

Air Mauritius adds new direct flight to China

Air Mauritius is launching a direct flight to China's business and industrial centre of Guangzhou on 12 July 2016. This will be the airline's fifth direct route to the country, continuing its development of the Chinese market, which has recorded a growth rate of 77% since the start of operations to this market.



Canton Tower overlooking the Pearl River in Guangzhou, China,

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This new direct flight offered by Air Mauritius will additionally benefit passengers from the South West Indian Ocean region, as well as the South and East Africa region, to travel to Guangzhou, by using Mauritius as a hub.

Air Mauritius' new operations within the Chinese market has played a major role in sustaining Chinese tourist arrivals in Mauritius. Previously, Hong Kong was the only Chinese destination served by the national carrier. As the airline introduced new services to Shanghai, Beijing and Chengdu successively, the number of passengers carried increased from 67,000 in Financial Year 2011/2012 to 155,555 in Financial Year 2015/2016. Air Mauritius carried an additional 17,000 passengers in 2015/2016 compared to 2014/2015, which confirms the growth trend observed in the Chinese market.

With the launch of Guangzhou and one additional flight to Shanghai, to be introduced in July, Air Mauritius will operate a total of eight weekly flights to China, namely to Chengdu, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

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