

Batik Air Commences Direct Flights from Kuala Lumpur to the Maldives, Enhancing Tourism Opportunities



Velana International Airport, 23 June, 2023 - Batik Air, formerly known as MalindoAir, has launched direct flights from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to the Maldives, marking a significant development in the country's tourism sector. The airline's inaugural flight received a warm welcome with a special ceremony at Velana International Airport, including a water salute, with 57 passengers on board.

Operating daily flights between Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and the Maldives since last May, Batik Air utilizes Boeing 737 aircraft with a seating capacity of 180 passengers for its Maldives operations. With its extensive network of 50 destinations, including Malaysia, Thailand, and Australia, Batik Air's entry into the Maldives market is expected to contribute to the country's growing tourism industry.

The addition of Batik Air's direct flights, alongside other airlines like Flyness from Saudi Arabia and the upcoming Virgin Atlantic flights from the US to Velana International Airport, offers travelers from various parts of the world more convenient options to explore the beauty and hospitality of the Maldives.

As more airlines choose to operate flights to the Maldives, the country's tourism industry is set to experience a significant boost, attracting a larger number of visitors and further establishing the Maldives as a premier destination for international travelers.

Note to editor:

About MACL

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Maldives Airports Company is the operator of Velana International Airport and has been massively involved in destination marketing and bringing in new airlines to the Maldives to boost up the tourism industry. MACL has embarked on one of the biggest projects in the history of Maldives in developing the future Velana International Airport such as the development of a brand new international passenger terminal, a new code F runway, a new cargo terminal complex and a new fuel farm along with hydrant system and major infrastructure developments at Velana internationals Airport.

About Batik Air

Batik Air is a Malaysian-based airline with main hubs at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) and Subang Skypark, the convenient KL downtown city airport in Selangor, Malaysia. The airline took to the skies in March 2013 with domestic flights in Malaysia and has since grown to operate routes to all major airports across the continents of Asia and Australia. The airline also obtained the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA).

Today, Batik Air has a fleet of 9 ATR72-600s and 22 Boeing 737NG/MAXs, operating 750 flights weekly across a continuously growing network of about 35 routes in the region. Also an IATA airline member, Batik Air codeshares with Turkish Airline and Batik Air Indonesia, as well as has an interlining partnership with Xiamen Air, All Nippon Airways, Turkish Airline, Qatar Airways, Etihad Airway, Oman Air, EVA Air, Royal Jordanian, Air Mauritius, Pakistan Airline, Emirates & Ethiopian.

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