

Etihad prepares special meals for Ramadan



Sticky date pudding is part of the Etihad menu during Ramadan

In celebration of the Holy Month of Ramadan, [Etihad Airways](#) has teamed up with Emirati [Chef Khaled Alsaadi](#).

The Abu Dhabi-based Chef has put a signature twist on authentic Emirati recipes, fusing contemporary cooking techniques and local ingredients to recreate popular Ramadan dishes for guests.

“This Ramadan, we wanted to surprise our guests with a special menu that takes a modern approach to traditional, well-loved recipes, to make every iftar on board Etihad Airways a memorable experience,” said Terry Daly, Executive Director of Guest Experience, Brand and Marketing, Etihad Airways. “Our special Ramadan menu in collaboration with Chef Khaled brings our guests the warmth and flavors of family iftars while showcasing the best of modern Emirati cuisine.



Bulgur salad with a date vinaigrette

"The UAE has seen a dramatic rise in the number of talented young chefs who are deconstructing Emirati cuisine and using traditional recipes and ingredients in new ways to create a gastronomic experience that is modern yet deeply inspired by the culinary heritage of the country," said a release from Etihad

Passengers will be served lamb quzi with black pepper chutney, bulgur salad with a date vinaigrette, and sticky date pudding. In addition, a selection of Alsaadi's bespoke recipes will be available online or by scanning QR codes placed at the bottom of the onboard menu, allowing passengers to recreate Etihad's unique inflight meals at home.

Etihad's Ramadan menu will be available on selected flights that coincide with iftar times. This includes flights to and from the GCC countries and flights catering to Umrah groups traveling to Jeddah and Medina during the month of Ramadan.

The Etihad Ramadan experience starts from the lounges at Abu Dhabi International Airport, with dedicated prayer rooms, and extends to special onboard products and services.

Travelers breaking their fast before departure or just before landing will be provided with takeaway bags containing dates and adorned with an image inspired by one of UAE's hidden gems.

"Traveling during Ramadan, travelers long for a cozy family iftar meal," said Alsaadi. "I wanted to bring the essence and warmth of the family iftar in each and every bite that will taste like the one prepared by mothers and evokes pleasant memories. It was an absolute pleasure to team up with Etihad and its culinary design team and it allowed me to present modern Emirati dishes to international guests travelling on board the UAE's national carrier."

The airline's inflight entertainment system, E-box, will be updated with a selection of Ramadan

content including recordings of the Holy Quran as well as a Mecca Qibla pointer.