

Diwali celebrations onboard Emirates and in lounges

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Dubai: In celebration of Diwali - the Hindu festival of lights, Emirates will be sweetening the skies with Diwali delights and entertainment onboard flights to and from India, from 17-24 October. Diwali delicacies will be served in all classes and select lounges to customers travelling to and from Dubai to Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Kochi, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Customers celebrating Diwali on these routes will be treated to a selection of sumptuous Diwali sweets. Premium Economy and Economy Class customers can savour a traditional treat of motichoor laddu with their hot meal - a traditional dessert of fried chickpea flour balls sweetened with sugar syrup, fragrant with cardamom and saffron and garnished with pistachios. First and Business Class customers will also be offered a Kajupista roll, a creamy rose flavoured cashew and pistachio roll with dried fruits and nuts, encased in silver leaves.

In the Emirates First and Business Class Lounges of Dubai, customers can savour bursts of flavour with onion kachoris and paneer potli samosa, served with tamarind chutney and mint chutney, followed by sweet treats of mango sandwich and classic Diwali desserts- balushahi, sweet and spongey kesar rasgullas, and the beloved gajar ka halwa. First Class customers are invited to relax with a dedicated Diwali cocktail, the Spicy Saffron Martini, or enjoy the comfort of a Chai Chat Latte mocktail, while Business Class customers will enjoy a Diwali cocktail of Elderflower Gin Fizz or mocktail of Berry Basil Splash.

In the Emirates Lounges of Cape Town and Johannesburg where there are considerable Indian diaspora, travellers can feast on more delicious desserts with gulab jamun or traditional rice pudding, washed down with a refreshing mango lassi.

Customers can spend their flight in a festive mood with up to 167 Indian movies including new and classic in Emirates inflight entertainment system ice, which also has a wide selection of Indian regional movies in 9 languages - Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Bhojpuri, Bengali and Gujarati, or customers can settle in to watch 14 Indian hit TV programmes. For a Diwali ambience onboard, music fans can browse through 40 Indian albums and playlists.

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