

# Airline and Airport News: 50 New Routes Launching in November 2024

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November 2024 is set to be a dynamic month for global aviation, with major airlines introducing 50 new routes across various continents. Highlights include Turkish Airlines expanding its Australian presence, Singapore Airlines enhancing connectivity to China, and AirAsia X's entry into the African market. Here's a breakdown of the exciting new routes set to commence this month.

## Turkish Airlines Adds Sydney Route

Turkish Airlines is making waves by adding Sydney as its second Australian destination, following the success of its Melbourne service. Beginning November 28, the airline will operate four weekly flights from Istanbul Airport (IST) to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD) with a fuel stop at Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL). Initially, the service will use Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, transitioning to the Airbus A350-900 in the future. Turkish Airlines Chairman Ahmet Bolat announced plans for a nonstop route from Istanbul to Sydney by 2026, which would mark the airline's first direct connection to Australia.

## Singapore Airlines Expands Beijing Flights

Singapore Airlines is increasing its service to Beijing with a new route to Beijing Daxing International Airport, starting November 11. This daily service will utilize Boeing 787 aircraft, adding to Singapore Airlines' existing 21 weekly flights to Beijing Capital International Airport. The additional flights highlight the airline's commitment to the China market, providing more options for business and leisure travelers.

## AirAsia X Launches Kuala Lumpur-Nairobi Route

AirAsia X is launching a groundbreaking route between Kuala Lumpur and Nairobi, Kenya, starting November 15. Operating four times per week, the new service will be the only direct flight from Malaysia to continental Africa, furthering AirAsia's goal of becoming a multi-hub network carrier. The route will be served by A330-300 aircraft, expanding AirAsia X's global footprint and fulfilling founder Tony Fernandes' vision of a diversified network.

## ITA Airways Introduces Rome-Bangkok Flights

Italian national carrier ITA Airways is set to strengthen its Asian connections with a new Rome-Bangkok route.

Beginning November 16, ITA will offer five weekly flights between Rome Fiumicino and Bangkok, marking its first direct service to Thailand. The addition underscores ITA's commitment to expanding its international network, particularly to key tourist destinations in Asia.

## Korean Air Resumes Seoul-Kumamoto Route

Korean Air is further boosting its Japanese network, surpassing pre-pandemic levels with a new route to Kumamoto, Japan. Launching on November 24, the daily service from Seoul will be operated primarily with A321neo aircraft. This marks Korean Air's return to Kumamoto since 1997, when the route was suspended due to the Asian financial crisis, and reflects a strong resurgence in Japan travel demand.

## Other Noteworthy Route Expansions

These major routes join a robust lineup of global expansions planned for November:

- **Ryanair** has added more European routes, enhancing connectivity from the UK and Ireland to popular destinations.
- **Delta Air Lines** is increasing service between key U.S. hubs and Latin American cities, capitalizing on high demand for winter travel.
- **Qatar Airways** will launch a new service connecting Doha with additional destinations in Eastern Europe, solidifying its presence in this market.

## Global Aviation Growth Trends in 2024

This wave of route expansions reflects the aviation industry's continued growth post-COVID, with airlines capitalizing on high demand in emerging markets and popular global destinations. By expanding to underserved regions, such as Africa and Southeast Asia, and boosting capacity in established markets, airlines are optimizing their networks to meet diverse passenger needs.

With these 50 new routes, November 2024 signals a period of robust connectivity growth, delivering increased travel options for both leisure and business passengers worldwide.

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