

AIR FRANCE OFFERS EARLY STAR WARS SCREENING TO LURE U.S. PASSENGERS

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The screenshot shows the Air France website with a navigation bar at the top. The main banner features the "STAR WARS THE FORCE AWAKENS" logo on a starry background. Below the banner, a text block reads: "Star Wars: Discover our 'Flight & Cinema' offer and be the first one to see the movie in France!". This is followed by a red heading: "SEE THE FORCE AWAKENED ON DECEMBER 16TH". The text continues: "Air France invites you to catch Star Wars: The Force Awakens on December 16th, in France! The movie will be shown in English. Be part of our journey! Together with our partner, EuropaCorp CINEMAS, we are offering YOU an exclusive 'Flight & Cinema' package including your cinema ticket and a transfer from the airport to the movie theater. After flying with Air France to Paris-Charles de Gaulle, you will experience with EuropaCorp CINEMAS, the most high level technology a cinema can provide. With a 18 meters wide screen, 4K Dual Projection and a high 3D technology developed by Dolby as well as an Immersive Dolby ATMOS sound with more than 40 surround speakers you will remember your movie experience for a lifetime! Book your flight tickets now and get your complimentary ride and movie ticket." Below this text are three columns with images and labels: "YOUR FLIGHT" (image of an Air France plane), "TRANSFER TO CINEMA" (Star Wars logo), and "NEW GENERATION CINEMA EXPERIENCE" (cinema interior).

Air France is offering U.S. **Star Wars** fans a unique flight-and-film package to see the Star Wars: The Force Awakens, in a special screening on December 16, two days before its official US release.

Air France has set up a dedicated microsite where Star Wars fans can take advantage of the limited bookings available before December 10.

The film will be shown in two screenings at Luc Besson's EuropaCorp Cinemas multiplex, located in Roissy, near Paris-Charles Airport. The custom-designed cinema features a 59-foot wide screen with 4K Dual projection and a high 3D technology, developed by Dolby, with surround sound. Star Wars: The Force Awakens will be shown in English.

French news BFMTV reports that a total of 720 seats will be available for the two screenings, fitting 300 Economy class passengers and 60 Business and La Première passengers each, flying on select Air France flights which take off on December 15th from San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York, just in time for the show.

Those booking VIP packages can enjoy Air France's Business and Première cabins on the flight out and will be seated in a special VIP section of the theater, with seats that transform into beds, sweet cinema treats from the house of Pierre Hermé, and salty snacks from Petrossian.

The 'Flight and Cinema' promotion was the brain child of the directors of Europacorp d'Aeroville, who suggested it to Air France as a way to promote both the theatre and the airline. The film package part of the promotion is financed by Europacorp d'Aeroville.

Air France has needed a bit of the force to fight the dark side of recent labor incidents which culminated in attacks on its management. The airline produced a special video shortly after, highlighting the force of its loyal employees, who are proud to be part of the company. But recent strong earnings reports risk that bad feelings could be stirred up again, something the airline's CFO, Pierre Riolacci, addresses by saying that Air France "is getting better, but it's not doing well."

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