

Flynas Launches Direct Flights to the Maldives



Velana International Airport, June 20, 2023 – Flynas, the leading low-cost airline in the Middle East, has successfully launched direct flights to the Maldives, marking a significant milestone for the country's tourism industry. The inaugural flight, carrying 96 passengers, landed at Velana International Airport at 8 AM today, receiving a warm welcome with a special water salute.

At a ceremony held at the airport, distinguished guests including Tourism Minister Dr. Abdullah Mausoom, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Maldives His Excellency Matrek Abdullah Al-Ajalin Aldosari, Vice President of Sales at Flynas Mr. Aleidi Abdulelah Sulaiman, and CEO & Managing Director of MACL Mr. Mahjoob Shujau celebrated the occasion.

Highlighting the importance of the Saudi market, Tourism Minister Dr. Abdullah Mausoom expressed his optimism about the future of the Maldives' tourism industry. He mentioned ongoing discussions with other airlines to operate flights to different airports in the Maldives, not limited to Velana International Airport. The introduction of Flynas' flights is expected to provide a substantial boost to the country's tourism sector.

Aleidi Abdulelah Sulaiman M, Vice President of Flynas Sales, described the launch of direct flights to the Maldives as a major milestone in the airline's expansion plan.

Flynas will operate three weekly flights from Riyadh International Airport to the Maldives, offering convenient travel options for passengers. The flights will be available every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, allowing travelers to explore the breathtaking beauty of the Maldives.

Utilizing the A320 Neo aircraft with a passenger capacity of 170, Flynas ensures a comfortable and enjoyable travel experience for its passengers. With an extensive network of 38 destinations,

including prominent cities such as Dubai, Istanbul, and Doha, Flynas' direct flights to the Maldives will significantly enhance accessibility and connectivity to the archipelago, further bolstering the country's thriving tourism industry.

In addition to Flynas, Virgin Atlantic from the United States is also planning to initiate services to Velana International Airport this year, increasing the flying options for tourists. The introduction of Flynas to the Maldives market is expected to contribute significantly to the country's growing tourist sector.

Note to editor:

About MACL

Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL) is a 100% government owned limited liability company incorporated under the Companies Act of the Rep of Maldives. MACL is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Privatisation & Corporatisation Board of the Maldives. The Corporate Office of MACL is on the island of Hulhule', Republic of Maldives.

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 international Airport.

About Flynas

Flynas, the Saudi air carrier and the leading low-cost airline in the Middle East with 48 aircraft, operating more than 1500 weekly flights to 70 domestic and international destinations.

Since its launch in 2007, flynas has transported more than 60 million passengers. Recently in 2022, flynas has been awarded the Skytrax Award as the Best Low-Cost Airline in the Middle East for the fifth time in a row 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021. In addition, it was ranked among the top 10 Low-Cost Airline worldwide, as per the prestigious Skytrax which is the most important global forum for the aviation industry. flynas has earned several accolades, including the Middle East's Leading Low-Cost Airline award from the World Travel Awards for eight consecutive years (from 2015 till 2022) as well as it was ranked in the 4-star low-cost carrier category, the highest category of the low-cost airline in the world by APEX rating.

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