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MORE WIDE BODIED JETS FOR SWISSAIR'S LONG HAUL ROUTES

The introduction of more wide-body DC-10 services to Africa and South America and the addition of Oporto to the European network are features of Swissair's summer schedules effective from 1st April. A total of 91 destinations will be served with a fleet of 48 aircraft, including eleven wide-body jets.

Europe

On the UK-Switzerland routes, Swissair is stepping up to a daily frequency the London-Zürich midday flight introduced last autumn. This means four London-Zürich flights will be available daily in each direction. No change takes place in the services from London to Geneva and Basle or from Manchester to Zürich.

Elsewhere in Europe, Swissair will for the first time serve Oporto, Portugal, with two flights weekly from Geneva. A second daily flight is to link Geneva with Amsterdam. A new service between Basle and Amsterdam is being introduced together with KLM. On domestic routes, the frequency between Zürich and Geneva is being increased by additional services from Monday to Friday.

Long-haul routes

The third weekly flight from Switzerland to South America serving Brazil and Argentina, at present operated by DC-8, will change over to DC-10 from 1st April. Swissair will then serve all South American destinations exclusively by wide-body aircraft.

More DC-10 services are also being introduced in Africa: the second weekly flight to Abidjan and Monrovia, the weekly service to Libreville, to be flown non-stop from Switzerland, as well as the weekly service to Dar es Salaam are all changing over to the wide-body jets from DC-8s.

Nairobi will be served from 1st April by a second DC-10 flight weekly and Oran, Algeria, by a second DC-9 service.

The recently improved Far East schedules will be continued in the summer season. From April 1 it will again be possible to overfly Vietnam, saving about one hour's flying time on all services to and from Hong Kong and Tokyo. From the same date Swissair will serve the new Narita airport at Tokyo.

In the Middle East sector, two of the six flights weekly to Teheran will operate non-stop from Zürich. Tel Aviv is to be served daily by DC-10.

Cargo

The UK-Switzerland and European all-cargo routes, operated by DC-9F, remain substantially unchanged. However, the introduction of DC-10 aircraft on more routes to Africa and South America means a considerable increase in cargo capacity and more facilities for palletised cargo.

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Police have arrested two men involved with the kidnapping of Graziella Ortiz Patino, the grand-daughter of a tin millionaire, in a residential suburb of Geneva at the end of last year.

The little girl, aged five, had helped the police by recognising the building in Lausanne where she had been kept prisoner for over a week. The two men arrested are Italians in their early twenties.

The kidnap, which caused a great stir in Switzerland, ended when a reported ransom of two million dollars was handed over by the girl's father.

Graziella was later found, crying and half dazed by drugs, near a café on the Lausanne-Geneva main road.

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