South African Airways unveils refurbished departures lounge in Cape Town



SAA unveils refurbished departures lounge for passengers departing from Cape Town

South African Airways (SAA) has announced the unveiling of its newly refurbished domestic departures lounge at Cape Town International Airport (CPT), marking a significant milestone in the airline's commitment to enhancing the passenger experience.

This is the third major upgrade in SAA's revitalized lounge concept, "The Lounge," following successful airport lounge renovations at OR Tambo International, Johannesburg, and Chief Dawid Stuurman International, Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).

The CPT lounge has undergone a comprehensive four-month transformation, resulting in a sophisticated and spacious environment tailored to the needs of modern travellers.

The redesigned space offers expanded capacity and a range of premium amenities, including curated dining areas, collaborative workspaces, private focus booths and versatile seating options.

Key features of the new lounge include:

- Copper-clad concierge desks for personalized welcome
- A mixology show-bar with expert baristas and bartenders

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- Buffet-style dining with gourmet breakfasts, all-day meals and crafted canapés
- Private focus booths for work, entertainment or calls
- Universal charging ports and high-speed Wi-Fi throughout

Travelers can enjoy an elevated culinary experience crafted by SAA's catering partner, Air Chefs. The menu features fresh, seasonal ingredients and a variety of gourmet offerings, complemented by full-service bars and refined dining facilities that create an inspiring, relaxing and indulgent pre-flight experience.

Matshela Seshibe, Chief Executive Officer of Air Chefs, commented, "We are honored to contribute to this exceptional passenger experience through our culinary expertise. The menu reflects both global and local tastes and our team is proud to deliver nourishing, sustainable and innovative food solutions."

Professor John Lamola, SAA Group Chief Executive, said, "Our commitment to placing customers first begins the moment they arrive at the airport. This beautifully refurbished lounge is a sanctuary of comfort, delicious food and exceptional service, an embodiment of the standards and aspirations of our flagship carrier."

"We extend our sincere thanks to our partners, Discovery Bank and Investec Bank, for their continued collaboration in renovating this space and helping establish a sustainable business model for the SAA lounge experience," added Lamola.

The SAA Domestic Lounge at Cape Town International Airport is located at the airport in the domestic departures' terminal, after security. It is situated near the boarding gates and is accessible to eligible SAA passengers, as well as Discovery Bank clients and Investec Private Banking cardholders, subject to tier and booking class. The lounge is open Monday to Friday from 04:30 to 21:00, Saturday and Sunday from 05:30 to 21:00.

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