

Austrian Airlines and ÖBB welcome more than 100,000 AIRail passengers

- **Cooperation between railway and airline has persisted since December 2014**
- **Expansion from originally eight to up to 35 daily Railjet connections as AIRail with an Austrian Airlines codeshare flight number**

Austrian Airlines and the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) launched the AIRail cooperation program in December 2014. The eight daily railway connections between Linz Central Railway Station and Vienna Airport were already expanded to 30 Railjet connections one year later. In 2017, the collaboration between the two national mobility providers was further extended to the route between Salzburg Central Railway Station and Vienna Airport. Up to 35 Railjet connections are available each day as AIRail with an Austrian Airlines codeshare flight number. The innovative intermodal transport concept, i.e. the combination of rail and flight connections, has emerged as a model for success in the meantime. This autumn Austrian Airlines and ÖBB already registered their 100,000th AIRail passenger.

“A responsible approach to dealing with the environment is particularly important for us as an airline. This also includes our aim of offering the option of travelling short distances by train. With our successful AIRail connections, we show that railways and airlines do not compete but that linking different means of transport ideally complement each other”, states Alexis von Hoensbroech, CEO of Austrian Airlines.

Andreas Matthä, CEO of ÖBB-Holding AG, adds: “The AIRail cooperation of Austrian Airlines and ÖBB is an outstanding success. 100,000 travelers have already used AIRail to combine rail travel with flights. Furthermore, this year about three million passengers have used the ÖBB Railjet to travel to and from Vienna Airport in an environmentally friendly manner.”

AIRail: Collect miles like on a flight, guaranteed onward connection and WLAN on the train

Thanks to the AIRail cooperation of Austrian Airlines and ÖBB, passengers combine train and flight service and thus benefit from a guaranteed onward connection, regardless of whether their journey continues by plane or train. Passengers can already check in at the Linz or Salzburg Central Railway Station and get their boarding passes. Moreover, Austrian Airlines passengers can also

collect miles on AIRail trips with the Miles & More program. Railjet passengers enjoy free WLAN during their journey as well as the digital entertainment offering of ÖBB. The possibility to reserve seats and snack vouchers round off the offering. Austrian Airlines Business Class passengers travel in first class on the trains and are given free access to the ÖBB lounges before leaving the central railways stations in either Linz or Salzburg.

Passengers find further information on AIRail online at <http://www.austrian.com/Info/Book/AIRail> or <http://www.oebb.at/airail> as well as via the Austrian Airlines service telephone number +43 (0)5 1766 1000 and ÖBB customer service at +43 (0)5 1717.

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Austrian Airlines

Austrian Airlines is Austria's leading airline. The once state-owned and still convincing red-white-red airline operates a route network of around 130 destinations. Thanks to its favourable geographical location and Austrian history as a melting pot of the former crown lands, its home airport Vienna Schwechat is still a hub between East and West today. About 120 of the 360 daily flights lead to Central and Eastern Europe. "AUA", as it is often abbreviated in Austria, transports around 14 million passengers a year and employs 7,000 staff from 58 nations. AUA has been part of the Lufthansa Group since 2009. Austrian Airlines is also a member of the Star Alliance, the first global alliance of international airlines. Austrian Airlines has been in the black since 2012. It celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2018.

Here you can find pretty nice photos of AUA and its charming crew: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/austrianairlinespress/albums>

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As a provider of comprehensive mobility services, the ÖBB Group takes 474 million passengers and 113 million tons of goods to their destinations in an environmentally friendly way every year. Train passengers travel particularly climate-friendly as 100 percent of the power used for the railway network is produced from renewable resources. With a punctuality rate of around 96 percent, ÖBB ranked among the most punctual railway operators in Europe in 2018. Across the corporation, 41,641 employees working on the railway and bus networks (plus 1,900 apprentices) ensure that some 1.3 million passengers safely reach their destinations every day. ÖBB Holding AG is the corporation's strategic parent company.