



## Kenya Airways Signs Codeshare Agreement with Air Austral

*The agreement will improve Intra-Africa connectivity, increase tourism opportunities and enhance access to the Vanilla Islands*

**NAIROBI/SAINT DENIS, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022** - Kenya Airways and Air Austral have signed a codeshare agreement that will give customers more travel options and increase connectivity between Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands. The agreement which takes effect from 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022 means access to a wider range of destinations for both airlines guests beyond their hubs i.e. Nairobi for Kenya Airways, and Saint-Denis, Reunion Island for Air Austral.

Through this partnership, passengers from Kenya Airways will be able to access on a single ticket, Air Austral hub in Saint Denis de La Ré union and onward destinations while Air Austral Passengers will now be able to access Kenya Airways Hub in Nairobi, Kenya through their connecting flights in Antananarivo in Madagascar, Mauritius and Johannesburg in South Africa (subject to government approval)

Through Kenya Airways Nairobi Hub, passengers from Air Austral will have seamless connections to the wider Kenya Airways network including Lagos, Dar es Salaam, Entebbe in Africa and Paris, London and Amsterdam in Europe as well as New York's JFK International airport.

"Air Austral is delighted with this partnership which opens new bridges between Africa and the Indian Ocean via our hubs, Nairobi, and Reunion Island Roland Garros Airport. The partnership attests to our determination to step up our offering and, therefore, extend Reunion Island's influence on the international stage", Joseph Bréma, Air Austral CEO.

The code share allows customers to benefit from a single fare and a single ticket for their entire trip on these code-share routes. They will also be able to check in with their baggage from their departure city through to their arrival at their destination.

Kenya Airways Chief Commercial and Customer Officer, Julius Thairu said "This partnership offers us an opportunity to provide our guests with access to more destinations in the Indian Ocean Islands and opens up our country for tourism opportunities from visitors coming from the Islands. This is aligned with our commitment to provide greater connectivity, market access to our customers and growth through our partners"

Flights are open for booking on Air Austral [www.air-austral.com](http://www.air-austral.com) and Kenya Airways' website, [www.kenya-airways.com](http://www.kenya-airways.com), or with travel agents as well as online travel agents (OTAs).

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#### **About Kenya Airways**

Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to 42 destinations worldwide, 35 of which are in Africa. Prior to the COVID pandemic, the airline carried a record number of over five million passengers in 2019. Its fleet comprises of wide body Boeing aircrafts, this includes its flagship B787 Dreamliner and narrow body Embraer E190 aircrafts. The on-board service is renowned and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide-body aircraft is consistently voted among the world's top 10. Kenya Airways takes pride in being at the forefront of connecting Africa to the World and the World to Africa through its hub at the new ultra-modern Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.

For more information go to [www.kenya-airways.com](http://www.kenya-airways.com) or call our 24-hour Customer Services Desk: +254 20 327 4747, Twitter: @KenyaAirways, Facebook: KenyaAirways, Instagram: OfficialKenyaAirways

#### **About Air Austral**

Air Austral, a French airline created and based in Reunion Island, is a major player in Indian Ocean transport services between mainland France and its regional connections. Under normal operations, the Airline operates to Reunion Island, Mauritius, Mayotte, the Comoros Islands, Madagascar, the Seychelles, South Africa, Thailand (Bangkok), and Southern India (Chennai). Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, Air Austral has been taking every action to provide its customers with the best possible offers in line with the government guidelines, health regulations and the restrictions implemented in all countries and regions. The Paris - Reunion Island and Paris - Mayotte routes continued to operate, and the regional network is gradually resuming. In Paris-CDG the Airline has kept its code-share agreement with Air France to offer connections in Europe, and its partnership with TGV'Air for transfers between 19 French cities and Brussels.

Air Austral operates the most modern fleet in the Indian Ocean. It is currently made up of two 787-8 dual-class aircraft, three 777-300 triple-class aircraft for long-haul flights, and three new Airbus 220 for regional flights. The fleet, the comfort of the cabins, the in-flight services and the hospitality of its staff are Air Austral's main assets, an airline known and recognized for its quality of service. Air Austral was recently awarded the "Best Airline" award for Africa at the 2022 APEX Passenger Choice Awards®. In a bid to constantly offer its customers increased comfort, Air Austral has just revealed its new Signature dishes by Michelin-starred, Reunionese Chef Kelly Rangama. The dishes have been available since 1 September 2022 in Club Austral class and can be pre-ordered in Confort class and as an Extra Meal in Loisirs class.

Air Austral has been awarded the cluster Green "Efficiency" CSR label with the support of AFNOR/RUNCERT, reinforcing the importance of CSR in its strategy. [www.air-austral.com](http://www.air-austral.com)

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