

## Media Release

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### Route Network

## **SWISS to start flights from Osaka to Zurich and deploy Tokyo with a Boeing 777-300ER**

**From March 2020, Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) will serve the new long-haul destination Osaka with an Airbus A340-300. Starting in February 2020, the Japanese capital Tokyo will be served daily by a Boeing 777-300ER. These changes in the SWISS route network follow the commissioning of two Boeing 777-300ERs purchased in 2018.**

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) will put two additional Boeing 777-300ER aircraft into service in the first quarter of 2020. The two aircraft were ordered in May 2018. In the course of this commissioning, SWISS will expand its long-haul network from Zurich and include a non-stop service to Osaka in 2020, as well as serving the existing destination Tokyo with its largest long-haul aircraft, the Boeing 777-300ER.

### **Flying non-stop from Osaka to Zurich**

SWISS will introduce a five-times-weekly non-stop service between Osaka and Zurich in the heart of Europe on March 1, 2020. Osaka is the second SWISS destination in Japan after Tokyo. The route will be operated with an Airbus A340-300 aircraft which offers 223 seats in three classes (First Class 8, Business Class 47, Economy Class 168).

“We are pleased to announce this new route from Osaka to Zurich operated by SWISS”, says Donald Bunkenburg, Senior Director, Lufthansa Group Airlines Sales Japan and Korea. “With the decision for Osaka, we are offering a new attractive long-haul destination to both our business and leisure travelers. The launch of this connection strengthens Lufthansa Group’s presence in this market and increases the combinability, flexibility and choices for our valued customers in terms of overall offers from Japan to Europe.”

### **Boeing 777-300ER to Zurich from Tokyo Narita**

SWISS will also be extending the services with its Boeing 777-300ER aircraft to routes which are currently operated using smaller Airbus A340-300 equipment. From February 2020 onwards the Boeing 777-300ER will fly from the Japanese capital Tokyo to Zurich. The larger aircraft offers a capacity of 340 seats in three classes (First 8, Business 62 and Economy Class 270). This means a capacity increase of 117 seats per flight. The switch to a larger aircraft type on this route is being made in response to strong demand on the passenger side.

**Timetable details (all times local, subject to government approval):**

**Winter 2019/2020**

Osaka – Zurich	LX 163	10:45 – 15:45	Mon/Tue/Thu/Sat/Sun
Zurich – Osaka	LX 162	13:00 – 08:45	Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat/Sun

**Summer 2020**

Osaka – Zurich	LX 163	10:05 – 15:45	Mon/Tue/Thu/Sat/Sun
Zurich – Osaka	LX 162	13:00 – 07:50	Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat/Sun

The new Osaka – Zurich route is part of the codeshare operation with the Japan-Europe joint venture partner ANA. An ANA codeshare flight number will be added.

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) is The Airline of Switzerland, serving over 100 destinations in 44 countries worldwide from Zurich, Geneva and Lugano and carrying some 18 million passengers a year with its fleet of around 90 aircraft. The company's Swiss WorldCargo division provides a comprehensive range of airport-to-airport airfreight services for high-value and care-intensive consignments to around 175 destinations in more than 80 countries.

As The Airline of Switzerland, SWISS embodies its home country's traditional values, and is committed to delivering the highest product and service quality. With its workforce of some 9,000 personnel, SWISS generated total revenues of over CHF 5 billion in 2018. SWISS is part of the Lufthansa Group, and is also a member of Star Alliance, the world's biggest airline network.

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