

Air Botswana to resume Cape Town-Gaborone flights

Cape Town Air Access (CTAA) has welcomed the announcement by Air Botswana's resumption of flights between Gaborone and Cape Town, effective 1 March 2019. The service will be operated by Air Botswana's new Embraer E-170 jet - which has a seating capacity of 70 passengers and dual-class configuration - on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays in both directions. The aircraft forms part of the upgraded Air Botswana fleet which began in November 2018.



atwonline.com via [Wikimedia Commons](#)

"Cape Town remains a popular leisure and business destination. We are pleased to be able to reintroduce faster flights to Cape Town with our own Jet aircraft for our customers," commented Agnes Khunwana, Air Botswana general manager.

African destinations accessible directly from Cape Town International now include Addis Ababa, Harare, Kigali, Livingstone, Luanda, Maun, Nairobi, Victoria Falls and as of March, Gaborone.

"According to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) latest World Economic Outlook report, Botswana has been identified as one of the top three biggest economies in Africa. Linking two popular business and tourism destinations creates an abundance of opportunities to increase tourism, trade, investment and air freight between our two cities. We are pleased by the announcement of the resumed flights, helping to further position Cape Town and the Western Cape as the gateway to Africa," said Tim Harris, Wesgro CEO.

Developing connections

Minister of Economic Opportunities, Beverly Schäfer said: "Africa is home to some of the fastest-developing economies in the world, with highly mobile citizens looking to travel for both leisure and business purposes.

"By developing connections between Cape Town and the rest of the continent, the Western Cape is able to create tourism, trade and business partnerships that will help to grow our economy and create jobs. We are pleased to re-establish the direct connection between Cape Town and Gaborone, which will enable travellers from both South Africa and Botswana to benefit from fast, direct travel between our regions."

"We are pleased to hear that direct flights between Gaborone and Cape Town will be resuming. Beyond our goal to connect Cape Town to the world, we want to continue to expand our reach on the continent. We are particularly excited about Gaborone as it is one of the economic hubs in Africa. We see this development as a very positive one," added Dan Plato, executive mayor.

Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Opportunities and Asset Management, Alderman James Vos concluded by saying: "The City of Cape Town and its partners are committed to continuing to build a world-class city, where people live, work, play and invest. We welcome the resumption of the Cape Town Gaborone route as it assists in advancing our connectivity with the rest of Africa and further positions the Mother City as the gateway to the rest of the continent."

For more, visit: <https://www.bizcommunity.com>