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Oman Air can look back on an eventful history. It includes many glorious moments but the course of events has not always been smooth. History is always a reflection of people and their times. The challenges facing air transport have become increasingly complex, yet Oman Air has always found the strength to learn and renew itself. That ability has earned the company its leading position in the international airline business.

Oman Air's origins date back to 1993. Since then, we have been maintaining a very high standard of professionalism. Little wonder, Oman Air has created a niche for itself on all operating routes. The company with its team of dedicated and skilled workforce has earned an enviable reputation in the region.

Oman Air plays a major role in making Muscat a major traffic hub in the Middle East providing a fillip to commercial, industrial and tourism activities. Today, Oman Air is becoming an increasingly familiar sight at international airports.

The Oman Air fleet is a modern and fuel- efficient aircraft with aesthetically designed interiors. Ultra-modern in-flight service equipment is deployed onboard to improve safety and overall performance. Investment in new technology, planning and product innovation has propelled Oman Air to the forefront of the aviation industry.

Oman Air- the designated carrier of the Sultanate of Oman is recognized for its strong market presence and respected for its professionalism and recommended for its punctuality and service excellence.

Date	Event
December 2016	Oman Air launches non-stop flights to Guangzhou.
November 2016	Oman Air Launches Sultanate's First Commercial Flight Training Centre.
October 2016	Oman Air Expands its Codeshare with KLM. Oman Air commences flights to Najaf, Iraq from November.
September 2016	Oman Air Unveils Innovative Media Box Epaper Service In Premium Lounges.
August 2016	Oman Air And Saudi Arabian Airlines Sign Codeshare Agreement.
July 2016	Oman Air Implements Fuel Efficiency Software from OpenAirlines.
June 2016	Oman Air Inaugurates New Mashhad Service.
April 2016	Oman Air Launches Second Daily Service To London Heathrow.
March 2016	Oman Air Launches Service By Design First Class Dining Option.
February 2016	Oman Air has chosen SmartKargo, providers of air cargo management solution, to power their cargo sales and operations, beginning June 2016. Global Eagle and Oman Air Renew Content Services Agreement.

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- Oman Air and Cargolux extend Indian freighter network to Mumbai.
- Oman Air Chooses AFI KLM E&M for 737NG Engine Support.
- January 2016 THAI Launches Codeshare With Oman Air.
- November 2015 Oman Air Signs With Airbus For A330 Cabin Upgrades.
- October 2015 Oman Air has launched a new service to the Bangladeshi capital of Dhaka.
- September 2015 Boeing and Oman Air celebrate the delivery of the airline's first Boeing 787 Dreamliner. Sindbad Launches Online Muscat Duty Free Store.
- The National Carrier of Oman awards cargo handling for Oman Air in Europe to Swissport International Ltd.
- August 2015 Oman Air has launched a brand-new multi-segment ticket option, named Oman Air Rahal. Oman Air-Cargolux Cooperation Adds Second Flight To Chennai.
- July 2015 Oman Air Unveils Outstanding First and Business Class lounges Following Refurbishment Programme. Oman Air has announced the launch of a new initiative to prevent credit card fraud.
- June 2015 Oman Air Launches Sindbad Mobile App For Frequent Fliers. Oman Air Launches Non-stop Services To Kuala Lumpur From 21st June.
- May 2015 Oman Air Becomes Official Airline Partner To The Extreme Sailing Series.
- April 2015 Oman Air Launches Flights To Goa.
- Oman Air and Cargolux sign Joint Venture agreement.
- March 2015 Oman Air Launches Codeshare With KLM. Oman Air Signs Agreement With Cargolux For Sea-Air Freight Services To India.
- December 2014 Oman Air launches new services from Muscat to Manila and Jakarta.
- October 2014 Oman Air receives the first of 24 new aircraft it has on order.
- August 2014 Oman Air's new Chief Executive Officer, Paul Gregorowitsch, takes up his post.
- July 2014 Oman Air launches a new domestic service between Muscat and Duqm.
- Oman Air appoints Abdulrahman Al-Busaidy as Chief Operating Officer.
- November 2013 Oman Air unveils new First Class amenity kits for long haul passengers. Oman Air signs an eight-year contract with Bombardier Aerospace for repair work on Rolls-Royce Trent 700 inlet cowls for the Airbus A330 fleet.
- July 2013 Exclusive New First Class and Business Class Check-In opens at Muscat.
- July 2012 Oman Air Adds Madinah to Its Expanding Network. Launch of Muscat - Teheran service.
- August 2012 Oman Air opens Majan Lounge for FFP members and other airlines.
- November 2012 Launch of New Muscat - Jaaluni Charter Service.
- December 2011 New Business Class lounge opened at BKK.

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- New Emergency Response Centre opened.
- Launch of new route to Zurich.
- October 2011 New Sea-Air links strategic partnership with Port of Salalah.
- September 2011 Oman Air Holidays launched in partnership with Bahwan Travel.
- August 2011 Business Class passengers gain exclusive access to Heathrow's No1 Traveller lounge.
- June 2011 Oman Air Cargo introduces Pan-European trucking services.
- Launch of First Class lounge-to-aircraft limo service.
- May 2011 Oman Air Cargo introduces Pan-GCC trucking services.
- Oman Air launches services to Zanzibar.
- Launch of services between Salalah and Dubai.
- March 2011 Oman Air begins accepting debit card payments.
- January 2011 Opening of new Business and First Class lounges at MIA.
- December 2010 Launch of new route to Milan.
- August 2010 Launch of new routes to Dammam and Kathmandu.
- May 2010 Launch of new routes to Lahore and Islamabad.
- April 2010 Launch of new routes to Al Ain, Ras Al Khaima and Kuala Lumpur.
- March 2010 Oman Air is the first airline in the world to offer inflight mobile phone and Wi-Fi connectivity.
- October 2009 Oman Air launches new services to Paris, Frankfurt, Munich, Male and Colombo.
- January 2009 Oman Air takes delivery of its first Airbus A330.
- January 2009 Oman Air moves UK-bound services from London Gatwick to London Heathrow.
- November 2007 Oman Air launches service from Muscat to London Gatwick.
- 2007 Government of Oman sells share of Gulf Air and recapitalises Oman Air, taking 80% ownership.
- 2001 Oman Air engages CFM to provide engine maintenance services.
- 1998 Oman Air joins IATA.
- 1993 Oman Air launches its first international flights, to Dubai and Trivandrum, India.
- Oman Air is formed.
- 1982 OAS starts regular flights from Muscat to Salalah, as a joint venture with Gulf Air.
- 1981 Following OIS's 1977 takeover of Gulf Air's light aircraft division, the company becomes Oman Aviation Services (OAS).
- 1970 Oman International Services (OIS), Oman Air's forerunner, begins handling civilian aircraft.

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