

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# AIRLINK LAUNCHES JOHANNESBURG-LIVINGSTONE SERVICE AND RESTARTS NELSPRUIT-LIVINGSTONE ROUTE

20 April 2021, JOHANNESBURG – Airlink, the independent Southern African regional airline, will expand its network next month with the launch of its Johannesburg-Livingstone flights, providing travellers with direct access to one of Southern Africa's most popular tourist attractions – the Victoria Falls.

The new service, which will start on 26 May 2021, strengthens the vital commercial connection between South Africa and Zambia provided by Airlink by augmenting Airlink's daily services between its Johannesburg home base and Zambia's capital, Lusaka, and the copper-belt's hub, Ndola.

Airlink will also resume its Nelspruit-Livingstone service from 01 May 2021. This will enable travellers to combine Kruger Park with Victoria Falls and the surrounds.

"There is pent-up demand among local and international travellers to visit our region, which is home to some of the world's most spectacular sights and destinations. With COVID-19 vaccination programmes ramping up in some of our traditional markets, we are seeing the first signs of light after a devastating 2020. Our Livingstone flights together with our recently-launched mainline South African domestic services, put some of the region's key tourist destinations within easy and convenient reach," explains Airlink CEO and Managing Director, Rodger Foster.

"With our modern fleet and strict compliance with bio-safety measures, Airlink is able to support the safe revival of tourism and the increased economic activity it stimulates in Zambia," he added.

Airlink's great value for money Economy Class fares include a 20kg free economy class checked in luggage allowance plus a 15kg sporting equipment allowance. Onboard, our customers are treated to a complimentary light meal, refreshments, generous leg room and a choice of aisle or window seat (our flights do not have middle seats).

Airlink's intra-continental Business Class service is available on selected flights operated by our state-of-the-art Embraer E-jets, with wide seats arranged in a two plus one abreast configuration with plenty of legroom between each row. Our service on these flights includes complimentary meals and beverages, a 30kg check-in luggage allowance, priority boarding and lounge access at selected airports.

Experience more <a href="https://www.flyairlink.com/profile/airlink-profile#businessclass">https://www.flyairlink.com/profile/airlink-profile#businessclass</a>



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### Flight Schedule

Nelspruit – Livingstone – Johannesburg: wef 01 May 2021 4Z470 departs Nelspruit at 11h40 arriving in Livingstone at 13h35. 4Z485 departs Livingstone at 14h10 arriving in Johannesburg at 16h05. Flights will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Johannesburg – Livingstone – Johannesburg: wef 26 May 2021 4Z482 departs Johannesburg at 11h00, arriving in Livingstone at 12h45. 4Z483 departs Livingstone at 13h25, arriving in Johannesburg at 15.20. Flights will operate on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Click <u>here</u> or visit <u>www.flyairlink.com</u> for the latest Airlink flight schedule and route network map.

### **COVID-19 Health and Safety onboard Airlink flights**

Your and our health and safety are our primary concern. Our aircraft are equipped with High Efficiency Particulate Air Filters (HEPA), which effectively block 99.97% of particulates, including Coronavirus molecules. These HEPA filters continually sterilize the air in our cabins, which is renewed entirely every three minutes.

Read more about the cabin air quality on our Embraer E-JETS <u>here</u> and for our ERJ Regional Jet Cabin Air Quality <u>here.</u>

With Airlink you are safe and can fly with confidence – it's easier than you think.

### **Biosecurity and Travel regulations**

For the latest regulations, travellers should check with the appropriate government authority of the country/ies they intend to visit.

Click <u>here</u> for information on South Africa's requirements. Please note that all arriving travellers are now required to provide a negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test certificate, issued by an accredited laboratory in line with World Health Organisation standards, no more than 72 hours before the date of travel. South African Authorities reserve the right to verify the authenticity of presented PCR test certificates. Arriving travellers unable to produce a valid certificate will be required to quarantine, at their own cost, for 10 days.

For travellers flying from South Africa to Zambia or other Southern African countries, click <a href="here">here</a> for information on the important steps and items you will need to follow before and as your proceed through any South African airport.



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#### **About Airlink**

Airlink was established in 1992 and is an independent, privately-owned and BBBEE airline. It offers travellers a wide choice of flights across its comprehensive network of Southern African destinations, which it serves with a fleet of more than 50 modern jetliners.

Like its industrious sunbird icon, in 2019 Airlink carried more than two million customers on more than 63 000 flights and its network includes more than 30 destinations in 10 African countries and St Helena Island\*. Airlink's flight schedule is regularly updated and reflects the effects of COVID-19 and associated travel restrictions. The latest information is available on the Airlink website here.

Airlink was South Africa's most punctual airline in 2020\*\*. In March 2021, 98.03% of Airlink flights departed on-time, illustrating its laser-focus on providing customers with excellent and reliable service.

\* Flights serving St Helena Island will resume when the current travel restrictions are lifted.

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