

Rwanda's national air carrier, RwandAir has announced plans to launch nonstop flights to Paris, France for the first time.

The three times weekly service between Kigali International Airport and Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) will launch on June 27, departing the Rwandan capital at 0030 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, arriving into Paris at 0930.

The return leg will leave the French capital at 2130 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, arriving into Kigali at 0600 the following day.

The new route represents the only direct service between Rwanda and France, and adds to the carrier's existing flights to London Heathrow, which have operated nonstop since November last year (having previously routed via Brussels).



Commenting on the news Yvonne Makolo, RwandAir CEO, said: "The launch of our first-ever flights to Paris is an exciting development in RwandAir's continuing expansion and a testament to the importance of French-Rwandan relations.

"France is a major market for RwandAir as we connect the continents of Africa and Europe through our home hub in Kigali with this new direct service to Paris, one of the world's top tourism destinations.

"French travellers can look forward to a warm welcome onboard on our inaugural flight today and for many more years to come as we deepen the ties of friendship and fraternity between France and Rwanda."