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# Finnair to launch service between Helsinki and Chicago

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Finnair will fly the Airbus 330 between Helsinki and Chicago starting in the summer of 2015.

You could call it the sauna shuttle.

Finnair, the national airline of Finland, where saunas are a way of life, will begin flying seasonal nonstop service between Helsinki, Finland and Chicago's O'Hare International Airport beginning June 13, 2015. Finnair's will operate the service three times a week through Oct. 17, 2015.

Noted Finnair's Vice President of Global Sales Petri Vuori: "Chicago is a great addition to our summer destinations and is in demand with leisure travelers from Northern Europe."

Finnair said it will use an Airbus 330 widebody aircraft on the new route, which will depart Helsinki on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 5:25 p.m. and arrive at O'Hare at 6:40 p.m. local time the same day. Return flights to Helsinki depart O'Hare at 10 p.m. and arrive the following day at 2:50 p.m.

Finnair's international fleet is configured with economy and business class cabins.

Finnair is a member of the OneWorld airline alliance, so travelers arriving from Helsinki can book onward connections from Chicago on partner carriers American Airlines and U.S. Airways.

Finnair is the only Northern Europe-based airline with a 4-star Skytrax ranking. The carrier flies more than nine million passengers annually to 60 destinations in Europe and 15 cities in Asia. ...

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