

Lufthansa's Eurowings Discover operates maiden flight

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Berlin : Lufthansa's new airline Eurowings Discover made its maiden flight, taking off from Frankfurt on July 24. The airline's Airbus A330-200 aircraft departed for Mombasa and then on to Zanzibar.

This is rare to see a new airline taking to the skies amid the ongoing pandemic. Lufthansa Group got a little larger with this new airline wing.

The flight, 4Y134, departed on Runway 18, the preferred runway for departures south to Africa. At 20:02, roughly half an hour after its planned departure, the Airbus A330-200 began to hurtle down Runway 18 before becoming airborne shortly after.

After departure, the aircraft flew south through Germany, over Switzerland and Italy before passing overhead Albania and Greece. The plane then flew above Egypt and Sudan before taking a slight detour overhead South Sudan to avoid Ethiopian airspace. The aircraft then arrived in Kenyan airspace, where it began its descent.

The aircraft touched down in Mombasa at 05:13 morning, according to data from RadarBox.com. Its planned time of arrival was 05:10. The airport's operators, Kenya Airports, did not allow the appearance to go unnoticed, with dancers and drum players on hand to welcome the aircraft despite the early hour.

After a turnaround in Mombasa, the aircraft was quickly in the skies again for a

second hop down to Zanzibar. The aircraft was welcomed with another water cannon salute when it arrived at its final destination. Having flown back to Mombasa, the A330 departed for its last leg back to Frankfurt Airport.