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Royal Air Maroc to launch Tangier to Gibraltar service

Route will be one of the world's shortest intercontinental services

Moroccan national airline, Royal Air Maroc, will launch services between the northern city of Tangier and Gibraltar on 29 March 2015. This new service will provide the first air link since the 1990s to both cities with a long joint history and whose air links historically date back to the 1930s.

Operating initially twice weekly on Thursdays and Sundays, it will allow Gibraltarians to reconnect by air with the historic city of Tangier, as well as allowing Moroccans to discover all that Gibraltar has to offer.

The primary contact for the start of these services was initiated by the Office of the Chief Minister and the Minister for Tourism then held a meeting with a delegation from Royal Air Maroc. The start of new air services to Tangier is part of a wider approach by Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar to promote Gibraltar's tourism industry, financial services and commercial affairs in Morocco.

Commenting on the new link the Hon Neil Costa MP, Gibraltar's Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port said: "Gibraltar has enjoyed strong links with Morocco for years and thanks to the Government of Gibraltar's initiative to allow Moroccan nationals with Schengen visas to visit for a maximum of 21 days, this will allow the discovery of Gibraltar as a unique destination for shopping and leisure. This service will also be conveniently timed so that passengers can connect from Casablanca with one-stop at Tangier, opening up Gibraltar to the largest city in Morocco and for connections from Casablanca to the rest of Morocco and the world through Royal Air Maroc's extensive route network. This new service also highlights Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar's manifesto commitment to attract new air services to promote tourism and also offer outbound opportunities to the local population and business community. I am very grateful to my teams for their professional and unstinting support".

Flights will be operated by Royal Air Maroc's fleet of 70 seat ATR72 turboprop aircraft and offer both an economy and business product. It will also be one of the world's shortest intercontinental flights, linking the continents of Europe and Africa in just under 30 minutes.