

EVA AIR LAUNCHES THIRD NEW FLIGHT ROUTE FOR 2016



18th May 2016 – Award winning airline and Star Alliance member EVA Air has announced a brand new route, the third to be launched in 2016, further reinforcing its status as one of Asia’s most dynamic carriers. As of Thursday 3rd November 2016, EVA Air will connect Taipei directly with Chicago on its latest-model, Wi-Fi equipped Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, making the ‘Windy City’ its eighth gateway into North America.

EVA Air has already launched two new direct, nonstop routes from Taiwan earlier this year – to Istanbul in Turkey and Cebu in the Philippines. Both routes were introduced in March; Istanbul with four weekly flights, while Cebu has a daily service.

The Taipei-Chicago route is the latest addition to the airline’s expanding network in North America, which already includes: Los Angeles; San Francisco; Seattle; Vancouver; Toronto; New York; and Houston, which was launched in summer 2015. The new service not only secures EVA Air’s position as the leading airline in terms of flight frequency and capacity between North American and Taiwan but, just as importantly, facilitates more one-stop connections to more destinations throughout Asia and Mainland China than any other carrier.

As part of the airline’s expansion plans, last November EVA Air signed agreements to purchase up to 24 Boeing 787 Dreamlines and two additional Boeing 777-300ERs over the next six years, gradually replacing older models, introducing more flight frequencies and adding new destinations to their schedule.

Consistently recognised as one of the world’s Top-20 Safest Airlines, EVA Air has earned honours, awards and recognition for their commitment to service standards and in 2015 won SKYTRAX’s first-

place ranking for 'Best Airline Cabin Cleanliness'. In January 2016 the airline secured a top-ten place in AirlineRatings.com's 'World's Best Airline' award category for the third consecutive year.

For more information on EVA Air's routes and services please visit www.evaair.com.

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About EVA Air:

[EVA Air](http://www.evaair.com), a Star Alliance member, was formed in 1989 as Taiwan's leading independent airline. It is part of the respected Evergreen Group and a sister company to global container-shipping leader Evergreen Line. It flies to more than 60 international destinations throughout Asia, Oceania, North America and Europe where gateways include London, Paris, Amsterdam and Vienna. It operates daily nonstop flights from London Heathrow to Bangkok that continue to Taipei where passengers can easily connect on to every major city in Asia, including close to 30 gateways in Mainland China. It has a reputation for innovation, warm, friendly service and an impeccable safety record. EVA Air launched the industry's first premium economy cabin in 1992. Named Elite Class, this cabin was voted Best Premium Economy in an annual SKYTRAX poll. SKYTRAX also rated EVA Air as one of the World's Top-10 Best Airlines and No. 1 for Cleanest Cabins for 2015.

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