

## Direct flights between Stuttgart and Jeddah to launch later this year

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Riyadh: Direct flights from Stuttgart, Germany, to Jeddah will begin in the second half of 2025, operating twice a week, as announced by the Saudi Air Connectivity Program.

Launched in collaboration with the Saudi Tourism Authority and Jeddah Airports Co., the route will be serviced by an A321neo aircraft, with a seating capacity of 224, according to the Kingdom's media.

This move aims to increase the capacity of travelers and visitors from Europe to Saudi Arabia, aligning with the government's aviation goal of transporting 330 million passengers across over 250 destinations, as well as 4.5 million tonnes of air cargo, by 2030.

Majid Khan, CEO of ACP, said the collaboration with German low-cost carrier Eurowings — a wholly owned subsidiary of the Lufthansa Group

— is advancing well in enhancing air connections between Saudi Arabia and Europe.

He further expressed confidence in forming a long-term partnership with the airline to broaden the network of flight routes in the future, offering travelers new opportunities to experience the Kingdom's historical and cultural sites.

This falls in line with ACP's goal to boost tourism in Saudi Arabia by enhancing air connectivity between the Kingdom and international destinations, broadening existing flight routes, and establishing connections to new global markets.

As the driving force behind the National Tourism Strategy and Saudi aviation strategy, ACP promotes collaboration and partnerships between crucial public and private sector players in the tourism and aviation sectors. Its objective is to enhance the Kingdom's status as a premier global hub for air travel connectivity.

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