

Emirates to resume services to Erbil

Emirates will restart passenger flights to Erbil from 15 August 2015.



Emirates' four weekly flights to Erbil will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, served by an A330-200 aircraft in a combination of two class and three class configurations.

Sheikh Majid Al Mualla, Emirates Divisional Senior Vice President Commercial Operations, Centre, said: "We have been closely observing the situation in northern Iraq and upon a comprehensive review of our operations as well as a detailed risk assessment that is in line with Emirates' safety standards, we decided to recommence our services to Erbil. This will help support the wider business community in resuming their activities in Erbil which had been disrupted by conflict."

"As a precautionary measure, we are redirecting our flight path to and from Erbil, resulting in longer flight times for our passengers. The safety of our passengers, crew and aircraft are taken extremely seriously and will not be compromised."

Emirates services to Erbil utilizing the wide body A330-200 departs on Monday as EK 949 and will leave Dubai at 0645hrs arriving in Erbil at 0920hrs. The return flight, EK 950 leaves Erbil at 1045hrs and arrives in Dubai at 1455hrs. Flights on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday are operated as EK 951, and depart Dubai at 1315hrs arriving in Erbil at 1550hrs. The return flight, EK 952 departs Erbil at 1725hrs and arrives in Dubai at 2135hrs.

In addition to passenger operations, Emirates SkyCargo will offer 17 tonnes of cargo capacity between Dubai and Erbil on the A330-200. Emirates will also resume operations of a Boeing 777 Freighter, which has the capacity to carry just over 100 tonnes of cargo. Commodities expected are products such as mobile phones, telephones, hand-held equipment, electronics like laptops and semiconductors.

Emirates has been serving Iraq since 2011 and currently operates services to Basra.

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