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**VIRGIN ATLANTIC LAUNCHES SERVICES TO MAURITIUS  
Twice weekly service to Mauritius begins October 28, 2007**

South Norwalk, CT (October 24, 2007) Virgin Atlantic Airways, on Sunday, launches its first non-stop service between London Heathrow and Mauritius. The services will be operated by an Airbus A340-300 with 240 seats onboard - 34 Upper Class, 35 Premium Economy and 171 Economy.

The first flight will arrive in Mauritius at 10:50 on the morning of October 29 and will receive the traditional 'water salute' from the Airport Fire Brigade in celebration of its arrival. Passengers will be greeted by a local Creole band as they disembark.

Andrew Fyfe, Regional Manager, Middle East and Indian Ocean, said:

"I am really excited that Virgin Atlantic is to serve this beautiful island, our first destination in the Indian Ocean. Mauritius offers a range of relaxing spa centres and elegant hotels. Passengers will be spoilt for choice by the range of top class hotels, fine dining opportunities, excellent water sports, and world-class golf courses on this tropical paradise."

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hon Xavier Luc Duval, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism and Leisure for helping Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Holidays start their operations to Mauritius."

Services between London Heathrow and Mauritius will operate twice a week on Fridays and Sundays from Heathrow and Saturdays and Mondays from Mauritius. This destination is the airline's 29th route worldwide with its 30th being launched to Kingston, Jamaica this week.

Flights from Heathrow will depart on Fridays at 8:00 p.m. arriving into Mauritius at 12:00 p.m. the following day, and departures on Sundays from Heathrow leave at 6:50 p.m. arriving into Mauritius at 10:50 the following morning. Return flights from Mauritius depart on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. arriving into Heathrow the same day at 10:25 p.m. and flights departing Mauritius on Mondays leave at 12:50 p.m., arriving into Heathrow at 9:15 p.m. the same day.

All flights to Mauritius will be operated on aircraft fitted with Virgin Atlantic's new Upper Class Suite. The Upper Class Suite consists of a reclining seat for take off, a place to sit and eat a three course meal opposite your partner, the longest fully flat bed in the world with a proper mattress for sleeping on, a private onboard bar to drink at with your friends and a private massage zone " all at a price thousands of dollars less than other airlines" First Class.

Virgin Atlantic is offering its new Premium Economy service to passengers. Amenities include a dedicated check in, priority boarding, priority duty free, quicker baggage reclaim, a

pre-departure drink and post dinner liqueur. Additional services include dedicated cabin crew, a redesigned meal service, and dedicated amenity kit. The new Premium Economy seat is 3 inches wider than other airlines' Premium Economy products and has added extras like seat back televisions for all passengers with video on demand.

Virgin Atlantic currently operates 160 flights a week from Heathrow to a range of long-haul destinations worldwide. Founded in 1984, Virgin Atlantic Airways now offers high-flying service from 10 U.S. cities to London, operating long haul services to 33 destinations worldwide as far apart as Las Vegas, Tokyo, Delhi, Boston and Shanghai, with additional recent growth to Mumbai, Dubai, Nairobi and from Chicago. Even with Virgin Atlantic's growth, the service still remains customer driven with an emphasis on value for money, quality, fun and innovation, ensuring flying Virgin Atlantic is always an event.

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