
Etihad to launch Dreamliner service to BCN

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An Etihad Dreamliner in Formula 1 livery

Etihad Airways will replace its A330-200 service with a 787-9 Dreamliner on its scheduled route from Abu Dhabi to Barcelona, early next year.

The deployment of the larger Dreamliner to Barcelona has been timed to coincide with the [Mobile World Conference](#) taking place in the city February 25-28, during which Etihad Airways will provide daily flights. The airline will increase frequency to a permanent daily operation from March 31.

The service will feature Etihad Airways' next-generation Business and Economy cabins, configured with 28 Business Studios and 271 Economy Smart Seats - a capacity increase of six seats in Business and 31 in Economy in each direction, and an increase in belly-hold cargo capacity of four tonnes.

"We are delighted to now include Barcelona to our growing list of Dreamliner destinations," said Robin Kamark, Etihad Aviation Group Chief Commercial Officer. "We launched flights to the city just last month and forward passenger and cargo demand on the route from Abu Dhabi, and beyond, has encouraged us to accelerate the deployment of the larger 787 on this popular service.

"Together with Madrid, also operated by the 787-9 Dreamliner, the move will guarantee product consistency and more convenient travel options for our customers traveling to and from Spain, ensuring they experience the quietest cabins and our latest in-flight products and innovations."

Etihad Airways' 787-9 aircraft feature food and beverage managers in Business Class and a onboard nanny in Economy Class to provide specialized care for families with young children.

Etihad Airways operates an extensive codeshare partnership with Air Europa (UX) allowing guests a seamless transfer with the Spanish airline's services between Barcelona and Madrid. Etihad also codeshares with Air Europa beyond Madrid to 19 cities in Europe, South America, Mexico and the

Caribbean.