

**Travel Advisory** 

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# Subject: Consolidation of Flights and Time Changes Re-accommodation Policy

South African Airways continuously strives to keep you abreast of any forecasted changes that might affect the travel plans of our mutual customers. Due to operational reasons, we envisage some consolidation or time change on certain routes and flights effective **13 Dec'23 – 30 Mar'24**. SAA prides itself on providing the travelling public a fleet that performs optimally and to this end will adjust the flying program to accommodate this requirement.

Customers booked to fly on our services on the affected day will be re-accommodated to the next available flights operated by SAA. We urge our trade partners to manage their booking queues and communicate these changes to our valued customers accordingly.

## Assistance for SAA Customers:

Passengers booked on the flights affected by the time change will be re-accommodated on the next available flights operated by SAA, should this time not suit the passenger. The agent may select another suitable date in the same cabin class on the services of South African Airways. **DOMESTIC FLIGHTS:** 

## Between JNB CPT:

- SA333 and SA336 operated flights will be cancelled from the 13 December 2023 to 30 March 2024.
- Passengers will be re-accommodated on the next available flight operated by SAA.

## Between JNB DUR:

- SA535 and SA542 operated flights will be cancelled from the 13 December 2023 to 30 March 2024.
- Passengers will be re-accommodated on the next available flight operated by SAA.

## Time Change:

The following routes will be affected by the time changes:

- Between JNB and VFA: 16Dec'23 to 30Mar'24 (day 6)
- Between JNB and LOS: 15 to 30Dec'23 (day 5 & 6)
- Between JNB and LUN: 21Dec'23 to 28Mar'24 (day 4)

Should this time change not suit the passengers travel arrangements, passengers are allowed to travel on the SAA operated flight the day prior or the day after their original booked SAA service without any penalty.

## Equipment Change:

The following domestic routes will be affected by the equipment changes:

- Between JNB-CPT SA303 & SA316: 18 to 22Dec;23 (day 1,2,3,5)
- JNB-CPT SA359: 15 to 23Dec'23 (day 1,2,3,5,6) and 17 to 24Dec'23 (day 4&7)
- JNB-CPT SA359: 25 to 31Dec'23 (day1,2 4,6,7) and 27 to 29Dec'23 (day 3&5)
- JNB-CPT SA359: 01Jan to 30Mar'24(day 1,2,4,6,7)
- JNB-CPT SA363: 15 to 31Dec'23 (day 1 to 7) and 02 to 16Jan'24 (day 2)
- JNB-CPT SA363: 22 to 23Jan'24,30Jan to 05Feb'24 and 12 to 27Feb'24 (day 1&2)
- CPT-JNB SA372: 15 to 23Dec'23 (day 1,2,3,5,6) and 17 to 24Dec'23 (day 4&7)
- CPT-JNB SA372: 25 to 31Dec'23 (day 1,2,4,6,7) and 27 to 29Dec'23 (day 3&5)
- CPT-JNB SA372: 01Jan to 30Mar'24 (day 1 to 7)
- CPT-JNB SA374:15 to 31Dec'23 (day 1 to 7) and 02 to 16Jan'24 (day 2)
- CPT-JNB SA374: 22 to 23Jan'24 ,30Jan to 05Feb'24 and 12 to 27Feb'24 (day 1&2)
- Between JNB-DUR SA571 and SA572:15 to 29 Dec'23 (day 1 to 5) and 02 to 16Jan'24 (day 2)
- Between JNB-DUR SA571 and SA572:22 to 23Jan'24,30Jan to 05Feb'24 and 12 to 27Feb'24 (day 1&2)

