



## **Hainan Airlines Returns to Vienna:**

# China's largest privately owned airline resumes direct flight service to Shenzhen

The offering of long-haul flights at Vienna Airport continues to recover. Hainan Airlines, the largest privately owned airline in the People's Republic of China, will once again link Vienna and the high-tech metropolis of Shenzhen as of 29 May 2024. China is an important market for Vienna Airport and for the entire business and tourism location of Austria. Flights will be operated two times per week and throughout the entire year. Hainan Airlines terminated flight service on the Vienna-Shenzhen route in February 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic and is now returning to Vienna Airport after a break of four years.

"Hainan Airlines, one of China's most important airlines, is returning to Vienna Airport. After a four-year break, it is once again possible to take off directly to the metropolis of Shenzhen. The Far East is an important market for Vienna Airport, and the resumption of flights by Hainan Airlines is a gratifying sign for the resurgence of tourism and business in Austria and China. We are very pleased to be able to renew our good cooperation with Hainan Airlines!", states Julian Jäger, Joint CEO and COO of Vienna Airport.

## Shenzhen: High-tech metropolis with a population of about 17 million

Shenzhen is a modern metropolis in Southern China and is well known for its rapid economic development. Numerous top multinational companies such as Siemens, Huawei, Microsoft, Philips, IBM, Samsung, Panasonic have located headquarters in Shenzhen. In turn, this strengthens the role of the city as a leading technology centre. As one of China's first special economic zones, Shenzhen has evolved from a small port city to a pulsating megacity with approx. 17 million inhabitants, impressive skyscrapers, innovative startups, and a dynamic cultural life.

## Two weekly flights from Vienna to Shenzhen

Starting on 29 May 2024, Hainan Airlines will operate two weekly flights (Wednesdays, Saturdays) connecting Vienna and Shenzhen. The flight will leave Shenzhen at 2:05 a.m. and arrive in Vienna at 7:55 a.m. The return flight from Vienna will take off at 11:05 a.m. and land in Shenzhen at 4 a.m. on the next day.

#### Hainan Airlines: Largest privately owned airline in the People's Republic of China

Hainan Airlines has been a dependable air transport company for 30 years. Featuring more than 1,700 international and regional routes to 200+ cities across the globe, the route network of Hainan Airlines not only spans China and several destinations in Asia but Europe, North America, and the South Pacific. For the network of Hainan Airlines, as a hub airline in Shenzhen, there are many domestic routes to choose from, once departing from Vienna to Shenzhen, passengers can travel around the whole of China, such as Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Xi'an, Kunming, Hangzhou, Nanjing and more. Since 2011, Hainan Airlines has been granted the 5-Star Airline Rating for twelve straight years thanks to its high standards of quality and ongoing innovations in providing services to passengers. More detailed information on the airline and booking possibilities can be found at <a href="https://www.hainanairlines.com">www.hainanairlines.com</a>.

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