

Hainan Airlines starts Singapore to Taiyuan flights via Haikou on 11 December, four times a week

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Hainan Airlines plans to start flying between Singapore and Taiyuan, the capital of Chinaâ??s Shanxi province, on Friday 11 December, with a stop in Haikou in each direction. Flights HU441 and HU442 run four times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

For travellers leaving Changi, it is a one-stop route to Shanxi in northern China. The flights also add four weekly departures between Singapore and Haikou, the carrierâ??s home base on Hainan island, though the airline has not said whether that leg can be booked on its own.



Hainan Airlinesâ?? launch poster for HU441 and HU442, which link Taiyuan, Haikou and Singapore four times a week from 11 December. Image: Hainan Airlines

Flight times for HU441 and HU442

Singapore and Beijing run on the same clock, so the timings need no conversion.

- HU442, Singapore to Taiyuan: leaves Changi at 4.15pm, lands in Haikou at 7.50pm, leaves Haikou at 9.20pm and reaches Taiyuan Wusu International Airport at 12.30am the next day.
- HU441, Taiyuan to Singapore: leaves Taiyuan at 7am, lands in Haikou at 10.15am, leaves Haikou at 11.45am and reaches Changi at 3.10pm.

The stop at Haikou Meilan International Airport is roughly an hour and a half each way. Friday is an operating day for both flights, so on 11 December HU441 is scheduled to reach Changi at 3.10pm and HU442 to leave for Haikou and Taiyuan at 4.15pm.

Hainan Airlines calls the timings a guide only, so the times on a booked ticket are the ones to plan around.

Booking and fares

Seats are on sale through the Hainan Airlines website and app, its WeChat account and mini programme, its 95339 hotline, its own ticket offices and authorised agents. The airline has not put out an introductory fare for the route.

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Prepaid baggage, onboard upgrades and business bundles are sold alongside the fare. The route opens during the year-end holidays for primary and secondary schools, which run from 21 November to 31 December.

Entry for Singapore passports

Singapore ordinary passport holders can stay in mainland China for up to 30 days without a visa, under the mutual visa exemption in force since 9 February 2024. The Immigration & Checkpoints Authority sets out the arrangement.

Taiyuan and Haikou

Taiyuan has more than 2,500 years of history as a city. Hainan Airlines singles out the Jinci Temple and the Tianlongshan Grottoes among its draws, and describes the city as Shanxiâ??s gateway to the world and a regional transport hub.

Haikou is where the airline is headquartered. From Hainan it flies to close to 60 mainland cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chongqing and Chengdu, so passengers can also connect through Haikou.

Hainan began island-wide special customs operations as a free trade port on 18 December 2025. The airline runs or plans more than 70 international and regional routes from cities across China, Taiyuan among them.

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