

Press Release

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Finnair to fly to Guangzhou, China year-round as of winter 2019



Finnair extends its seasonal Guangzhou route to year-round operations and will operate between Helsinki (HEL) and Guangzhou (CAN) with two weekly frequencies during winter season 2019/2020, with effect from 30 October 2019. Finnair launched its Guangzhou route as a summer route in 2016, and as of this spring, will serve the route with its Airbus A350 aircraft, adding both passenger and cargo capacity to the route.

As the newest aircraft in Finnair's fleet, the Airbus A350 will feature a two-class configuration with both Business and Economy Class. It will offer all the modern amenities that the most discerning travellers would seek on long-haul flights, including onboard WiFi, wider seats, and one of the quietest cabins in the sky.

Flight Schedule

Flight Number	Sector	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Operation Days
AY097	HEL-CAN	1700	0830+1	Wed, Sat
AY098	CAN-HEL	1050	1510	Thu, Sun

"The extension of the operating season of our Guangzhou route is a logical next step in our Asian strategy", says **Christian Lesjak**, SVP, Network and resource management, Finnair. "Travel between Finnair's Chinese destinations and Europe is increasing, and we are happy now to be able to offer year-round operations to our passengers and cargo customers."

The upgrade of Finnair's Helsinki – Guangzhou route will complement the existing twice-daily service between Helsinki and Hong Kong, offering travellers even greater choice and flexibility. The opening of the Guangzhou–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Express Rail Link in September 2018 opened



up new connection opportunities for travellers, with a train ride between Hong Kong and Guangzhou now taking less than an hour. In turn, Guangzhou can now be an alternative entry and departure point for Hong Kong travellers as well as residents of the Greater Bay Area.

As part of the upgrade, Finnair will move its flight operations to the new Terminal 2 in Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport. Having opened just last year, Terminal 2 is optimised and designed for smooth transfer traffic, and this move also will support the planned codeshare collaboration between Finnair and China Southern, who offers extensive domestic connections from Guangzhou onwards.

Finnair flies between Guangzhou and Helsinki with four weekly frequencies in the summer season, and two weekly frequencies in the winter season. Finnair serves seven destinations – Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Nanjing and Xian in China, and will in summer season 2019 operate up to 42 weekly frequencies to China from its Helsinki hub.

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About Finnair

Finnair flies between Asia, Europe and North America with an emphasis on fast connections via Helsinki, carrying more than twelve million passengers annually. Finnair's extensive network connects 19 cities in Asia and 8 cities in North America with over 100 destinations in Europe. The airline, a pioneer in sustainable flying, was the first European airline to fly the next-generation, eco-smart Airbus A350 XWB aircraft and it is the first airline listed in the Leadership Index of the worldwide Carbon Disclosure Project. The only Nordic carrier with a 4-star Skytrax ranking, Finnair has also won the World Airline Award for Best Airline Northern Europe for the past nine years running. Finnair is a member of **oneworld**, the alliance of the world's leading airlines committed to providing the highest level of service and convenience to frequent international travellers.

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