through its award-winning hub at Hamad International Airport.

As part of elevating the in-flight experience for global passengers, the airline is advancing Starlink rollout at an unprecedented pace to more routes in its network

across six continents. With up to 340 Starlink-enabled flights operating daily, the airline is making access to the fastest Wi-Fi in the sky on more than 150 equipped widebody aircraft an increasingly familiar part of its passenger experience.

The 2026-2027 winter schedule reflects strong demand across Qatar Airways' network in six continents and includes resumed services and frequency increases across global key markets.

Expanding Connectivity Across Africa

In Africa, Qatar Airways is increasing connectivity to the world's most sought-after destinations. Daily flights to Zanzibar (ZNZ), Tanzania resume from 25 October 2026, further reinforcing the airline's commitment to support tourism and trade across the continent.

Complementing this growth, the airline will also expand services to Seychelles (SEZ), Seychelles, from four to seven weekly flights from 1 March 2027, providing global travellers greater access to destinations renowned for their beaches, culture, and hospitality.

South Africa will begin benefiting from additional Qatar Airways flights to Johannesburg (JNB) starting 2 December 2026 with 18 weekly flights, an increase from 14 flights, offering travellers more flexibility in making business and leisure travel plans.

Strengthening the Americas Network

In North America, Qatar Airways will increase services to Montréal (YUL), Canada from five to seven weekly flights from 25 October 2026, representing a 40 per cent boost in seat capacity. The enhanced schedule caters to increasing travel demand to Canada from the Indian Subcontinent and the Middle East.

Significant Growth Across Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific continues to be a key region in Qatar Airways' network, with multiple frequency increases and route resumptions planned throughout the winter season, notably for travellers from Europe.

On 25 October 2026, Qatar Airways service to Phuket (HKT), Thailand, will increase from 14 to 21 weekly flights, and flights to Malé (MLE), the Maldives, will be ramped up from 12 to 21 weekly flights, offering greater choice to adventure seekers around the globe.

Flights to Ho Chi Minh City (SGN), Vietnam, will increase from seven to 11 weekly services from 7 November 2026, supported by the reintroduction of direct four weekly flights between Doha and Ho Chi Minh City. The existing Doha-Ho Chi Minh City-Phnom Penh operation will continue, providing customers with greater flexibility while increasing overall capacity to Vietnam and beyond.

This winter season, travellers to, and from, Kuala Lumpur (KUL) will also have greater choice when selecting from Qatar Airways' 18 weekly flights, starting 25 October 2026. The service will be complemented by **oneworld** partner, Malaysia Airlines 14 weekly flights between Kuala Lumpur and Doha.

Starting 9 December 2026, Qatar Airways will resume daily flights to Canberra (CBR) via Melbourne (MEL), Australia. The resumption reconnects Australia's capital to Qatar Airways' global network and provides additional connectivity to Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.

Furthermore, the airline is expanding frequencies to Melbourne from 7 to 14 weekly flights to Melbourne from 9 December 2026. In partnership with Qatar Airways, Virgin Australia will also expand flights from Sydney, Brisbane, and Perth to Doha from December 2026.

Sydney will increase from 7 to 14 weekly flights (total 21 weekly with Qatar Airways), Brisbane will restart with 3 weekly flights (total 10 weekly with Qatar Airways), and Perth will restart with 4 weekly flights (total 11 weekly with Qatar Airways).

Enhanced European Connectivity

In Europe, Qatar Airways will continue strengthening its presence to key gateway cities.

Flights to London Heathrow (LHR) will increase from 49 to 56 weekly services from 25 October 2026, delivering an 11 per cent addition in capacity. London-Doha connectivity is further supported by Qatar Airways' codeshare partner, British Airways' daily flight between the two capitals.

In Germany, services to Frankfurt (FRA) will increase from 18 to 21 weekly flights from 7 December 2026, enhancing capacity by seven per cent.

Continued Expansion Across the Middle East

Qatar Airways is advancing its services across the Middle East, with flights per day advancing by 10 per cent during the winter season, and four route resumptions announced in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Beginning with Qassim (ELQ) on 25 October 2026, Qatar Airways will also resume services to Taif (TIF) on 31 October 2026, Yanbu (YNB) on 2 January 2027, and Tabuk (TUU) on 3 January 2027, boosting access across the Kingdom.

Each destination will be served twice weekly, boosting Qatar Airways' operations in Saudi Arabia to more than 155 weekly flights, representing an increase of more than 10 per cent compared to the summer schedule. The expansion will grow Qatar Airways' Saudi network to 12 destinations, reflecting the airline's long-term commitment to the Kingdom and its role in supporting regional connectivity and economic growth.

Driving the Next Phase of Growth

With nearly 1,800 weekly frequencies planned during December 2026, Qatar Airways is entering the winter season with greater scale and a robust global footprint, delivering more choice and connectivity for global travellers.

Bookings are now available at qatarairways.com or through the airline's mobile app. New and returning passengers can benefit from their Qatar Airways Privilege Club membership to access in-flight Starlink connectivity, and collect and use Avios for upgrades, shopping and dining at Qatar Duty Free, extra baggage, and more.

About Qatar Airways

A multiple award-winning airline, Qatar Airways won the 'World's Best Airline' title for an unprecedented ninth time at the 2025 World Airline Awards, managed by the international air transport rating organisation, Skytrax. Qatar Airways was previously named the World's Best Airline in 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2024.

The airline continues to be synonymous with excellence, and has yet again received recognition for 'World's Best Business Class', and 'World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge'. As the leading connector in the region, Qatar Airways has also been lauded with the 'Best Airline in the Middle East' title for the 13th time.

Qatar Airways recently received the Platinum performance recognition by Cirium, the leading aviation analytics organisation, for its reliability and operational performance. The recognition is a testament to the airline's unwavering commitment to providing seamless and proven operations as part of its award-winning passenger experience.

This summer, Qatar Airways is flying to over 160 destinations worldwide, connecting through its Doha hub, Hamad International Airport. The airport has been recognised as the 'Best Airport in the Middle East' for 11 consecutive years, as well as 'World's Best Airport Shopping' for the third year in a row by Skytrax. Hamad International Airport has previously been named the 'World's Best Airport' by Skytrax in 2021, 2022, and 2024.

Qatar Airways was the first Airline in the Middle East to be certified to the highest level of IATA's Environmental Assessment (IEnvA) programme, based on recognised environmental management system principles (such as ISO 14001). As an inaugural signatory to the Buckingham Palace Declaration in March 2016, Qatar Airways became the first airline globally to be certified to the industry standard for the prevention of illegal wildlife trafficking in aviation.

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