

Press Release

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March 2025: Discover Airlines opens long-haul base in Munich and significantly expands its programme

- New direct flights to Orlando, Windhoek and Calgary
- Two Airbus A330s to be based in Munich
- Biggest leisure airline at the hub
- In 2025: seven aircraft, around 400 crew colleagues and almost 30 destinations in the flight schedule

Discover Airlines is significantly expanding its operations at Munich Airport in the coming year and is adding long-haul destinations to its existing short and medium-haul services. The airline will be basing two Airbus A330s in Munich from March 2025. Discover Airlines is already the largest leisure airline at the hub, with five short-haul aircraft taking off around 70 times a week to 23 holiday destinations.

New direct connections to Florida, Canada and southern Africa

For the first time ever, there will be three weekly direct flights (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) from Munich to Orlando with Discover Airlines from 3 March 2025. From 1 April, Namibia's capital Windhoek will also be served three times a week (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday). From 12 April, Discover Airlines will be offering up to five weekly flights (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday) between Munich and the Canadian city of Calgary. The destinations will be served all year round. Discover Airlines offers the only direct connections from Munich to the three popular destinations.

“The expansion of our operations in Munich is an important milestone for us,” explains Bernd Bauer, CEO of Discover Airlines. “With this step, we are consistently focusing on our goal of expanding Lufthansa's offering at the two major German hubs with versatile, attractive holiday options offering travelers even more choice. With our three new long-haul destinations we are doing just that as they have never been accessible by direct flight from Munich before or were last accessible many years ago. Our increased activities are a clear commitment by the Lufthansa Group to Munich as location for the air transport industry as well as to the entire region.”

“With the new long-haul leisure routes, Discover Airlines is adding highly attractive intercontinental destinations to the route portfolio at Munich Airport. The leisure carrier is one of the largest airlines based at Munich Airport and - as a combination of tourist and hub carrier - fits perfectly into the Lufthansa Group network,” explains Jost Lammers, Chairman of the Management Board of Munich Airport.



Munich Airport is the leisure airline's second home base after Frankfurt. All flights will depart from Terminal 2, ensuring a seamless transfer from Lufthansa to Discover Airlines for travelers. By basing a total of seven aircraft and around 400 crew colleagues in Munich and offering around 30 holiday destinations in its flight schedule, Discover Airlines will further consolidate its position as currently biggest leisure airline at the hub also in the coming year.

Already this summer: wide range of flights on short and medium-haul routes

From the Canary Islands to numerous Mediterranean destinations to Bodrum in Turkey. In addition to holiday classics, Discover Airlines' flight schedule this summer also includes new destinations that were previously not accessible by direct flights from Munich. These include Marrakesh, the Greek island of Samos and Varna in Bulgaria. The airline flies most frequently to Ibiza, Mallorca and the island of Crete. Greece fans can look forward to the largest variety: with a total of eleven destinations and around 30 weekly flights, the range of destinations is more diverse than ever. Brand new in the Lufthansa Group portfolio: the Greek island of Kefalonia. In late summer, Hurghada in Egypt and Funchal on the island of Madeira will also be added to the programme.

The flights can be booked as of now at discover-airlines.com, lufthansa.com and with all German tour operators and travel agencies.

You can download pictures here: <https://we.tl/t-Ru1EtgcOcP>

About Discover Airlines

Discover Airlines is the Lufthansa Group's quality leisure airline in Germany, flying travelers from Frankfurt and Munich to the most beautiful holiday destinations in the world. A cutting-edge product tailored to the needs of leisure travelers and the crew's welcoming service, make flying with Discover Airlines a real pleasure. Since the summer of 2021, Discover Airlines has complemented the Lufthansa Group's offering in the growing segment of leisure travel. Guests benefit from an end-to-end booking process and seamless transfers at the Frankfurt and Munich hubs as well as at many global destinations of the Lufthansa Group and its partner airlines. Discover Airlines is headquartered in Frankfurt, currently operates a fleet of 27 aircraft and employs around 2,000 people. The flights can be booked on discover-airlines.com, via all booking channels and websites of the Lufthansa Group, and in travel agencies.

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