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Iberia Resumes Johannesburg Service with Sold Out Flights

- The Spanish airline returns to Jo'burg with its best product and one of its newest aircraft, the A330-300.
- Flight IB6051 from Madrid landed in O.R. Tambo International Airport at 10:00 with all 278 seats taken.
- Iberia and Comair have agreed to offer flights under code sharing to other destinations in South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe.

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Four years after suspending the route, [Iberia](#) has resumed its flights to [Johannesburg](#) with a sold out flight. This will be the only non-stop flight between South Africa and Spain.

Starting today, the Spanish airline is flying **three times a week** between the two cities, with the following timetable:

Flight no.	From	Departs	To	Arrives	Days
IB6050	Johannesburg	20:15	Madrid	06:35 next day	Tues., Fri., Sat.
IB6051	Madrid	23:45	Johannesburg	09:55 next day	Mon., Thurs., Fri.

The re-launch of the Madrid-Johannesburg led Iberia to stage a number of actions to promote South Africa in Spain and elsewhere in Europe, and also to introduce the new Iberia to potential customers in South Africa, a country featured in the August issue of Iberia's in-flight magazine [Ronda](#), read by about one million readers.

Marco Sansavini, Iberia's Chief Commercial Officer, commented: "With our flight from Johannesburg to Madrid, we will be strengthening economic and cultural ties between South Africa and Spain, while also promoting

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European tourism to South Africa. Meanwhile, our South African customers can come to Madrid and avail themselves of the good connections to all our Spanish, European, and American destinations.”

Iberia returned to South Africa as a renewed airline, more efficient, with new aircraft, new long-haul cabins, and new services. To link Johannesburg and Madrid it will fly its new twin-engine **A330-300s**

A330/300:

- Twin-engine aircraft
- Much more fuel-efficient
- 278 seats:
 - 36 in Business Class
 - 242 in Economy Class

New Business Class:

- Flat beds
- Direct access to the aisle
- 15.4” touch screens.
- Entertainment programme: films, TV series, documentaries, music and video games...
- Wifi and GSM text capability
- Gourmet Spanish meals and Spanish wines

New Economy Class:

- Ergonomic seats
- Adjustable headrests
- **9” touch screens**
- Same entertainment programme as in the Business Class
- Wifi and GSM text capability



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More connecting flights in South Africa and Spain

In addition, Iberia and **Comair** have signed a code-share agreement to be implemented in the next few weeks. It will cover such destinations as **Cape Town, Port Elizabeth,** and **Durban** in South Africa, **Windhoek** in Namibia, and **Victoria Falls** and **Harare** in Zimbabwe, via Johannesburg.

Via Madrid, passengers from South Africa will find good connections to Iberia's **30 additional destinations in Spain**, including Barcelona, Bilbao, Seville, and Malaga; **58 European cities** including London, Lisbon, Porto, Milan, Rome, Frankfurt, and Geneva; Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, and New York in the United States, and **20 Latin American destinations**, such as Havana, Santo Domingo, Mexico City, and Panama City.

Iberia will offer a total of **36,700 seats** this year on the Johannesburg-Madrid route.

About Iberia: Iberia is the leading carrier on routes between Europe and Latin America and it flies to more than 125 destinations in 48 countries. Together with its subsidiary Iberia Express and its franchise partner Iberia Regional/Air Nostrum, it operates about 600 flights each day with a fleet of 136 aircraft. It offers easy and convenient connections at its hub in T4 in Madrid-Barajas airport. Iberia was Europe's most punctual airline and second in the world in 2015, according to Flightstats. The airline is a member of the **oneworld** alliance that operates more than 14,000 daily flights to some 1,000 destinations in more than 150 countries. For more information, please visit <http://grupo.iberia.es>

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