

## **Air Arabia takes off from Vienna once again: four direct weekly flights to Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates**

**A greater variety of destinations is now being offered at Vienna Airport. Air Arabia, the first and largest low-cost carrier in the Middle East and North Africa, once again links Vienna with Sharjah starting today, 20 December 2024. Accordingly, it is now possible to fly directly to the city on the Persian Gulf again. An Airbus A320 aircraft is being deployed on the Vienna-Sharjah route. Air Arabia terminated this flight connection due to the coronavirus pandemic and is now back at Vienna Airport. Flight service on this route was officially resumed today in the presence of Etienne Berchtold, Austrian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Michael Tauschmann, Head of Markets Middle East & India at the Austrian National Tourist Office, Shahzad Naqvi, Area Manager Air Arabia and Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport, within the context of a photo session.**

“Air Arabia is bringing a special gift to Vienna shortly before Christmas, namely the return of a direct flight connection to Sharjah! Accordingly, a major airline has been lured back to Vienna Airport and the flight connection offered by the largest low-cost carrier in the region to one of the most important flight hubs in the Arab world has resumed. The Vienna-Sharjah route serves a dynamic market and offers excellent transfer connections to international travellers. Passengers travelling from Austria can head for the sun whereas guests from the Emirates can experience the festive atmosphere of Vienna. With the return of Air Arabia, we are continuing our successful cooperation,” says Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.

Adel Al Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia, commented: “The launch of our new route to Vienna underscores Air Arabia's unwavering commitment to expanding our network and offering passengers more travel opportunities to explore exciting destinations. We are delighted to strengthen our presence in Europe, and the addition of Vienna to our growing list of cities reflects our dedication to providing affordable, convenient and memorable travel experiences for our customers”.

### **Four weekly flights from Vienna to Sharjah in an A320 aircraft effective immediately and even five per week in the summer months**

Air Arabia will operate four weekly flights (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays) between Vienna and Sharjah as of 20 December 2024. The aircraft will depart from Sharjah at 7:55 a.m. every Monday and Friday and arrive in Vienna at 11:20 a.m. The return flight from Vienna on these days will leave at 12:10 p.m. and land in Sharjah at 8:50 p.m. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, the aircraft will take off from Sharjah at 5:45 p.m. and arrive in Vienna at 9:10 p.m. The return flight from Vienna will depart at 10:10 p.m. and land in Sharjah at 6:50 a.m. on the next day. The airline will operate an Airbus A320 aircraft. Due to the extensive demand, the airline will increase frequencies in the month of December 2024 and even expand flight service to five weekly flights on the Vienna-Sharjah route as of the summer of 2025.

### **Sharjah – Cultural capital and hidden jewel of the United Arab Emirates**

Sharjah offers far more than just the sun and the sea. It is the third largest emirate in the United Arab Emirates and an insider tip for people who love culture and nature. As the cultural heart of the Emirates, Sharjah offers renowned museums as well as a beautiful old town in the capital city bearing the same name. Here one can also discover a special highlight. The famous “Blue Souk” is the central marketplace of the city and offers visitors a huge selection of traditional craftsmanship and spices. The

Emirate of Sharjah is also a family-friendly travel destination with leisure parks, aquariums and many attractions. It is an ideal place for a varied holiday experience and a culturally oriented vacation.

### **Air Arabia: First and Largest low-cost airline in the Middle East and North Africa**

Air Arabia is the leading low-cost airline in the Middle East. Air Arabia currently operates a fleet of Airbus A320 and A321 neo-LR aircraft, the top-selling single-aisle airplanes in the world. The cabin configuration of the entire fleet offers additional comfort featuring one of the most generous seat spacing layouts anywhere compared to other Economy cabins. The aircraft are equipped with “SkyTime” i.e., a cost-free streaming service offered at affordable prices and ‘SkyCafe’, an onboard catering service at affordable prices. In addition, Air Arabia offers ‘Air Rewards’, an innovative and generous loyalty program. Further information and booking possibilities are available to anyone interested at [www.airarabia.com](http://www.airarabia.com).

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