

Singapore Airlines returning A380 to Shanghai from January 2024

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Dhaka: Singapore Airlines will boost seat capacity early in 2024 on flights between its Singapore Changi Airport and Shanghai Pudong International Airport. The move comes as the carrier, as per reports, plans to return the world's largest commercial aircraft A380 to the route.

Currently, the airline operates the jumbo jet between both cities, however, the aircraft type will be temporarily pulled from the route later in 2023.

According to reports, Singapore Airlines will continue to utilise the Airbus A380 to and from Shanghai as SQ830 and SQ833 until October 29, when the aircraft will be redeployed to routes serving Narita International Airport in Tokyo and Auckland Airport in mid-November.

During the brief hiatus, the carrier will still serve Shanghai Pudong International Airport from Singapore Changi Airport, however, the flight will be downgraded to a Boeing 777-300ER till January 3, 2024.

Although fewer seats will be provided, Singapore Airlines will still offer a premium product on the route, considering the cabins of their 777-300ERs feature first class and premium economy.

On January 4, 2024, the airline will move the A380 back to its Shanghai route. According to reports, the jumbo aircraft will be scheduled to fly daily for the remainder of the month, performing 28 flights to Shanghai Pudong International Airport and 28 flights back to Singapore Changi Airport.

The A380 accommodates 471 passengers in Business, Premium Economy, Economy Classes, and suites. More than 13,000 seats will be offered on each route alone in the first month of 2024.

In February, 2024, the carrier will fly the A380 daily, meaning a total of 13,659 seats will be offered on each route. March will see the largest number of seats available, with flights also operating daily. Each way will see 14,601 seats offered, further showcasing the planned growth in seat capacity.

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