

***airBaltic* winter timetable starts with more destinations and flights**

Stockholm, 24 October 2006: During winter traffic season (October 29, 2006 - March 24, 2007) the Latvian airline, member of SAS group, *airBaltic* is increasing flight frequency and number of destinations, thus allowing for more convenient transit flights from Sweden via Riga to number of destinations. In Sweden *airBaltic* offers flights Stockholm – Riga and Vilnius; Gothenburg -Riga. In all, this winter *airBaltic* will operate 33 direct flights from Riga and 12 from Vilnius, as well as direct flight between Kaliningrad and Copenhagen.

“In creating the winter timetable we have largely based our decisions on our passengers’ requests. This season we will increase frequency on the most popular current routes, as well as offer new destinations - Zurich and Gothenburg. We are convinced that our passengers will be pleased by our lower ticket prices, which will make *airBaltic* services accessible to an ever-increasing segment of the population,” *airBaltic* president Bertolt Flick said.

Major changes in the winter timetable **from Riga** are connected with the opening of *airBaltic*’s new destinations. On 29th October the airline opened flights to **Zurich** and **Gothenborg**, to be operated three times per week. Cooperation between *airBaltic* and *Uzbekistan Airways* will give passengers access to flights on the Riga - **Tashkent** route.

Flight frequencies will be increased on a number of routes **from Riga**. Flights **to Stockholm** *airBaltic* will operate **three daily flights** by adding an afternoon flight. This winter *airBaltic* increase the number of direct flights from Riga to **St.Petersburg** eleven flights weekly and flights to **Tbilisi** will be increased to three times per week. This increase of the lights will provide for more convenient connections for travelers from Sweden via Riga to Tbilisi (one-way ticket from SEK 1865) and St. Petersburg (one-way ticket from SEK 1949). This winter, *airBaltic* will increase the number of flights to Berlin from daily to double daily.

The winter season also brings changes to the *airBaltic* ticket prices on direct flights from **Stockholm** or **Gothenburg** to **Riga** the new starting price of **SEK 295*** one way. Tickets at this price level available only on the *airBaltic* website, www.airbaltic.lv.

***airBaltic* in brief:** AIR BALTIC CORPORATION (*airBaltic*) is a joint-stock company founded in 1995. The main shareholders are the Latvian state (52.6%) and airline SAS AB (47.2%). In the first half of 2006 the airline’s turnover reached 50.85 million lats, an increase of 33% over 2005. The airline’s consolidated financial result for the first half of 2006 was a profit of 984 000 lats.

The *airBaltic* fleet consists of sixteen aircraft: seven Boeing 737-500s and nine Fokker-50s. *airBaltic* operates direct flights from two Baltic capitals: Riga (33 routes) and Vilnius (12 routes), as well as direct flight between Kaliningrad and Copenhagen.

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