

《深圳-奥克兰直航新年开通》

导读:海南航空新年开通深圳-奥克兰航线。



China's Hainan Airlines is to begin direct flights between Shenzhen, a major city in southern China, and Auckland from Dec. 31, Auckland Airport announced Monday.

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The inaugural flight would touch down on Jan. 1, 2017, and the airline would operate three times a week between Shenzhen and Auckland using an A330 aircraft.

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The new route was part of Hainan Airlines' international expansion plans, Auckland Airport general manager, Norris Carter said in a statement.

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"This non-stop service will not only grow the number of visitors from southern China, it will also give Chinese travelers further connecting flight options to Auckland from other areas in China through the extensive Hainan Airlines' network," said Carter.

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Auckland Airport estimated that the new service would add 81,000 seats to the China-Auckland route every year and boost the New Zealand tourism industry by 102 million NZ dollars (74.12 million US dollars).

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Hainan Airlines is part of the HNA group and is the largest privately-owned air transport company and the fourth largest airline in terms of fleet size in China.

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The airline has been operating for 23 years with 162 aircraft in operation and since 2011.

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