

## Air France extends African footprint

Air France has announced that it will be expanding its operations on the African continent with increased flights between Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Johannesburg, and a brand-new route to Maputo, Mozambique from 20 June 2021.



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The flight to Maputo will be a continuation of the Johannesburg flight.

Wouter Vermeulen, general manager Southern Africa Air France-KLM, affirms that Air France remains strongly committed to Africa as a strategic asset in their global network. "In recent years, Mozambique has emerged as an important business destination, due to its rich natural energy reserves. We will connect Maputo to all major cities in Europe and the rest of the world, thanks to our extensive global network.

"Next to the support to the growth of the energy sector, tourism is also an important asset of Mozambique Air France to build on. It is also significant that we are able to find new business opportunities and expand the midst of a pandemic and thereby continue to connect people from Africa to the rest of the world."

The launch of the Maputo route is another milestone for Air France as it extends its African footprint to 43 cities on the continent.

The evening departure from Paris-Charles de Gaulle will serve as a way to connect to the flight to Maputo and the early arrival from Maputo into Paris ensures that passengers can connect to the first wave of departures from Charles de Gaulle to anywhere in the world where Air France operates.

Flights are now open for sale and can be booked by all travel agents. Passengers can also contact the Air France Sales and Service Centre for bookings and information via [email](#).

Schedule as per 20 June 2021				
Departure Day	Route and flight number		Departure time (LT)	Arrival time (LT)
Sunday, Thursday	Paris Charles de Gaulle-Maputo	AF990	23h25	13h10

Monday, Friday	Maputo-Paris Charles de Gaulle	AF995	15h45	05h45
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The Johannesburg and Maputo route is operated with a Boeing 777-300ER aircraft equipped with refurbished cabins.

In addition to this, Air France has confirmed an increase in flights between Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Johannesburg from three to five times per week starting 29 March 2021. Air France will operate from Paris on a Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. From Johannesburg to Paris the flights will operate on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

*Please note that passengers do not disembark in Johannesburg.*

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