
Emirates rolls out Ramadan offerings

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Silsal Design House created the look for Emirates' meal boxes

During Emirates' signature Ramadan service to begin around May 5, the airline expects to serve 1 million dates to passengers during iftar and suhoor, both on board and on the ground in Dubai.

Emirates' serves specially crafted iftar meals on board, relevant programming on its *ice* inflight entertainment system, and the distribution of dates and water on the ground.

Passengers breaking their fast on board will be offered iftar boxes with a nutritional meal. Each box will have couscous salad and grilled chicken or moudardara and roasted chicken, sandwiches, spinach fatayer or tomato and onion fatayer, assorted sweets, dates, laban and water. More than 150,000 iftar boxes will be served during the holy month. The iftar box menus will be refreshed mid-Ramadan.

The special meals will be available to passengers across all cabin classes on select Emirates flights that coincide with iftar times. This includes flights to and from the Gulf region as well as flights catering to Umrah groups traveling to Jeddah and Medina during the month of Ramadan. During the holy month, cold meals will be served on all flights to Jeddah and Medina, including Umrah day flights.

Emirates calculates the correct times for imsak (the time to commence fasting) and iftar while in using the aircraft's longitude, latitude and altitude. When the sun sets, passengers will be informed of the iftar time by the captain.

Emirates continues its partnership with [Silsal Design House](#) for the box designs inspired by Middle Eastern culture. For customers looking for a keepsake, [Emirates Arabic Coffee Cups](#) by Silsal and [Emirates Bicycle Playing Cards](#) are available at the [Emirates Official Stores](#) with international shipping.

All seven Emirates lounges at Dubai International Airport will also cater to passengers who are fasting. The lounges provide dedicated prayer rooms and serve Arabic coffee, dates and sweets in addition to buffet spreads for iftar and suhoor. Dates and water will also be offered at the boarding gates of select flights.

Emirates' *ice* system will feature special religious programming from May. Passengers can see the animated series, *The Prophets*; informative programs such as *Ramadan in the Islamic World*, *Al Alam Bayn Fotour wa Sohour* and *Men Raheeq Al Iman*; as well as *Khawater Ramadaneya*, a program based on the poems of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Arabic audiobooks including Ahmad Al Shugairi's *Thoughts of a Young Man* and Sultan Al-Mousa's *The Perfect Woman*. Arabic programs such as *Hala Kazem* and *3x1* have also been added.