



## **Vienna Airport: SAUDIA Launches Flights to Riyadh and Jeddah**

**Saudi Arabia's largest airline now offers flights from Vienna. As of today, June 16, 2018, SAUDIA will operate flights to Riyadh before continuing on to Jeddah. The new flight connection to Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia, as well as to Jeddah, the important port city in Saudi Arabia, will be served four times a week deploying an Airbus A320. This new flight was officially inaugurated today at a press conference by Jaan Albrecht, CEO of SAUDIA, and Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.**

"The presence of SAUDIA at Vienna Airport means that one of the largest airlines in the Middle East is now represented here. The airline links Vienna with Riyadh and Dschidda, the two most important cities for business and tourism in Saudi Arabia. The new flight connection provides positive impetus, particularly for Austrian tourism and the popular travel destination of Vienna", says Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.

"We are pleased to be touching down in Vienna, and to be providing our guests with a variety of new routes to experience this summer. On behalf of the airline, we would like to thank the airport authorities, the government and the people of Vienna for supporting the start of SAUDIA's services. The commencement of the new route provides opportunities for business and trade links, in addition to leisure sights to explore and enjoy year-round", said Jaan Albrecht, CEO of SAUDIA.

"Direct flight connections serve as a driving force for an increase in the number of passengers. For this reason, the Vienna Tourist Board is pursuing an air service development strategy in cooperation with Vienna Airport in order to lure new airlines and flight connections. The fact that SAUDIA decided in favour of Vienna Airport is an extremely gratifying development and will promote incoming tourism from the Arab region, in which we registered about 334,000 overnight stays in Vienna in 2017", explains Norbert Kettner, Managing Director of Vienna Tourist Board.

### **Four weekly flights to Riyadh and Jeddah**

Effective immediately, SAUDIA offers four weekly frequencies from Vienna to Riyadh and Jeddah. The aircraft leaves Jeddah at 7:40 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays and arrives in Riyadh at 9:20 a.m. The continuation of the flight from Riyadh to Vienna departs Riyadh at 10.10 a.m. and arrives Vienna at 2:40pm. The return flight takes off from Vienna at 4 p.m. and lands in Riyadh at 10:20 p.m. and is scheduled to land in Jeddah at 01:10 a.m. on the following day. This flight will be operated by an Airbus A320 aircraft.

### **About SAUDIA**

Saudi Arabian Airlines (SAUDIA) is the national carrier of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Currently in its 73rd year of operations, the airline is a member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO). At the 2017 Skytrax Awards held at the Paris Air Show, SAUDIA was awarded "World's Most Improved Airline" of the year. The award recognizes an airline's growth and improvement across a number of categories, in a single year. Currently the airline flies to 94 destinations across



four continents with a fleet of 148 narrow and widebody Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and is the Global Launch Operator of the Airbus A330-300 Regional.

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