

## **SINGAPORE AIRLINES TO LAUNCH WORLD'S LONGEST COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS**

- Singapore-New York services to be launched in October
- Non-stop flights will be fastest way to travel between the two cities

Singapore Airlines (SIA) will launch the world's longest commercial flights in October, with non-stop services between Singapore and New York using the new Airbus A350-900ULR (ultra-long-range).

Flights are to be launched on 11 October 2018, to Newark Liberty International Airport. The route will initially be served three times a week, departing Singapore on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Daily operations will commence from 18 October after an additional A350-900ULR aircraft enters service. (Please see Annex for flight schedules).

SIA is the world's first customer for the new A350-900ULR, with seven on firm order with Airbus. The aircraft will be configured in a two-class layout, with 67 Business Class seats and 94 Premium Economy Class seats. Tickets will be made available for sale progressively across the various booking channels, starting from tomorrow.

Flights will cover a distance of approximately 9,000nm (16,700km), and travelling time will be up to 18hrs 45min. Singapore Airlines served the Singapore-Newark route until 2013, when services were suspended after the aircraft used at the time, Airbus A340-500s, were returned to Airbus.

"Singapore Airlines has always taken pride in pushing the boundaries to provide the best possible travel convenience for our customers, and we are pleased to be leading the way with these new non-stop flights using the latest-technology, ultra-long-range Airbus A350-900ULR," said Singapore Airlines' CEO, Mr Goh Choon Phong.

“The flights will offer our customers the fastest way to travel between the two cities – in great comfort, together with Singapore Airlines’ legendary service - and will help boost connectivity to and through the Singapore hub.”

The A350-900ULR will offer customers a more comfortable travelling experience with features such as higher ceilings, larger windows, an extra wide body and lighting designed to reduce jetlag. Its carbon composite airframe also allows for improved air quality due to a more optimised cabin altitude and humidity levels.

Singapore Airlines currently has 21 A350-900s in its fleet, with 46 more on order including seven of the ULR variant. The first A350-900ULR is due for delivery in September, with all seven due for delivery by the end of the year.

Singapore Airlines currently serves New York JFK, daily via Frankfurt. Other US destinations include Houston (five times weekly via Manchester), Los Angeles (daily via Seoul and daily via Tokyo), and San Francisco (daily non-stop from Singapore as well as daily via Hong Kong).

Non-stop Singapore-Los Angeles flights are also planned with the A350-900ULR, details of which will be announced at a later date.

High-resolution images of the A350-900ULR in Singapore Airlines’ livery and a video of the aircraft’s first test flight can be downloaded from:

<https://bit.ly/2rXYbIK>

Annex

Flight Schedules

Northern Summer (to 27 October 2018)			
Flight Number	Days of Operation	Time of Departure	Time of Arrival
SQ22 Singapore-Newark	Daily	2335	0600 (+1)
SQ21 Newark-Singapore	Daily	1045	1730 (+1)

Northern Winter (28 October 2018 to 30 March 2019)			
SQ22 Singapore-Newark	Daily	0040	0530
SQ21 Newark-Singapore	Daily	0945	1715 (+1)

*\*All times local. Flight schedule is subject to daylight savings, slots and regulatory approvals.*



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