

Austrian Airlines expands capacity on its Chicago-Vienna service with flagship Boeing 777-200ER

The Lufthansa Group is responding to increased demand for Austrian Airlines' Chicago-Vienna route by deploying its flagship Boeing 777-200ER, the largest long-haul aircraft in the Austrian Airlines fleet. The change, which will take place at the end of March 2020 in time for the peak summer season, will add approximately 100 seats per flight to the service's current capacity—a significant increase that will enable the airline to accommodate around 700 additional travelers each week.

Seating up to 306 passengers, the Austrian Boeing 777-200ER will replace the smaller Boeing 767-300ER wide-body on the route's seven weekly flights. There are currently six Boeing 777-200ER aircraft in the Austrian Airlines fleet.

"With Chicago being one of Lufthansa Group's most vital U.S. gateways, it makes sense that Austrian Airlines would increase its capacity on this particular route," said Larry Ryan, Senior Director Sales USA, Lufthansa Group. "The decision underscores the commitment of the Lufthansa Group to The Americas and our ongoing goal to provide our U.S. customers with extraordinary, top-of-the-line products."

Onboard Experience

Austrians' Boeing 777-200ER aircraft has a three-class configuration consisting of 38 Business Class, 24 Premium Economy Class and 244 Economy Class seats. The airline's Business Class cabin features an elegant design with state-of-the-art seats that turn into nearly 6.5-foot-long, full flat beds. Another highlight for Business Class passengers is the airline's unique "Flying Chef" program that features regional and international gourmet delicacies prepared on board by professional chefs. Travelers also benefit from the insight of trained sommeliers ready to recommend wines that complement the menu during their flight. Austrian Airlines' Original Viennese Coffee House Service is another Business Class perk, providing guests with a choice of 10 Viennese coffee specialties by the Austrian premium coffee company Julius Meinl.

Austrian's Premium Economy Class provides passengers with a generous amount of legroom based on seat spacing of up to 38 inches. Additional footrests are designed to take the strain off

passengers' legs during a long flight. The central armrest, with foldout table between the seats and a personal, broad armrest for every guest, enables greater privacy and more room on the side. Furthermore, every seat is equipped with its own power outlet and USB port.

Vienna and Vienna Airport

One of the great European capitals, Vienna was for centuries the stomping ground for the Habsburg rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. While the empire is long gone, reminders have been carefully preserved. Past glories live on, thanks to the cultural legacy of the many artistic geniuses who were nourished here—Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Strauss, and Gustav Klimt among them. Today's visitors discover a city with a special grace and a cohesive architectural character that sets it memorably apart from other European cities. Travelers can tour the city's imperial palaces, dine on exemplary cuisine and linger in charming coffee houses that are famous for their relaxed atmosphere and delightful desserts.

The Airport Experience

Due to its location in the heart of Europe and proximity to a wide array of popular destinations, Vienna International Airport is the leading flight hub in Central and Eastern Europe. Its Austrian Star Alliance Terminal, with its modern architecture and views of aircraft standing on the apron outside, is home to Austrian Airlines, Lufthansa and SWISS, and their partners in the Star Alliance. The terminal features short and comfortable transfer routes (the airport's minimum transfer time of 25 minutes is unique among the world's hubs), thanks to a three-story approach in which transit passengers make their way from one floor to another and not, as is the case in many other airports, from one terminal to another. After checking in and passing through the central security control, passengers arrive at the pier, which has a large number of shops and restaurants along with six Austrian Lounges featuring modern furnishings and Austrian-style hospitality and comfort.

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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 nice photos of AUA and its charming crew: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/austrianairlinespress/albums>

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