

Introducing Direct Services to Beijing, China

For the first time in the history of the airline, SAA will introduce direct flights to Beijing, China; from January next year.

The inaugural flight is scheduled to depart on **Tuesday 31 January 2012** from Johannesburg to arrive in Beijing, China; on Wednesday 1 February 2012. These flights are available from today for reservations in the global distribution system (GDS) and via SAA's website flysaa.com, the airline's on-line website.

Introducing direct flights to Beijing is in line with SAA's strategy to expand its network to Asia, the fastest growing market in the world. SAA will operate the route three times a week. The route will be served by the Airbus A340-600 aircraft, which have the capacity to operate the route directly all year round with no passenger payload restrictions. Flying time between Johannesburg and Beijing takes on average 15 hours.

Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China and one of the most populous cities in the world. The city is the country's political, cultural and educational centre and home to the headquarters for most of China's largest state-owned companies.

Johannesburg - Beijing schedule:

Flight	Days	From	Departs	To	Arrives
SA288	Tuesday Friday Sunday	Johannesburg	08h00*	Beijing	04h40* (Following day)
SA289	Monday Wednesday Saturday	Beijing	06h40*	Johannesburg	15h30* (Following day)

**All times are local. Please note that these slots may change.*