## Lufthansa doubling flights from Edinburgh to Frankfurt

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Lufthansa have announced that they are to double the capacity of their Edinburgh to Frankfurt service in a revamped 2013/2014 winter schedule.

The schedule is due to start on 27 October 2013 with the usual Edinburgh to Frankfurt winter service of one return flight per day, doubled to two return flights, furthering a continuation of the increase in Lufthansa's service in and out of Scotland.

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The Edinburgh Reporter met with Luftansa's General Manager of UK & Ireland, Christian Schindler. Schindler was visiting Edinburgh as you can see from our photo! He explained that the changes have been sparked by a passenger demand from both sides, with Edinburgh and Frankfurt proving to be popular tourist routes and destinations.

"We are delighted with the new schedule. It's a major step because by doubling the capacity we are providing more connectivity, opening up the network via Frankfurt and creating more options on where passengers can go."

Lufthansa recently added Glasgow to their list of destinations in the 2013 summer schedule, and the Edinburgh to Brussels

service which was brought in last winter, has also experienced a doubling of capacity, now offering two return flights per day.

Schindler explained:-" The additional capacity in and out of Scotland is working very well and actually moving above expectations.

"As the Lufthansa Group we have an overall enormous increase of capacity into Edinburgh and to the two hubs, Frankfurt and Brussels.

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Frankfurt which is regarded as one Europe's most punctual airports, is regularly used as a transit to other destinations, such as the popular skiing regions in Austria and Switzerland, and with Lufthansa's recent Atlantic Joint Venture with Air Canada and United Airlines, North America has been opened up to their customers.

Schindler added that as well as the schedule changes, they are increasing the capacity of their short-haul services from 50 to over 90 passengers.

The Edinburgh to Frankfurt service will use two different types of aircraft, the A319 and the CRJ900, which will have respective capacities of 150 and 90 passengers.

Return fares from Edinburgh to Frankfurt are set to start at £99 which includes everything from baggage, checking in, and the provision of in-flight snacks and alcoholic beverages.

If you would like to find out more about Lufthansa's routes and destinations you can <u>visit the company's website</u> or alternatively download their app which is available on Iphone and Android.