

Qatar Airways to fly to San Francisco from Dec 15

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Dhaka: Qatar Airways makes San Francisco its latest US destination. Beginning December 15, the carrier will operate four flights a week to San Francisco from its hub in Doha.

Qatar Airways will fly the 8,087-mile route with Airbus A350-900 aircraft. The airline's A350-900s seat 283 passengers, including 36 Qsuite business-class seats and 247 in economy. Flight time is listed at 15 hours, 20 minutes on the Doha-bound leg and 15 hours, 40 minutes on the return.

Qatar Airways' move to add San Francisco (SFO) comes as demand for international travel has cratered during the coronavirus pandemic.

"As we navigate the crisis, we have made it a priority to not only reinstate our existing destinations and be the airline travelers can rely on, but to also grow our network and increase connectivity with new and relevant destinations for our customers to enjoy," said Akbar Al Baker, CEO, Qatar Airways, in a statement announcing the service.

San Francisco will become the ninth US city currently served by Qatar Airways.

The others are Boston (BOS); Chicago O'Hare (ORD); Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW);

Houston Bush Intercontinental (IAH); Los Angeles (LAX); New York-JFK; Philadelphia (PHL) and Washington Dulles (IAD).

Qatar Airways also has suspended service to two other US destinations – Atlanta (ATL) and Miami (MIA). Miami service is scheduled to resume in December, according to the carrier's website. And a spokesperson for the carrier said that Qatar Airways also intends to reinstate flights to Atlanta, though no timeline has been given.

For now, Qatar Airways will be the second of the three big Gulf carriers to fly to San Francisco. Emirates also flies from SFO to its hub in Dubai. Abu Dhabi-based Etihad previously flew from San Francisco, but discontinued service there in 2017 as it ran into financial headwinds.