

## Oman Air's Inaugural Flight to Istanbul Flagged Off

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Oman Air, the national carrier of the sultanate of Oman, commences its new daily flight from Muscat to the Turkish city of Istanbul on June 1, 2018. The inaugural flight WY 163 departs Muscat International Airport at 20.10 hrs. after a cake-cutting ceremony at Oman Air's exclusive First and Business class check-in lounge. Oman Air delegation led by their Chief Commercial Officer Paul Starrs will be received by key officials at the Istanbul Ataturk International Airport.

The new route will be operated by a Boeing 737-800 with a flight time of 5 hours and 25 minutes. Flight WY163 will depart Muscat International Airport's new, award-winning passenger terminal daily at 20.10, arriving in Istanbul Ataturk International Airport at 00.25. The return flight WY164 will depart Istanbul each day at 01.25, arriving in Muscat at 07.25.

Oman Air will host a gala Iftar dinner and a press conference at the Kempinski hotel in Istanbul, which will see important dignitaries, media members and travel trade guests attend the events.

The new route between Oman and Turkey will strengthen the existing vibrant bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries. With the opening of this route, Oman Air's guests will be able to explore one of the world's most thriving cities. Intertwining both ancient and modern cultures, the largest city in Turkey, Istanbul is the heart of the country's economic, cultural, and historical roots, with much to offer Oman Air guests travelling to this beautiful destination.

Oman Air is currently undergoing an exciting fleet and network expansion programme, which will see

the airline operate up to 66 aircraft to 60 destinations by 2022. The airline continues to be recognised for its award winning on board experience; winning a raft of industry awards to add to its growing collection.

**About Istanbul Atatürk Airport:**

Atatürk Airport is the main international airport serving Istanbul, and the biggest airport in Turkey by total number of passengers, destinations served and aircraft movements. It is located 24 km west of the city centre in Yeşilköy and serves as the main hub for Turkish Airlines. The Airport features two main passenger terminals which are interconnected to each other. Domestic Terminal is the older and smaller of the two terminals and exclusively handles domestic flights within Turkey. Until the opening of the International Terminal, it used to be the airport's international terminal.

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