



Attention: The Editor

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## **FlyWestair launches first international scheduled route between Windhoek and Johannesburg and recommences Cape Town and Ondangwa routes.**

For the first time in the history of independent Namibia, a privately owned Namibian airline will operate a scheduled passenger route between Windhoek Hosea Kutako International Airport and Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport. FlyWestair announced in Windhoek that the schedule will start on Monday, 2 November. Initially, there will be two scheduled flights per week designed to connect with various international airlines through Johannesburg. One such connection is with Qatar, which recently cancelled its direct flights to Windhoek.

### **Restarting flights to Cape Town**

FlyWestair will also restart its direct flights to Cape Town from Windhoek, Hosea Kutako International. These flights will commence on Friday, 23 October and will consist of two flights per week, every Monday and Friday. Since introducing its international operations to Cape Town in October 2019, FlyWestair conducted more than 235 flights to Cape Town, maintaining an on-time dispatch reliability of more than 97%.

### **Increasing frequencies between Eros and Ondangwa**

Since domestic travel restrictions were lifted, FlyWestair has been operating two flights per week between Ondangwa and Eros Windhoek, each Friday and Sunday. These frequencies will increase with the addition of a mid-week flight between Eros Windhoek and Ondangwa every Wednesday, starting on 28 October 2020.

### **Fully flexible ticket options**

For the launch of its international schedules, FlyWestair will have fully flexible options on all tickets.

"If you book a ticket with FlyWestair it will be fully refundable and 100% flexible. There will be no cost to change your flight and you will get your money back if you cancel. This commitment will give travellers more confidence to buy tickets in the current travel environment and also demonstrates our commitment to our passengers," says Frederico Ribeiro, Business Development Manager for FlyWestair. Passengers who have booked tickets with FlyWestair and opted to hold their tickets will be able to rebook on the current schedules at no additional costs.

"FlyWestair is delighted to be the first airline to launch the Windhoek - Johannesburg route since the beginning of national lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a 100% Namibian-owned airline, we are committed to play our role in restarting the economy and support the local tourism sector," says FlyWestair CEO Henri van Schalkwyk. "Starting to fly again is a risky move in the current economic situation but one that FlyWestair deems critical and of national importance."

Since the start of the national lockdown in March 2020, Westair Aviation has conducted more than 20 repatriation flights between Namibia and South Africa, Germany and Amsterdam, carrying more than 4,000 passengers. These were passengers who urgently needed to return home or to their place of employment. Westair made it possible in the most difficult period in its more than 50-year history.

"FlyWestair would like to thank the Namibia Airports Company and the Namibian Civil Aviation Authority for its proactive and responsive service required to start operating these schedules. FlyWestair would also like to thank the general public for all the support and enthusiasm during the past months and we guarantee that we will provide the best scheduled passenger service for the coming months," concluded van Schalkwyk.

Flights can be booked through all major travel agencies, as well as the Westair reservations office on [fly@westair.com.na](mailto:fly@westair.com.na).

Online bookings: [www.flywestair.com](http://www.flywestair.com)

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## Flight Schedule

Start Date: 23 October 2020

Route: WDH - CPT - WDH

Schedule: Depart 12:00 - Arrive 14:00; Depart 16:00 - Arrive 18:00

Days of Operations: Monday, Friday

Start Date: 03 November 2020

Route: WDH - JNB - WDH

Schedule: Depart 07:30 - Arrive 09:30; Depart 12:15 - Arrive 14:00

Days of Operations: Tuesdays, Thursdays

Regulations valid until 21/10/20 for passengers travelling to Namibia by air

<h3>Covid-19 Regulations for Travellers</h3> <p><i>Namibian regulations are valid until 21 October 2020 unless the government publishes new regulations.</i></p>	<h4>Returning Namibians/ Residents</h4>	<h4>Tourists Travelling to Namibia</h4>	<h4>Namibians Travelling to South Africa</h4>	<h4>Namibians with German Passports &amp; Returning German Citizens going to Germany</h4>
<h4>Negative Covid-19 Test (Certified by Doctor)?</h4>	Depends on individual airline requirements.	Not older than 7 days. Recommended not older than 72 hours.	Not older than 72 hours. Show evidence of medical cover against Covid-19.	Not older than 48 hours.
<h4>Quarantine?</h4>	7 days at own cost.	No, but travel immediately to pre-discussed destination for 5 days.	No, unless you present symptoms of Covid-19 on arrival.	No, but travel immediately to first destination for 10 days.
<h4>Self-Isolation?</h4>	Yes, if test result is positive. 7 days at pre-approved residence.	Yes, if results are positive on day 7.	Yes, if you test positive.	10 days.
<h4>Mandatory Covid-19 Test?</h4>	Tested by Ministry of Health during quarantine at own cost.	On day 5 after arrival at own cost.	Only if you present symptoms of Covid-19 on arrival. At own cost.	On day 10 after arrival. If you test positive, spend another 10 days in self-isolation. Free.
<h4>Pre-Arranged Accommodation?</h4>	Not applicable.	Yes, for first 5 days.	No.	Yes, for first 10 days.