

# QATAR AIRWAYS EXPANDS IN EASTERN EUROPE

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**Qatar Airways is starting 2016 with an expansion programme across Eastern Europe, enabling passengers to benefit from a wide range of additional flight options via Doha's Hamad International Airport.**

The further expansion adds a further level of choice for passengers travelling between Croatia, Hungary and Azerbaijan and anywhere in the airline's extensive global network. Flights to Zagreb and Budapest are increasing to a 10-weekly service from a current daily service from 3 April and 3 July respectively, while flights to Baku are increasing to an 11-weekly service, also from a current daily scheduled flight, from 27 March.

Qatar Airways is also launching new direct flights from Doha to Belgrade from 16 March, a destination currently served by the airline via Sofia, enhancing the journey time to and from the capital of Serbia on the four-weekly schedule.

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Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker, said: “Qatar Airways is expanding rapidly, not only in terms of new places and our network offering, but also with the service we offer. Complementing our service in the skies are our transfer facilities at the state-of-the-art Hamad International Airport, coupled with the experience of flying on board one of the youngest fleets in the industry.”

In response to increasing demand, one of the airline’s double-daily services to Moscow Domodedovo International Airport is currently served with a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, which offers 122 more seats per departure than the A320 aircraft previously used for this flight. The Qatar Airways Boeing 787 has 254 seats in total: 22 Business Class seats with a 1-2-1 configuration, and 232 Economy Class seats with a 3-3-3 configuration. All seats in Business Class recline at 180 degrees, turning into a fully flat bed.

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Qatar Airways has seen rapid growth in just 19 years of operation, to the point where today it is flying a modern fleet of 175 aircraft to more than 150 key business and leisure destinations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific, North America and South America.

For all Qatar Airways route services and connecting flights from Hamad International Airport, details are available on; <http://www.qatarairways.com/us/en/route-map.page>

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