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# Kenya Airways Inches Closer to First-Ever Non-Stop Flight Between Nairobi (NBO) and New York (JFK)



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Kenya Airways announced the first-ever non-stop flight between Nairobi (NBO) and New York (JFK). The airline is the very first to fly nonstop from the eastern coast of Africa straight to the United States. The inaugural flight will be on Oct. 28, 2018.

The flight (KQ 002) will depart Nairobi daily at 11:35 p.m., arriving in New York City at 6:25 a.m. the following morning - totaling a 14-hour trip. Return flights depart JFK at 12:25 p.m., arriving in Kenya at 10:55 a.m. the next day, after 15 hours.

## The Features on The Flight

A Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner is slated to serve the route. It offers 30 lay-flat seats in Kenya Airways' Premier World business class. Seats have a pitch of 74 inches and a width of 31 inches. There are 204 seats in economy class, with a pitch of just over 32 inches and a width of 18.5 inches.



Each seat has its own power outlet and an in-flight entertainment system. However, the aircraft does not offer in-flight WiFi.

The flight falls under the category of “ultra-long-haul”. It requires four pilots and 12 flight attendants, as well as 85 tons of fuel each way.

Once in Nairobi, travelers can connect on to more than 40 other African destinations, served by Kenya Airways.

As the airline began selling tickets for the flight earlier this year, Kenya Airways Group managing director and CEO Sebastian Mikosz stated, “This is an exciting moment for us. It fits within our strategy to attract corporate and high-end tourism traffic from the world to Kenya and Africa. We are honored to contribute to the economic growth of Kenya and East Africa.”

## The Ultimate Safari Vacation

Other travel providers are excited to take advantage of the new connection. For example, Classic Escapes is offering its 12-Day Kenya: The Original Safari Destination experience just in time for travelers to hop on one of the first flights. The experience takes place Nov. 1–11 and follows the trails of previous explorers. You get up close and personal with traditional safari game like lions, elephants, zebra, giraffes, and more. Plus, you'll get to meet the people who live on the land.

The experience is currently at \$4,295 per person. This includes round-trip airport transfers, accommodations, meals, and all special experiences like visits to an elephant orphanage, the Karen Blixen House, and more.

# Using This Route to Your Miles-Earning Advantage

If you're more excited about the possibility of booking that dream safari trip and simultaneously earning points for it, you're in luck. Kenya Airways is a SkyTeam Alliance carrier, and their points and [credit card airline miles](#) loyalty program is Flying Blue. This means that the same miles you earn when you fly Air France or KLM will work with Kenya Airways.

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