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Emirates' retrofitted Boeing 777 to serve Cape Town, **Johannesburg**

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Dubai: Johannesburg and Cape Town are the first destinations in Africa to be served by the retrofitted Emirates Boeing 777. Following the advanced deployment of the retrofitted Boeing 777 aircraft to both Cape Town and Johannesburg last month, Emirates hosted a guided tour of the fully refreshed aircraft.

The airline showcased its next-generation cabins, featuring the latest sophisticated design and South Africa's debut of the highly acclaimed Premium Economy Cabin. Key stakeholders from South Africa's aviation and tourism sectors were in attendance

The refurbished four-class Emirates Boeing 777 features upgraded interiors with new design elements, including modern colour palettes, specially designed Ghaf Tree motifs, and wood finishes across all cabins. Each aircraft includes 260 latest generation Economy seats, 24 of the

popular Premium Economy seats, 38 Business Class seats, and eight First Class Suites.

Emirates' much talked Premium Economy, offers an experience similar to Business Class on many airlines, with spacious leather reclining seats with full leg and footrests and adjustable headrests. It features in-seat charging points, a wood-finished side cocktail table, a 13.3-inch TV screen, a generously sized pillow and blanket, complimentary amenity kits on select flights.

First initiated in November 2022, Emirates' USD \$5 billion dollar retrofit programme is one of the largest known programmes in the industry, with 219 A380s and Boeing 777s slated for nose-to-tail upgrades to enhance the onboard experience for passengers.

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