# EMIRATES TO UPGRADE ITS DUBAI - WASHINGTON D.C. SERVICE

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**Emirates plans to upgrade its Dubai (DXB) - Washington D.C. (IAD) service, with the introduction of its flagship Airbus A380 on the route beginning February 1.**

Daily Flights to Washington, D.C with the Emirates A380 Replacing the existing Boeing 777-300ER used on this route, the A380 will serve the strong customer demand and restore route capacity following United Airlines' planned withdrawal from the Washington D.C. (IAD) - Dubai (DXB) route after 25th January 2016. The aircraft upgauge will also offer consumers travelling on the Washington, D.C. route the unique experience of Emirates' flagship A380 aircraft, and a seamless Emirates A380 experience to many connecting destinations on the airline's global network.

Sir Tim Clark, president Emirates Airline said: "Our service to Washington D.C. has been one of our most successful and profitable routes, with high demand across all cabin classes. Despite

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strong seat load factors, United has made the decision to withdraw from the route. The additional seats offered by our A380 will therefore restore capacity on the route, and ensure that American consumers and international travellers wishing to visit D.C. for business or leisure will continue to be served. We look forward to offering the award-winning Emirates A380 experience to our customers, and to continue contributing to the economic success of the city and its surrounding regions."

Timings for the daily inbound/outbound flights on the Dubai (DXB) - Washington, D.C (IAD) route will remain unchanged. As of 1st February, flight EK231 will continue to depart Dubai at 2:20 A.M. daily arriving in Washington, D.C at 8:15 A.M. Timings for the return flight, EK232 will also remain unchanged, departing Washington, D.C. at 10:15 A.M., arriving in Dubai at 8:00 A.M. the next day.

Supporting U.S. Jobs and Economic Output in Washington, D.C.

On December 8, 2015, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe announced an investment of US$ 50 million into Washington Dulles International Airport – a move designed to make the airport more competitive. This funding is expected to help support direct and indirect jobs and encourage other airlines to enhance their services. Emirates' current service and planned aircraft upgrade on its Dubai-Washington, D.C. route will help support this mandate.

With the launch of Emirates' direct service from Dubai to Washington, D.C. back in September 2012, Emirates helped contribute US$ 130 million in annual spending by visitors to the U.S., created 2,787 U.S. jobs, added US$ 113 million to U.S. employee earnings, and resulted in an annual total economic output of US$ 326 million to the Washington, D.C. area.

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