

Direct route to China from Marseille

China Eastern Airlines (a member of the SkyTeam alliance) is opening a direct route between Shanghai and Marseille from July 2, with 3 weekly flights on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Flights will be operated by Shanghai Airlines using the latest-generation Boeing Dreamliner 787/900, with 283 seats (including 57 seats with Business Plus 4, Business 25 and Premium Economique 28). Tickets are currently on sale.

Flights depart Shanghai at 00:15 and arrive in Marseille at 07:00. The return flight leaves Marseille at 10:55 and arrives in Shanghai at around 05:00 the following day.

Shanghai Pudong airport is an Asian hub that will connect Provence to the whole of Asia (notably Japan, South Korea, South-West Asia...) as well as Australia and New Zealand.

Philippe Bernard, CEO of Aéroport Marseille Provence:

"We are delighted to announce the opening of this new direct long-haul service between Shanghai and Marseille on July 2. With this opening, Marseille Provence Airport is the only French regional airport to offer direct flights to China.

3 flights a week will be operated by China Eastern Airlines (via its subsidiary Shanghai Airlines) using Boeing 787 Dreamliners, the latest generation of environmentally-friendly aircraft.

This airline will also offer optimized connections with Japan, South Korea, South-West Asia, Australia, New Zealand...

On arrival, Asian visitors will be welcomed in our brand-new T1 terminal, before discovering the south of France: Marseille, of course, which will host the sailing events of the Olympic Games, but also Provence and the Côte d'Azur.

The opening of this new route strengthens the 30-year twinning of the cities of Shanghai and Marseille, and coincides with the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and France. It will make a major contribution to boosting the attractiveness of our region, both economically and in terms of tourism, as well as exchanges between our two cities".

About Marseille Provence Airport (AMP)

Today, the Marseille Provence airport site is home to over 140 enterprises and 4,500 employees, including 366 employees of Marseille Provence airport. Our ambition is to develop a virtuous airport model that favors connectivity, and is fully in line with the preservation, attractiveness and economic dynamism of its territory. In France, we are the 1st regional airport in terms of freight and the 2nd regional airport in terms of passenger traffic. The airport has welcomed 10.8 million passengers in 2023 (10.1 million in 2019).

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