## Re-accommodation:

- Assistance will be provided to all customers holding a valid ticket on South African Airways (083 Ticket) and to passengers holding a through fare ticket on another airline that includes the affected flight.
- It is recommended that customers refer to the issuing office for assistance with ticket reissuance.
- Customers who have booked their ticket via the SAA website or call center must contact the Call Centre on +27 11 978 1111 for assistance with rebooking and reissue of their ticket.
- Customers who have booked through a travel agent should contact their travel agency directly for assistance in this regard.
- Travel Agents who require assistance with this re-accommodation policy should call Trade Support on +27 11 978 1111 and select option 3 or +27 11 978 9990, alternatively send an email to tradesupport@flysaa.com for assistance.
- For reissue of tickets kindly mail your request to <u>SAAschedulechange@flysaa.com</u>

## **Re-accommodation Policy Process and Conditions:**

## **Revenue Tickets**

Process if re-accommodation is accepted:

The original ticket will be used as the exchange document for the new SAA operated flight and must be endorsed "SKCHG due OLD SCHEDULED FLT NO/DATE" in the endorsement box. *Eg; "Skchg due SAxxx/ddmm*

- Additional taxes, (if applicable) for ticketed passengers will be absorbed by SAA. The ticket must be re-issued as NO ADC in the same cabin class.
- If the customer does not accept the reaccommodation on the next SAA operated flight, but chooses an alternative flight; the following will apply:
  - The original ticket will be used as the exchange document for the new SAA operated flight and must be endorsed "SKCHG due OLD SCHEDULED FLT NO/DATE" in the endorsement box. Eg; "Skchg due SAxxx/ddmm
  - Additional taxes, (if applicable) for ticketed passengers will be absorbed by SAA. The ticket must be re-issued as NO ADC in the same cabin class.
- All tickets must be re-issued on or before the 13 December 2023.

Process if re-accommodation is not accepted:

- If the customer does not accept the re-accommodation on the next SAA operated flight but defers travel without a firm date, the following will apply:
  - The affected sector must be cancelled so that the passenger is not a no-show.
  - If the sector is not cancelled and the customer is a no-show, the no-show penalty as per the standard fare rule will apply at the time of re-issue.
  - Any additional taxes and no-show fees, (if applicable), must be collected by the issuing agent. The ticket must be re-issued reflecting the additional collection.
- All tickets must be reissued before the expiry of the original ticket validity.
- If the customer no longer wishes to travel, the booking must be cancelled, and the following will apply:
- The customer may apply for the full value of the ticket to be credited to his / her Voyager Credit Wallet for future use. The ticket value is converted to miles which are then valid for (3) three years and may be nominated to another traveler should the customer so wish via a Voyager Award.
- The customers booking must be cancelled to avoid no-show penalties and application for the Voyager Wallet credit must be made via the link on Flysaa.com. <u>https://www.flysaa.com/za/en/voyagerCreditWallet.action</u>
- If the customer does not accept any of these options, cancel the itinerary and apply for a refund as detailed below;
  - If the customer opts not to travel due to this time change no longer suiting his/her travel plans – a full refund (including taxes) will be returned to the original form of payment for tickets issued on SAA (083) stock only.
  - If the customer has been re-accommodated or rebooked for a later date in future but within the ticket validity and at a later stage decides to cancel his/her trip and claim for a refund, then the original fare rules will apply.

This policy is applicable to South African Airways flights only and not on separate tickets of other airlines.

Change of cabin will not be permitted. Bookings must be retained in the same cabin class for travel.

Waivers to this policy are not permissible.

For up-to-date information please refer to the SAA website www.flysaa.com

Any other related queries are to be directed to <u>SAACustomerService@flysaa.com</u>

## Voyager:

The below will only be applicable to Voyager Redemptions booked in I and X class. Dynamic Redemptions are handled as per above revenue ticket procedure:

Voyager will refund and re-instate the Miles of awards for those customers who do not wish to be re-accommodated, according to the normal Terms and Conditions applicable when a reschedule or flight cancelation occurs.

All Voyager customers in possession of SAA Award tickets issued on SAA ticket stock (083) are to be re-accommodated as per options provided above. This is subject to the same redemption award classes being available.

Customers are encouraged to contact the Voyager Service Desk at the Call Centre on +27 11 978 1111 or to send an email to VoyagerServiceRecovery@flysaa.com for assistance with this process.

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