

3.9.2. International flight connections

The flight tracker FlightConnections, which provides information about current flight connections, indicated that, as of 7 May 2025, international flights were being operated to four countries, including Türkiye (Istanbul, Ankara), Jordan (Amman), the UAE (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah), and Qatar (Doha).697 Flightradar24 also showed flights arriving or scheduled to arrive from Beirut, Muscat, Jeddah, Misrata, Khartoum, Abidjan, Erbil and Kuwait city.698

As of January 2025, international flights to Damascus International Airport (DAM) resumed, including routes from Türkiye, Qatar, the UAE, and Jordan. Domestic flights between Damascus and Aleppo had already resumed earlier, on 18 December 2024.699 The resumption of flights between Syria and Saudi Arabia is reportedly under consideration, although no specific date has been announced.700 Direct flights between DAM and Bucharest, Romania, were announced to be starting from June by a Romanian airline701 and the first commercial flight from Bucharest to Damascus landed in mid-June.702

In the second half of June, the military escalation in the Middle East led to the temporary closure of airspace <u>703</u> and air corridors leading to DAM. Syrian Airlines, the flag carrier of Syria, diverted its flights from DAM to Aleppo International Airport where routes to the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye would be operated. Ground transportation between Aleppo and DAM airport would be provided regularly, according to the airline. <u>704</u> Israeli and Iranian forces have exchanged strikes through Syrian airspace, resulting in civilian casualties and damage to property, particularly in southern Syria. <u>705</u>

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