

BA stops flights to Liberia, Sierra Leone until 2015 over Ebola

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British Airways extended to 2015 its suspension of flights to Liberia and Sierra Leone due to concerns about the spread of the deadly Ebola virus it announced on Tuesday.

"British Airways has suspended <u>flights</u> to and from Liberia and Sierra Leone until 31 December 2014 due to concerns about the public health situation in both countries," the airline said in a statement.

"The safety of our customers, crew and ground teams is always our top priority and we will keep the routes under constant review in the coming weeks."

The airline had previously suspended its flights until September.

Normally, the carrier operates a route four times a week between London's Heathrow airport and Freetown in Sierra Leone, with a connection to the Liberian capital Monrovia.

The airline said customers with tickets booked on those routes could have a refund, rebook for a later date, or rearrange to fly out of Ghana, Kenya or Nigeria.

Over 1,400 people have died in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone since the start of the year in the worst ever outbreak of the virus.

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